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Beth Stephens is a partner in the Atlanta office. Her practice focuses on the representation of ERISA and other self-funded employer healthcare plans, their fiduciaries and plan participants in healthcare reimbursement disputes. Beth defends individuals who have been balance billed by medical providers. She defends her clients under consumer protection laws, including the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and deceptive trade practices laws.

Prior to joining FisherBroyles, Beth was the Senior Director of Public Policy & Advocacy at Georgia Watch, a non-profit consumer advocacy organization. There she developed educational resources for healthcare consumers, authored policy papers, and lobbied on behalf of consumers at the state and federal levels on various issues, including healthcare, access to civil justice, and financial services. Beth's work has included collaboration with government agencies, policymakers, legislators, academic partners, professional associations, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders. Prior to joining Georgia Watch, she was an attorney in the Health Law Unit at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society where she represented low-income Georgians in a variety of civil legal matters.

Beth received a J.D. (magna cum laude) from the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law and a B.A. in English and Political Science from Emory University. Beth is a member of numerous professional and bar organizations and served as the Chair of the Public Interest Law Section of the Atlanta Bar Association from 2013-2014. She received the Anti-Defamation League's 2016 Stuart Eizenstat Young Lawyer Award for her advocacy work to protect Georgia's healthcare consumers.

Publications

- Making Small-Dollar Lending Safer for Georgians (2018)
- Georgia Consumer Guide for Medical Bills and Debt (2017)
- Nonprofit Hospital Community Health Needs Assessments in Georgia (2015)
- Perspectives on Advanced Practice Registered Nursing in Georgia (2015)