

Faculty Biographies

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J.D. Thomas

As a member of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis' Government Investigations, Healthcare and Litigation groups, Thomas represents and advises companies and individuals in a broad array of criminal, civil, and regulatory matters – with a focus on government investigations and prosecutions, qui tam and False Claims Act defense, government enforcement actions, and other sensitive and non-routine legal matters. While he has significant experience in the healthcare industry, Thomas also regularly represents and counsels clients in a myriad of other industries, including government contracting, transportation, manufacturing, real estate, financial services, and education. Prior to joining Waller, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee. As an AUSA, he investigated and prosecuted numerous actions brought under the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute and the Stark Law, among others. Thomas served as the lead attorney for the United States in a number of notable cases, including the largest civil False Claims Act recovery in the Middle District of Tennessee, the largest short-stay inpatient admissions settlement ever obtained under the False Claims Act, and one of the largest grant fraud settlements.

Speakers

Amy Leopard

Is a Partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings where her practice focuses on Health IT, Regulatory Compliance, Health Law and Business Transactions and Cybersecurity and Privacy. Leopard advises a diverse array of clients in the healthcare and technology industries. She is a valued business advisor at the intersection of healthcare and information technology law, and provides trusted counsel to healthcare providers, entrepreneurs, and service providers on licensing, payment, regulatory compliance, privacy and technology issues. As a former hospital executive, she has in-depth knowledge from over 25 years in the healthcare industry as a vice president in both academic medical center and community hospital settings and an internship at the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division.

Andrew Vanlandingham

Serves as the principal advisor to Office of Inspector General (OIG) senior executives on Medicaid and health information technology. In his role in OIG's Immediate Office, he assists with the development of strategy, coordination of OIG-wide efforts, and continuous improvement for OIG oversight and enforcement work related to Medicaid and health information technology issues. This includes issues related to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, information blocking implementation, electronic health records, and emerging health technology. Prior to joining OIG's Immediate Office, VanLandingham worked as an attorney in the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General for 9 years. During this time, he provided legal advice regarding audits, evaluations, investigations, legislation, regulations, and guidance.

Annette Dreifke

Is the Investigations Manager for the Office of Program Integrity with the Division of TennCare where she has worked since 2011 and has worked in the field of healthcare since 1984. She is a Certified Professional Coder (CPC), a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), a Certified Program Integrity Professional (CPIP), a Certified Professional Medical Auditor (CPMA), and a trained Medical Assistant. Her experience includes 9 years in fraud investigation, over 25 years in medical coding, and over 20 years working in multi-specialty physician clinics. She is also currently serving on the National HealthCare Anti-Fraud Association (NHCAA) COVID Fraud Brief workgroup, which will be issuing a nationwide working paper about COVID fraud in the coming months.

Brian Keller

Is the Public Policy and Voting Attorney at Disability Rights Tennessee. He focuses on following legislation and regulation through the process and educating policy makers on the impact proposed legislation would have on Tennesseans with disabilities. He also works with state and county election officials to ensure the election process is accessible for all voters. Keller graduated from Belmont University College of Law in 2016 where he served as president of the health law society.

Brian Roark

Is head of the Healthcare Fraud Task Force at Bass, Berry & Sims and concentrates his practice on representing healthcare clients facing governmental investigations and related litigation, with a particular focus on matters brought by the U.S. Department of Justice and Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services and other regulators, concerning alleged violations of various health care laws and regulations, including the False Claims Act. Roark also frequently represents clients in connection with Medicare audits and overpayment disputes and advises clients regarding self-disclosure issues. He serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University where he teaches a course on healthcare fraud and abuse. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the BNA Health Care Fraud Report. Roark is ranked in Chambers USA as a top Healthcare Government Investigations and Fraud attorney (Band 1) in Tennessee.

Chris Puri

Is Counsel at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings in the firm's Nashville office. He has established himself as a nationally recognized professional in the area of long-term care and senior housing. Puri previously served at the Tennessee Health Care Association (THCA), providing counsel to the association and its members in the areas of survey/certification and licensure, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and compliance, expansion and development of community-based services, risk management and tort litigation, as well as other general areas of healthcare and long term care law. In addition to his extensive regulatory counseling, he represented the association in its regulatory efforts before state regulatory bodies and has drafted and lobbied for many of Tennessee's long-term care laws. Prior to joining the firm, Chris served for seven years as legal counsel for THCA, the state trade association representing approximately 90 percent of Tennessee nursing homes.

