

37th Annual Health Law Forum

November 13 & 14 – Music City Center Nashville



Total Credits: 12 General, 3 Dual

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Recognized as one of the premier health law programs in the country, the annual forum will address key issues impacting the practice area. Sessions will provide insight from health law providers, practitioners and regulators, giving you the info you need to stay on top of key advancements.

Thursday, Nov. 13

7 – 8 a.m. CDT

Registration

8 – 8:15 a.m.

Chair's Welcome

Imad Abdullah, Regional One Health

8:15 – 9:15 a.m.

AI in Healthcare: What's Real, What's Hype and What's Next

A real-world look at how AI is reshaping clinical care and transforming medicine - separating genuine innovation from hype and exploring what's next for patient care.

Adam Herbst, former NYS DoH Dep. Commissioner, Sheppard Mullin

Elad Walach, CEO of Aidoc

Dr. Neal Patel, MD, Vanderbilt Univ. Medical Center

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Regulatory Fraud and Abuse Update

This session will provide an update of the latest Fraud and Abuse developments, including federal case law and settlements under the FCA, and OIG and CMS activity.

Justin Brown, Bass Berry & Sims

Travis Lloyd, Bass Berry & Sims

10:45 – 11 a.m.

Break

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Medical Malpractice

Amy Hampton, Vanderbilt Univ. Medical Center

Heidi Barcus, Lewis Thomason

Laura Baker, The Law Offices of John Day

12 – 12:15 p.m.

Grab Lunch

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) is a comprehensive legislation that is poised to have a significant impact on the health care industry. Enacted on July 4, the OBBBA reauthorized a number of tax provisions from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act while implementing deep reductions and other changes to federal health care spending. Panelists will provide an overview of the OBBBA and its impact with a focus on hospitals and patients in Tennessee. Panelists will also provide an overview of what to expect in the coming months with regard to OBBBA implementation and the legislative and regulatory outlook.

Victoria Hamscho, K&L Gates

Wendy Long M.D., Tenn. Hospital Association

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Enforcement Actions

Brian Roark, Bass Berry & Sims

JD Thomas, Barnes & Thornburg

Kathryn Hays, HCA Healthcare

2:45 – 3 p.m.

Break

3 – 4 p.m.

Health Care Equity

Imad Abdullah, Regional One Health

Regina Petty, Fisher & Phillips

4 – 5:30 p.m.

Ethics

DUAL

Kim Looney, K&L Gates

Sandy Garrett, Tenn. Board of Prof. Responsibility

Sheree Wright, Tennessee Bar Association

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Reception

Friday, Nov. 14

8 – 9:30 a.m.

AI Topic & Ethics

DUAL

Jason Epstein, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough

9:30 – 10:30 a.m..	Controlled Substances Enforcement Review Compliance with federal and state drug laws, including the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), has become a top priority for healthcare organizations—including health systems, physician practices, and pharmacies—given the increased risk of enforcement by the Department of Justice and Drug Enforcement Administration). This session will discuss key risk areas for CSA compliance; recent government enforcement actions and settlements involving the CSA; and trends and new developments in government enforcement. Brian Irving, Bass Berry & Sims
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Tennessee Legislative Update and Case Review This annual update focuses on new laws impacting health care lawyers from the 2025 session of the General Assembly and will also recap significant Tennessee state civil appellate court cases and Attorney General opinions affecting health care from the past year. Jerry Taylor, Thompson Burton Mandy Young, Butler Snow Yarnell Beatty, Tennessee Medical Association
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)/Section Business Lunch (RSVP required)
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Health Care Enforcement: U.S. Attorney's Offices This session will discuss recent health care enforcement actions across Tennessee in the last year, including both civil and criminal actions. Trends for 2026 will also be explored. S. Jae Lim, Asst. United States Attorney, M.D. of Tenn.
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	GLP-1s, Telehealth & the Rise of Weight Loss Compounded Drug Products This presentation focuses on the life cycle of an FDA-approved prescription drug product, the legalities of compounding a drug product, and the interplay of telehealth with the health care prescriber in an evolving regulatory environment. Allison Cohen, Baker Donelson Matt Gibbs, Litson PLLC Ryan Levy, Patterson Intellectual Property Law
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Break

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Navigating AI in Healthcare Contracts

This presentation examines the critical legal considerations when incorporating artificial intelligence technologies into healthcare agreements. As AI systems increasingly support clinical decision-making, diagnostic imaging, and administrative operations, healthcare organizations face novel challenges that traditional agreements fail to adequately address. We will outline key issues and discuss suggested approaches to navigating these complex decisions.

Chanley Howell, Foley & Lardner

AJ Bahou, Bradley Arant Boult & Cummings