Lisa Terrizzi  
General Counsel

Lisa Terrizzi serves as NORD’s first General Counsel, overseeing its legal affairs and helping to advise its advocacy efforts on behalf of the rare diseases community, on both the state and federal level. Terrizzi joined NORD in September, 2015.

Terrizzi’s professional background includes work in the non-profit and private sectors. After practicing law at two large Boston law firms, she joined the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, where she supervised a large labor and employment compliance project and provided human resources management counsel to its academic departments and research centers. An advocate on issues affecting the rare disease community, Terrizzi is also an active member the Boston Bar Association’s Health Law Education Committee and a member of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Terrizzi received a B.A. degree, with honors and with distinction, from Barnard College, Columbia University, and a J.D. from the Washington College of Law, American University, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Administrative Law Journal. Terrizzi held a judicial clerkship with the New Hampshire Superior Court before beginning practice.