Chris Sabis

Is a Member at Sherrard Roe Voigt Harbison where he heads the firm's Government Compliance & Investigations group. Sabis concentrates his practice in the areas of Government Investigations and Litigation. He has extensive experience in False Claims Act (FCA) matters involving allegations of healthcare and procurement fraud, white-collar fraud investigations, commercial litigation, and government investigations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs). Sabis has significant experience in the mediation of FCA cases and is a Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator by the Tennessee Supreme Court. He also has advised clients on provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the CARES Act, including emergency leave provisions and the Paycheck Protection Program enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Before joining the firm, he served nearly a decade as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Tennessee. In addition to his regular duties, he was the District's Elder Justice Coordinator and International Affairs Coordinator.

Colbey Reagan

Is a Partner and Practice Area Leader at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP. Healthcare providers depend on him to advise them on Stark and Anti-Kickback compliance, licensing and certification, HIPAA, reimbursement matters and other regulatory issues affecting the healthcare industry. Reagan also assists clients facing data breach and other government investigations. He regularly advises clients with acute care hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, residential treatment facilities, addiction treatment providers, ambulatory surgery centers, home health agencies, hospice providers and private equity and healthcare specialty finance firms. Prior to rejoining Waller, Reagan was Deputy General Counsel of Psychiatric Solutions, Inc., where he was responsible for advising the company and its facilities regarding compliance with state and federal healthcare regulations, physician relationships, reimbursement disputes, licensing and certification, mergers and acquisitions, corporate litigation, and numerous other challenges faced in the day-to-day operation of a large healthcare company.

Ellen Bowden McIntyre

Has worked as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee since 2003. She specializes in False Claims Act cases involving health care fraud, and she has also successfully prosecuted health care fraud defendants criminally. McIntyre previously worked for the Department of Justice in the Civil Rights Division, Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, in Washington, D.C. and at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama. She graduated from Columbia Law School in 1994 and the University of Pennsylvania in 1991.

Hal McCard

Is Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary at Quorum Health. McCard oversees all legal aspects for Quorum Health Corporation. Before joining Quorum Health, he served as Deputy General Counsel – Operations for Community Health Systems and was responsible for the managing the legal teams that supported Division operations. He joined CHS in 2007 as Vice President and Associate General Counsel, bringing over 20 years of

health law practice experience and was promoted to Deputy General Counsel – Operations in 2013. McCard is a graduate of Princeton University and the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Health Lawyers Association where he has held a number of leadership positions. He also serves as Chair of the Legal and Operational Policy Committee for the Federation of American Hospitals.

Imad Abdullah

Is Chief Legal Officer at Regional One Health. As the principal attorney and general counsel for the health system, he is responsible for managing all aspects of legal affairs and risk management. Prior to joining Regional One Health, Abdullah was a Shareholder at Ogletree, Deakins, Nash & Smoak and spent nearly a decade at Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, handling civil cases in the areas of health care, employment and commercial litigation. Abdullah earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota Law School and his B.A., also from the University of Minnesota. Imad is active in the Memphis community, serving on the board of Bodine School, which specializes in educating and remediating dyslexic learners, and he previously served on the board of Pleasant View School. Abdullah is also active in a number of professional organizations including the Western District of Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility; past president of the Ben F. Jones Chapter of the National Bar Association; past chair of the Memphis Bar Association Employment Law Section, and past chair of the Society of Human Resources (SHRM) – Memphis Legal/Legislative Committee.

Jennifer Peters

Is General Counsel at LifePoint Health. She joined LifePoint as vice president and chief operations counsel in 2013. She was named senior vice president and chief operations counsel in 2016. During her tenure at LifePoint, Peters has led the company's operations lawyers and contract management team and overseen legal advice given to all of the organization's strategic initiatives. She implemented national training programs reaching all company leaders, including hospital leadership teams, Boards of Directors and physician leaders, and worked to develop strong partnerships between company leaders and the legal department. Before joining LifePoint, Peters served as general counsel, secretary and chief compliance officer for Simplex Healthcare. She also was vice president and associate general counsel at Community Health Systems and was part of the administrative team at a York, Pennsylvania hospital. Peters earned her Juris Doctor degree with a concentration in health law from the University of Maryland School of Law, her master's degree in healthcare and finance management from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health and her bachelor's degree from Buffalo State University.

