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Healthcare Attorney

Thirty five years in private practice advising providers, organizations, legislators and state agencies on statutory and regulatory guidance, creating best practices polices and drafting statutory language and administrative regulations in the healthcare space, including:

- Preparation of proposed language for state regulations and draft legislation for Kentucky Departments of Insurance, Medicaid and Behavioral Health and state legislators on healthcare and coverage.
- Leading peer groups in Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and Ohio provider organizations to standardize healthcare policy and care provision across state lines;
- Chair: American Health Law Association's national Behavioral Health Practice group bringing together legal counsel and compliance officers to create policies and education for payors, providers and state governments in coverage and treatment.

Litigation and appellate practice

- Litigating civil claims in state and federal court
- Appellate practice at Kentucky Court of Appeals, Kentucky Supreme Court, U.S. Sixth Circuit court and United States Supreme Court

Legislative Activities

- Drafting the language for updates to Kentucky statutes on insurance coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorder in 2014-22 for use by legislators and legislative agents
- Adopting out of state statutory models on clean claims and prompt payment to guide bill language in 2018-19
- Creating and implementing updates to the Kentucky Telehealth Statutes and administrative regulations in 2019-24.
- Utilizing national model best practices language on continuation of care for proposed regulatory changes and bill drafts in 2025
- Advised clinics, home health and LTC entities on policies and procedure language for best practices and reimbursement

Organizations/Leadership:

- Immediate past chair of the American Health Law Association Behavioral Health Practice Group. 2015-2025.

- Kentucky Office of Rural Health Telehealth Committee. 2022-present. The provides education (webinars, bulletins, seminars) on state and national healthcare issues and changes in the law, including an annual Kentucky Telehealth Convention
- Kentucky Autism Advisory Committee: Member 2018-2022; Advisor 2022-present
- CAPLAW: National Community Action Agency network
- Kentucky Telehealth Task Force 2016-22.

Representative clients:

- DPC entities
- Rural Hospitals
- Home health, LTC and Hospice entities
- Addiction treatment providers (all levels of care, detox-outpatient)
- Sober living homes
- Recovery Ready Community applicants
- Physicians, Nurses and counselors before licensing boards
- Direct primary care practices
- Clinical Laboratories
- Corporations and business organizations

Lectures/Presentations

- Compliance Lecture AHLA: Eliminating Kickbacks In Recovery Act-EKRA 2023
- Annual legislative update (Kentucky and national) for various state associations (KBN, KHIMA, KCNPNM)
- Telehealth updates: Kentucky Primary Care Association, 2022
- Kentucky Bar Association Telehealth Presentation 2022
- Kentucky Bar Association Election Law Updates 2024, 2025
- Payment Parity for Behavioral Health Podcast, 2022
- Integrating Mental and Physical healthcare coverage and reimbursement, 2025
- Kentucky Rural Telehealth Summit Organization Committee/Speaker 2019-present
- HCCA'S Compliance Institute Organizer/speaker 2021-22
- AHLA Annual Conference Speaker "Integration of Behavioral and Physical Health into Practices"
- Light on the Horizon for Veterans' Mental Health (2021)
- Legislative Response to Opioid Crisis (Article), 2023
- AHLA: An Analysis of Legal Issues- Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health, Part VI: Reimbursement Considerations When Treating Pediatric Patients with Behavioral Health Needs (co-Author Suzanne J. Scrutton)

- 2024 AHLA: Tele-Behavioral Health Webinar
- 2024: DPC Across the Nation

Education:

- University of Kentucky College of Law, 1990
- Centre College, 1986

Memberships/Admitted to Practice:

- Kentucky – 1990
- Eastern and Western District of Kentucky – 1995
- Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals – 1996
- United States Supreme Court – 2013

References: Available on request