38th Annual Health Law Forum

November 12 & 13 – Music City Center Nashville

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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. 12

7 – 8 a.m. CDT	**Registration**
8 – 8:15 a.m.	**Chair's Welcome** Travis Lloyd, Bass Berry & Sims
8:15 – 9:45 a.m.	**Regulatory Fraud and Abuse Update** This session will provide an update on 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 Jennifer Michael, Bass Berry & Sims
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	**Keynote Address** Hon. Christi Grimm, BDO USA Former Inspector General of U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
10:45 – 11 a.m.	**Break**
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	**Advanced Practice Providers: State Scope of Practice & Supervision, Federal Billing & Compliance Issues** This session will address expanding state scope of practice for advanced practitioners, supervision issues, and federal regulatory compliance issues (billing and fraud and abuse risks Carole Myers, Univ. of Tennessee College of Nursing Ramy Fayed, Dentons
12 – 12:15 p.m.	**Grab Lunch**

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	**Non-Competes & Employment in Healthcare** This session will examine the current landscape of non-compete agreements in healthcare employment, including recent FTC developments, state-level legislation, and practical considerations for healthcare employers and practitioners. Dale Amburn, The Amburn Law Group Jeb Gerth, Epstein Becker Green T. Jay Warner, DaVita
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	**Certificates of Need and Licensure: Current Challenges and Reform Efforts** This panel will discuss the current state of certificate of need laws, recent legislative reform efforts, and emerging developments in healthcare facility licensure, along with the practical impact on healthcare providers seeking to expand or establish new services. Caroline Tippens, Tenn. Health Facilities Commission Lauren Gaffney, Bass Berry & Sims
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	**Break**
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	**Enforcement Actions** This session will address recent False Claims Act enforcement trends, significant qui tam actions in healthcare, and practical guidance for providers facing government investigations. Brian Roark, Bass Berry & Sims JD Thomas, Barnes & Thornburg
3:30 – 5 p.m. DUAL	**Ethics Odyssey** Set sail on an epic journey through the ethical challenges confronting today's health law practitioners. From newly discovered territories in the ethics landscape to the siren calls of seemingly harmless missteps, this panel will share updates, cautionary tales, and practical strategies for navigating treacherous waters. Panelists will offer safe harbor, help you avoid the rocks of discipline and harness favorable winds for a successful voyage. Douglas Wolford, Phelps Kim Looney, Epstein Becker Green Sandy Garrett, Tenn. Board of Professional Responsibility Sheree Wright, Tennessee Bar Association
5 – 6 p.m.	**Reception**

Friday, Nov. 13

8 – 9 a.m	**Medicare/Medicaid Enrollment Update** This panel will provide a practical update on Medicare and Medicaid enrollment developments, including enrollment moratoria and the effects of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, and strategies for providers navigating the enrollment process. Kathryn Moore, Bass Berry & Sims Stephanie Hoffmann, Bradley Arant Boult & Cummings
9– 10 a.m..	**Health Law Perspectives from the Classroom** Practicing lawyers do not just need to understand the current legal landscape, but also anticipate what might lie ahead. In this panel, three law professors offer perspectives from their current scholarship on a rapidly changing health care environment. This discussion will explore current emerging trends in health law including developments in reproductive rights, data privacy, emerging technologies, telehealth, cybersecurity, and the increasing corporatization of health care, highlighting the legal questions and practical challenges these developments pose for lawyers and the clients they serve. Zack Buck, University of Tennessee Debbie Farringer, Belmont University Ellen Wright Clayton, Vanderbilt University
10 – 10:15 a.m.	**Break**
10:15 – 11:45 a.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
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	**Lunch** (on your own)/**Section Business Lunch** (RSVP required)
12:45 – 1:45 p.m.	**Health Care Enforcement: U.S. Attorney's Offices** This panel will discuss recent health care enforcement actions across Tennessee in the last year, including both civil and criminal actions. Alan McGonigal, Asst. United States Attorney, E.D. of Tenn. Ellen Bowden McIntyre, Dep. Civil Chief, Aff. Civil Enforcement, M.D. Tenn. Sarah Pazar Williams, Asst. United States Attorney, W.D. of Tenn.

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.	**Tips and Tools for Resolving Healthcare Disputes Outside of the Courthouse** This session will address the use of alternative dispute resolution in healthcare disputes, including arbitration clause drafting, mediation strategies, and ethical obligations when counseling clients on ADR options. Barbara Bennet, JAMS Chris Sabis, Sherrard Roe
2:45 – 3 p.m.	**Break**
3 – 4:30 p.m. DUAL	**Utilizing AI to become a "Centaur Lawyer"** This session is designed to provide understanding on the current (and future) state of legal AI development and tools. Panelists will discuss leading products and real-life use cases to give you more perspective on how to utilize AI in your legal practice. Daniel Patten, Holland & Knight Jin Yoshikawa, Butler Snow