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OVERVIEW

Mike draws on a strong background in state healthcare public policy while guiding clients through the complex regulatory and political landscape of healthcare law.

He advises healthcare providers on administrative law, government investigations, mergers and acquisitions, governance and public policy. Mike's clients include local governments and healthcare providers and professionals.

Mike has extensive experience with mergers and acquisitions in the home health space and can advise clients at every step of the process, from start to finish. Mike prepares transaction documents, runs due diligence, reviews regulatory compliance issues, assists with licensing, and updates Medicare and Medicaid enrollments.

But Mike's favorite activity in his healthcare practice involves working to change state healthcare policy. His interest in combining law, politics and policy was ignited while serving as general counsel for the Texas Legislature, and he continues to hone his interest and maintain his involvement in policymaking for current clients.

“Michael is very strong at understanding state regulations and licensure for residential assisted living homes.”

— Chambers USA 2024

Industry

Healthcare

Services

340B Drug Pricing Program
Healthcare M&A, Joint Ventures,
and Other Transactions
Healthcare Operations
Healthcare Private Equity
Healthcare Providers
Healthcare Regulatory &
Compliance Counseling
Hospice & Palliative Care
Mergers & Acquisitions
Post-Acute Care

Experience

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

- Represented private equity company in acquisition of dozens of senior living communities in Texas. Facilitated transaction in discussions with state officials. Advised on and prepared documentation necessary for change of ownership, including disclosures.
- Advised dozens of other home health agencies, assisted living communities, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment companies on acquisitions.

MEDICAID/INSURANCE

- Advised local governments on formation of health maintenance organization (HMO) to participate in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. Advised governmental entities on constitutional and statutory issues surrounding formation. Prepared formation documents and insurance filings and negotiated with state Medicaid officials to gain entrance to Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs.
- Advised client on entrance into federally facilitated healthcare exchange for Texas under the Affordable Care Act.
- Represented healthcare providers in federal and state investigations and sanctions associated with regulatory deficiencies, conditions of participation, Medicare and Medicaid enrollment, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, false claims, anti-kickback and the Stark Law.
- Sued Texas officials and agencies on behalf of Medicaid providers, recipients and local governments to secure benefits.

GOVERNMENT

- Represented Texas-based hospital districts on most legal issues, including governance and government, management, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement issues and physician contracting.
- Helped district in contested termination of management agreement reacquire oversight of its community hospital.

Recognition

- BL Rankings' *The Best Lawyers In America*®
 - Health Care Law, 2024-2026
- *Chambers USA*
 - Healthcare, 2023-2026

Education

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law
- B.A., University of Texas at Austin

Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Community Leadership

TALA provides a forum to help people understand the options offered by assisted living. Mike began working with the organization as a lobbyist in 2001 and has supported TALA in its mission ever since. He also has served on the board of directors since 2007.

Mike helps set policy agenda and achieve policy goals, writes legislation and regulations, testifies on policy matters and routinely interacts with the Texas Legislature and lead officials for Texas healthcare agencies. Specifically, Mike helped secure private accreditation of assisted living communities, negotiated the scope of practice of skilled nursing in these facilities and began reform for an informal dispute resolution program. He also helped secure tort reform for assisted living providers.

- Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin, Board of Directors, 2017-present



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