Jennifer Weaver

Is a Partner at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP where she is a relentless advocate for healthcare providers facing government investigations and enforcement actions brought by the Department of Justice and other federal and state agencies and regulators. Notable among her representative experience, Weaver won summary judgment on behalf of national pharmacy benefits manager in Texas federal court, affirmed by the Fifth Circuit,

that resulted in a landmark defense ruling on the issue of falsity in one of the largest FCA cases in the country. She secured dismissal of an FCA case against a behavioral healthcare company in California federal court and obtained an attorneys' fees award against the whistleblower. Representing a specialty pharmacy in an FCA investigation, Weaver convinced the Department of Justice to forego criminal proceedings against the pharmacy owner and negotiated a favorable civil settlement on behalf of the company. She secured the voluntary dismissal of an FCA case against a rural hospital in Texas in exchange for an agreement not to seek attorneys' fees against the physician whistleblower. Healthcare providers also turn to Jennifer for counsel on regulatory compliance issues and for advice on their obligations under Corporate Integrity Agreements.

Jerry Taylor

Is a member of Thompson Burton's Health Care Practice Group and concentrates his practice in the areas of health care, administrative, and government law. He is a seasoned veteran of legal practice in health care regulation, practicing initially in the public sector and for the past several decades in private practice. Taylor has formerly served as General Counsel to the state agency responsible for the certificate of need program, and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Tennessee, where he was primarily responsible for advising and representing state agencies in matters involving health care issues. He has successfully represented clients including hospitals, physicians, long term care providers, surgery centers, imaging centers, home health and hospice providers, and others in obtaining certificates of need and regulatory approvals for the establishment and operations of health care facilities and services. Other areas of practice in which he has significant experience include professional and facility licensing, Medicare and TennCare issues, Stark and anti-kickback laws, and physician contracting.

Joan Kavuru

Is the Vice President, Legal and Compliance at Forefront Telecare, Inc. (Forefront), where she oversees the health care compliance and legal operations. Forefront is a behavioral health telehealth provider operating in over 40 states which provides behavioral health care via telehealth to patients in the acute and post-acute care settings. Prior to joining Forefront, she served as a compliance officer in both the academic medical center setting and in the residential and outpatient behavioral health care space. Kavuru has also practiced health care law at Squire Patton Boggs where she represented health care clients including large academic medical centers, pharmaceutical companies and medical device companies in matters ranging from regulatory and compliance matters to managed care contracting matters. She began her career in health care as a registered nurse in the coronary intensive care unit at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Julia Morris

Is Managing Counsel, Healthcare Operations Office of Legal Affairs at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Morris joined the Vanderbilt University Office of General Counsel in August 1984 and served as Deputy General Counsel from 2000 until 2016. Since April 2016 she has served as Managing Counsel in the VUMC Office of Legal Affairs for Healthcare Operations. Her healthcare practice focuses on a variety of issues including scope of practice and licensure for healthcare providers, medical staff, house staff, complex patient care issues including

child abuse, patient and surrogate consent, informed consent, end of life and advance directives, EMTALA and other healthcare regulatory issues, accreditation, contracts, policies and procedures, and release of medical information and HIPAA. She provides numerous in-services throughout the medical center. She holds JD, BSN, and MSN degrees from the University of Kentucky. Prior to coming to Vanderbilt University, she was Staff Counsel and Risk Manager at Mills Memorial Hospital in San Mateo, California, she was a member nursing faculty at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing and the University of San Francisco.

Julie Kass

Is a recognized authority in the field of Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse. Her practice deals with the regulatory aspects of structuring arrangements under the Stark and Anti-Kickback laws. She often serves as defense counsel in DOJ and OIG matters and has worked on a variety of voluntary disclosures to CMS and OIG. In addition, Kass assists clients navigating new Medicare and commercial payor bundled payment methodologies. Her clients involve the full spectrum of healthcare providers across the US. Kass is a former Senior Counsel in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. She is also very involved in the Washington DC Jewish community where she sits on the Federation Board and is Co-Chair of the Network.

Kathryn Payne

Is an associate professor of nursing at the Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. Her primary role is on the Clinical Ethics Consultation Service. She co-chairs the institutional ethics committee and is the faculty advisor for the medical school honor council, as well as other student groups that deal with ethical issues. Payne teaches ethics related topics in the schools of medicine and nursing as well as in-services throughout the medical center. With colleagues in counseling and pastoral care she also helps facilitate support groups and debrief sessions to help build moral resilience. She also helps support ethics activities in the Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network. Payne has been a nurse since 1981 (BS, Rush University), a lawyer since 1989 (Pepperdine School of Law) and a clinical ethicist since 1994 (Fellow, McClean Center for Ethics, Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago). She is also a board-certified integrated nurse coach.

