

Health Care

Overview

Carlton Fields represents the full range of health care industry participants. On behalf of industry-leading clients across the country, we provide comprehensive legal services related to health care entities. Our scope of services include compliance, administrative, regulatory, transactions, and litigation.

Representative Clients

- Hospitals and health systems
- Health care clinics
- Adult care facilities
- Hospices
- Ambulatory surgery centers
- Physicians, physician groups, and other allied health professionals
- Oncology Centers
- Freestanding cardiac catheterization laboratories
- Mental health centers
- Addiction treatment centers
- Pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers
- Universities
- Medical and hospital associations
- Health insurance companies

Experience

Hospitals

- Drafted contract and general conditions for major reconstruction and additions in Miami, Florida.
- Project construction counsel to owner for \$60 million renovation and new construction in Roanoke, Virginia. Follow-up work on design-build "replication" of successful operating wing.
- Counsel to owner involved in contract formation, troubleshooting, and closeout in Christiansburg,
 Virginia.
- Counsel to owner on new construction and renovations in Washington, D.C. Drafting of standard construction and architectural contracts for multiple projects.
- Counsel to owner for new health care facility in Palm Beach County, Florida.
- Advised owner on contract administration legal issues, project closeout issues, and issues
 involving defective services and construction in Rockville, Maryland. Represented owner in
 successful arbitration proceedings.
- For general contractor, involved with pre-construction review, contract administration, legal issues, and closeout in Miami.
- Project construction counsel for \$70 million replacement facility in Fredericksburg, Virginia.
- Defended claim by subcontractor against general contractor in Augusta, Georgia.

Litigation

- