

# John T. Thomas

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President, Chief Development Officer, Business Counsel: Cirrus Health  
Partner: The Cirrus Group

**Responsibility:** As president and chief development officer, Mr. Thomas is responsible for overseeing all aspects of nationwide development of new surgical facilities for the company.

**Prior Experience:** Mr. Thomas joined the management team in early July 2005. He served as the senior vice president-general counsel for Baylor Health Care System, Dallas, Texas from October 2000 to July 1, 2005, with responsibility for all legal affairs, government affairs and public safety for the organization. Prior to his appointment at Baylor, Mr. Thomas served as general counsel/secretary for the Sisters of Mercy Health System, a division of Unity Health System (St. Louis, Missouri) from April 1997 to September 2000. Mr. Thomas was a partner at Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal (Kansas City, Missouri) before moving in-house, and started his career on Wall Street in New York at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy.

**Education:** Mr. Thomas received his BS degree with special distinction and honors in economics from Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, where he lettered as a scholarship football player. He received his law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School in May 1990 where he was *Order of the Coif* and Executive Research Editor of the *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*.

**Other:** Mr. Thomas published, as a co-author, three articles in the Journal of Partnership Taxation (Warren, Gorham Lamont) and has served as an Editor for the Aspen Publications series, Corporations Law. Mr. Thomas is a frequent speaker, and has spoken at the 2000-2005 Law Education Institute, National Health Law CLE Conference, co-sponsored by the ABA Health Law Section. He is the co-founder and president of the Coalition for Affordable and Reliable Health Care (CARH.net, 2001 - present). Mr. Thomas has testified before committees of both houses of Congress and the Texas Legislature on health care issues and was recognized in 2004 by the Dallas Business Journal as an "Up and Comer" among D/FW's In-House Legal Counsel, and in 2005 as one of D/FW's Forty under 40: D/FW's Rising Stars Under Age Forty In the Business World Today.

# Sheryl D. Dodds

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Senior Vice President, Operations, Western Region

**Responsibility:** Ms. Dodds is responsible to lead medical operation activities for each of our medical facilities in our Western region. Ms. Dodds evaluates, improves and manages the results of our overall medical operations and systematically reports these results to the Executive Leadership Team. She works directly with our Medical Directors, Administrators and Medical Staff to ensure the success of Cirrus Health's organizational objectives. She reports directly to the CEO of Cirrus Health.

**Prior Experience:** Ms. Dodds has been involved in the healthcare industry for almost 30 years. Most recently she served as the Chief Executive Officer and President at Nebraska Heart Institute, P. C. She provided overall leadership to the practice mission of statewide cardiovascular care spanning seven offices and 40 hospital-based clinics, and she was responsible for the clinical, operational and financial performance of the practice. Ms. Dodds facilitated growth of the company while building and opening the physician owned Nebraska Heart Hospital. In the five years she spent in that position, Ms. Dodds grew the practice from 19 physicians to 32, with continuing recruitment. As the Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Dodds was responsible for recruitment of physicians, development of partnerships and ongoing leadership. Prior to becoming Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Dodds was the Chief Operating Officer for Nebraska Heart Institute. She provided leadership for all clinical operations of this private physician practice, which included cardiologists and cardiothoracic/vascular surgeons. Ms. Dodds has also been employed by Tabitha Inc., the University of Nebraska, Iowa Department of Health and Jefferson County Hospital.

**Education:** Ms. Dodds earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. She then went on to earn her Master of Science degree in Healthcare Administration from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Ms. Dodds has also participated in Executive Management and outside forums such as World Health Care Congress, Cardiology Leadership Alliance and National Managed Healthcare Congress.

**Other:** Ms. Dodds is a member of the Cardiology Leadership Alliance, where she served as the President in 2006. She is also a member of Medical Group Management Association and National Quality Forum.