Katie Moss

Is an attorney in the Office of General Counsel for TennCare. Prior to joining OGC in 2015, she was an attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee for 7 years focusing on health, benefits, elder law and children's issues. While at Legal Aid, she was involved in significant federal litigation with the aim of keeping individuals with disabilities in their homes and communities. Moss was a recipient of the 2010 New Advocate of the Year Award from the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services. In 2012, she was invited to and attended a White House briefing for consumer health leaders on the Affordable Care Act. She currently serves on the Leadership Council for the Nashville Council on Aging, the TBA Elder Law Section Executive Council, and the TBA CLE Committee.

Dr. Lisa Piercey

Was honored to join Governor Bill Lee's cabinet upon his inauguration in January 2019, as the 14th commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Health. Preceding her public service, Dr. Piercey spent a decade in health systems operations, most recently as Executive Vice President of West Tennessee Healthcare, a public, not-for-profit health system with over 7,000 employees servicing 22 counties. Dr. Piercey is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in both General Pediatrics and in the specialty field of Child Abuse Pediatrics. She has remained active in evaluating children for suspected abuse and neglect and serves in a volunteer capacity as Medical Director for the Madison County Child Advocacy Center and faculty member at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Professional awards include Senior Healthcare Executive of the Year (2016), Rural Healthcare Executive of the Year (2017), and the WestStar Make-a-Difference Award (2018). She received her B.S. in Chemistry from Lipscomb University, her M.D. degree and Pediatrics residency training from East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine, and her M.B.A. from Bethel University.

Lucian Pera

Is a Partner at Adams and Reese LLP where his practice focuses on commercial litigation, media law and legal ethics work. His civil litigation practice has ranged widely and includes a variety of commercial, personal injury and intellectual property litigation, as well as numerous state and federal appeals. Pera has represented many media outlets in matters ranging from claims for defamation or invasion of privacy to access to courtrooms, public records and meetings of government bodies. His extensive bar association work in the field of legal ethics and professional responsibility has resulted in him being elected, both locally in Tennessee and nationally, to bar association leadership positions. This work also makes him a go-to lawyer nationally in the field of legal ethics and professional responsibility. He advises attorneys, law firms, their clients, and businesses who deal with lawyers about all aspects of the law. Recent assignments have included defense of lawyers in disciplinary investigations and proceedings, counseling clients with disciplinary complaints and other claims against lawyers, advising law firms about loss prevention and claims, defending and prosecuting motions to disqualify lawyers or for sanctions, and advising innovative start-ups in the legal business.

Lucy Carter

Is a member (owner) in KraftCPAs. As the practice leader of the healthcare industry team, she is responsible for managing quality control and administration for the firm's healthcare practice. She is also responsible for building and maintaining client relationships, overseeing and reviewing the work of engagement teams, and presenting our work to clients' management teams and boards of directors. Carter works across departments to provide the firm's healthcare clients with traditional accounting services, such as financial audits/reviews, employee benefit plan audits, back-office accounting and bookkeeping, and tax research, planning, and compliance services. In addition, she provides industry-specific services, including practice management consulting, physician compensation studies, compliance, and reimbursement services to healthcare clients. Her specialization also allows her to serve as an expert witness and provide other forms of litigation support.

Mandy Young

Practices law with the firm of Butler Snow LLP in Nashville. Her practice includes governmental relations and insurance and health care regulatory work. She graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1992, Order of Coif, and graduated with a B.S. Degree from Vanderbilt University, cum laude, in 1989. Her primary focus is governmental relations at the Tennessee legislature. Young's current legislative clients include Tennessee Association for Home Care, Baptist Memorial Hospital, CVS, Verizon Wireless, Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants, and Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., to name a few.

Molly Huffman

Is a highly sought-after speaker on health law topics including patient safety, regulatory enforcement trends and developments, EMTALA, electronic health records and medical staffing. With more than 15 years of healthcare experience, Huffman is a trusted advisor to hospitals, health systems, behavioral services providers and other healthcare clients that rely on her for counsel and guidance in a variety of mission-critical areas. She provides advice regarding hospital safety, security, EMTALA, HIPAA, the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), reporting requirements, electronic health records, risk management, internal investigations, guardianships, judicial authorizations for treatment, scope of practice requirements and other regulatory compliance matters. Huffman also advises healthcare organizations on medical staff issues ranging from privileging, peer review and disciplinary matters to the revision of medical staff bylaws and staff training. She has extensive experience in the behavioral health sector. She advises clients on evolving state and federal behavioral health laws, emergency custody orders (ECOs), temporary detention orders (TDOs) and commitment hearings. Her behavioral health experience also includes advising clients on staffing and training issues, licensing matters and a wide range of contractual agreements.

