

Jessica Hall Named Jackson & Coker's 2015 Staff Physician Recruiter of the Year

National physician staffing firm recognizes Jessica Hall of SSM Health in Southern Illinois for her dedication to physician recruiting.

Atlanta ([PRWEB](#)) November 05, 2015 -- [Jackson & Coker](#), a national physician staffing firm, has announced the winner of its 2015 Staff Physician Recruiter of the Year Award: Jessica Hall of SSM Health in Southern Illinois. The annual awards program was created to recognize the critical role staff physician recruiters play in communities across the United States.

Mrs. Hall was selected from dozens of nominations for her dedication to facilitating healthcare at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital Mt. Vernon and SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Centralia. Hall, who has more than a decade of recruitment experience, is a pillar in her community. She was influential in re-establishing the in-house physician recruitment program at SSM Health in Southern Illinois. By being active in both hospital and nonhospital events, she keeps her finger on the pulse of her community and adds a personal touch helping physicians in the relocation process.

"Everyone in the community benefits from Jessica's dedication," said Dr. David Huddleston, a nominating physician. "Physicians benefit as she knows her job so well to virtually be able to answer any question. The hospital benefits as she is actively recruiting quality physicians to provide service over a wide variety of specialties. Members of the community as a whole benefit as they can stay local for their medical care and feel comfort in knowing they are getting high quality care."

Hospital administrators, physicians and fellow staff recruiters from across the country made nominations through an online survey tool. An independent panel reviewed each submission and selected 10 finalists and then one overall winner based on their dedication to the in-house physician recruitment field.

"Jessica exemplifies how devoted staff recruiters are to placing physicians in their facilities," said Sandra Garrett, president of Jackson & Coker. "Faced with physician shortages, patients rely on staff recruiters to draw doctors to their communities, so they have access to healthcare where they are. We're proud to show Jessica and the other finalists the recognition they deserve."

Finalists for 2015 are:

- Jennifer Feddersen, Henry Ford Health System
- Michelle Pittelli, McLeod Health
- Annie Judd, VCU – Community Memorial Hospital
- MegAnne Townsend, White River Health System
- Cooper Drangmeister, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group
- Marjorie Creagh, JSA Medical Group/HealthCare Partners
- Carlos Alberto, III, Canton-Potsdam Hospital
- Erin Leach, Northwest Texas Healthcare System
- Jenna Blusiewicz, Paladina Health

About Jackson & Coker

Jackson & Coker is among the largest and most well-recognized physician staffing firms in the United States,



bringing together permanent and temporary (locum tenens) physician placement under one entity. The firm is dedicated to uniting top physicians with the hospitals and medical facilities that need them, ensuring patients have access to life-saving healthcare in their own communities.

Since the 1970s, Jackson & Coker has placed thousands of physicians with clients ranging from rural clinics to the United States' largest healthcare systems. The firm is headquartered in Atlanta with offices in Dallas and Denver. At Jackson & Coker, "We focus on the patient's true hero – you – physicians and facilities." For more information, visit JacksonCoker.com.

About SSM Health in Southern Illinois

SSM Health (www.ssmhc.com) is a Catholic, not-for-profit health system serving the comprehensive health needs of communities across the Midwest through one of the largest integrated delivery systems in the nation.

SSM Health in Southern Illinois operates in partnership with the Felician Sisters and includes two hospitals, two convenient care locations and more than 15 medical offices in the area. One of the area's largest employers, both SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital – Mt. Vernon and SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital – Centralia have received numerous awards from Healthgrades including the Outstanding Patient Experience Award. In 2014, Quest by Premier Inc. recognized both hospitals with the Citation of Merit Award for High-Value Healthcare and Outstanding Patient Care.

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