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As General Counsel for Peoples Health, an administrator of a Medicare Advantage health maintenance organization, Mr. Westling is responsible for the supervision of all of the company's legal matters and provides counsel to management, the board of directors and manages the legal department.

Prior to joining Peoples Health, Mr. Westling focused his practice on complex criminal and civil litigation in federal courts throughout the United States. He has extensive litigation experience and has tried more than twenty federal jury trials to verdict.

From 1997 to 2006, Mr. Westling managed a New Orleans law practice specializing in the defense of federal enforcement actions with a particular emphasis on healthcare and financial matters. Previously, from 1990 to 1997, he worked as a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and New Orleans. During his tenure with the Justice Department he served as both a Trial Attorney and a Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General in the Tax Division. He was also an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, where he served as Health Care Fraud Coordinator. A frequent speaker, Mr. Westling has lectured at a variety of events sponsored by organizations such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, as well as at various continuing legal education seminars. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor at the College of Law of Loyola University New Orleans.

Mr. Westling earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and his Juris Doctor from Tulane University Law School, where he was a Member of the Board of Editors of the *Tulane Law Review*. He is a member of the Louisiana, American, and Federal Bar Associations, the American Health Lawyers Association and the Association of Corporate Counsel.