Nesrin Tift

Is a Member at Bass Berry Sims, where her practice focuses on government enforcement and compliance; contracting, regulatory and operational; managed care and health care transactions. She regularly helps health care companies navigate the crossroads between increasingly stringent healthcare compliance laws and the shifting reimbursement landscape towards payment for performance and access to care. Her clients include national and regional hospitals, physician practices, ambulatory surgical centers, ambulance providers, managed care organizations, revenue cycle management companies and other healthcare companies. She has significant experience advising clients with respect to healthcare fraud and abuse issues, compliance and operations, managed care, telemedicine initiatives, and health information privacy and security. In addition, Tift represents healthcare organizations in mergers, acquisitions and other transactions through her analysis of healthcare compliance issues, billing and reimbursement compliance and other issues impacting transactions.

Patsy Powers

Is a Partner at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP where her practice focuses on government investigations, health care, hospitals & health systems, value-based reimbursement, healthcare government enforcement and healthcare regulatory compliance. Healthcare clients facing compliance questions - such as structuring

transactions and physician relationships, internal investigations and the possible disclosure of violations of Stark and anti-kickback violations - rely on Powers to identify practical solutions. As a past leader of Waller's healthcare regulatory group, Patsy has advised hospital leaders, their counsel and compliance departments in all manner of complicated regulatory problems. Powers rejoined Waller after serving as Senior Associate General Counsel at Vanderbilt University. Having served as the interim compliance officer of an investor-owned hospital system, Patsy has first-hand knowledge of the challenges they face every day. This unique perspective enables her to advise clients from a targeted and experienced point of view.

Philip Pomerance

Is the Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel of Best Practices Inpatient Care, Ltd., a large physician - owned medical practice which provides hospitalists to hospitals, long-term care facilities and specialty hospitals in Northern Illinois. He is also Of Counsel to the law firm of Kamensky, Rubinstein, Hochman and Delott, where he represents physicians and physician groups, senior living providers, physician management companies, and other health care providers in matters of health care, corporate, not-for-profit and administrative law. He serves on the Board of Directors of the American Health Lawyers Association and is an adjunct professor in the Beasley Institute for Health Law at Loyola University School of Law in Chicago. Pomerance is also a member. He is a frequent author and lecturer on health law and ethics for the American Bar Association and the American Health Lawyers Association. Pomerance has written papers for and spoken before meetings of the American Association of Health Plans, the American Medical Association, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association of America, and the Medical Group Management Association.

Rob McConkey III

Is a member of the Tennessee Bar and has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee since 2010. As the District's Affirmative Civil Enforcement and Civil Health Care Fraud Coordinator, his primary responsibilities include oversight of the investigation and prosecution of civil claims under the False Claims Act, with emphasis on health care, procurement and contract fraud and abuse involving government programs. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, he was in private practice for 5 years handling commercial and general litigation and served for more than 8 years as a Deputy Law Director in the Knox County Law Director's Office. McConkey received his law degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, and his bachelor's degree in business administration from East Tennessee State University.

Robyn Diaz

Is Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, where she advises clients on health care regulatory matters, biomedical ethics, medical staff affairs, employment law and general operational, regulatory and transactional issues. Before joining St. Jude, Diaz was a member of the in-house legal team at MedStar Health, a healthcare system in the Washington, D.C. region. Diaz was also previously an Adjunct Instructor at the Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies, where she taught courses on health law and served as an academic preceptor to students in Georgetown University's Program in Health Care Management and Policy. She received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, her B.A.

from Brandeis University, and earned a Certificate in Executive Leadership for Healthcare Professionals from Cornell University. She is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia, New York and Tennessee.

Sally Na

Is Associate General Counsel at Inova Health System where she advises all of the organization's ambulatory facilities and business divisions on matters related to health care operations, compliance with federal and state health care laws, patient care, risk management, licensure, accreditation, and medical staff issues. Prior to Inova, Na served as the Chief Legal Officer and Compliance Officer for Virginia Hospital Center Arlington Health System. She was also previously the Director of Legal Affairs for Valley Health System in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Before transitioning in-house, Na worked in private practice and specialized in complex commercial litigation at both Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in New York and Lowenstein Sandler PC in New Jersey. Na received her JD from Columbia Law School, and BA, with distinction, from the University of Virginia and earned a Graduate Certificate in Health and Hospital Law from Seton Hall School of Law.

Sandy Teplitzky

Provides legal guidance on fraud and abuse issues to clients in virtually every sector of the healthcare industry. This includes counseling and defense in investigations and/or prosecutions involving Medicare or Medicaid fraud and abuse, structuring joint ventures and other business arrangements, and assistance with respect to the creation and implementation of corporate compliance programs. From 1975 through 1979, he was with the Office of the General Counsel of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In 1977, he was assigned the primary responsibility for developing policies and regulations to implement the Medicare and Medicaid Anti-Fraud and Abuse Amendments of 1977. Teplitzky was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Health Lawyers Association (formerly the National Health Lawyers Association) in 1986 and served as its President in 1993-1994.

Sheree Wright

Is a Senior Associate General Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Wright received both her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, and her law degree from Vanderbilt University. Her practice focuses on all areas of employment law, including advice on matters involving faculty, house staff, postdocs, research fellows, and staff, as well as legal ethics, medical student issues and special projects. Wright regularly conducts training for faculty, residency program directors, chief residents, and staff. She has produced and spoken at numerous seminars on various topics, such as legal ethics and employment law, for the Nashville Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. She has received the Nashville Bar Association CLE Excellence Award. In addition, she is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility and was a part of the team selected to argue on behalf of the TBA for the adoption of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

Stephen Smith

Is the Deputy Commissioner and Director of TennCare, Tennessee's Medicaid program. In his current role, Mr. Smith manages a \$12.7 billion health care enterprise that provides services to 1.4 million Tennesseans. Before becoming director, Mr. Smith served as the deputy director and chief of staff of TennCare. Prior to joining TennCare, Smith previously served as chief of staff to Governor Bill Haslam, where he oversaw day-to-day operations of the governor's office and served as top advisor and strategist. Smith previously served as deputy commissioner for policy and external affairs at the Tennessee Department of Education. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and his law degree from the Nashville School of Law.

Tony Hullender

Has been the Deputy Attorney General for the Medicaid Fraud and Integrity Division (MFID) of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General since 2016. MFID is responsible for civil enforcement of the Tennessee Medicaid False Claims Act. Prior to joining the Office of the Attorney General, Hullender was in-house legal counsel for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee for twelve years, including serving as General Counsel from 2011 – 2016. From 1998 to 2005, he was in private practice with Miller and Martin, PLLC as a litigator in their Chattanooga office. Hullender also served in the U.S. Army for twelve years, attaining the rank of Captain.

Travis Lloyd

Chairs Bradley Arrant Boulton Cummings' Healthcare Practice Group, a nationally recognized interdisciplinary team of attorneys and advisors who provide a comprehensive suite of services to virtually the entire spectrum of industry participants. Lloyd's practice focuses on complex regulatory matters. He represents a broad range of healthcare industry clients, including hospitals and health systems, ambulatory surgery centers, long-term care facilities, and behavioral health providers, as well as their strategic partners. He has significant experience in the areas of fraud and abuse, provider enrollment and reimbursement, and health information privacy and security, as well as in the licensure and accreditation of healthcare facilities. A substantial portion of Lloyd's practice involves advising clients on fraud and abuse issues, including those that relate to the federal anti-kickback statute and physician self-referral prohibition commonly known as the Stark law. His experience includes guiding healthcare providers through thorny compliance issues, obtaining advisory opinions, assisting with the structuring of transactions, conducting due diligence analysis for transactions, managing internal compliance reviews and investigations, and making voluntary disclosures to government entities.

Yarnell Beatty

Joined the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) in January 2001 as general counsel to the largest medical organization in Tennessee. In 2004, he was promoted to oversee TMA's legal, government affairs, insurance, and eHealth departments and was promoted to Vice President of Advocacy in January 2013 and Senior Vice President in 2017. He formerly served as staff counsel to the Tennessee Department of Health as well as positions in the Department as Executive Director of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners and Director of Health-Related Boards. He has served several terms on the Executive Council of the Tennessee Bar Association Health Law Section. He also served two terms on the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the American

Society of Medical Association Counsel (SMAC). Mr. Beatty was President of SMAC for 2013. Beatty earned a B.A. degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville and his law degree from the Emory University School of Law in Atlanta.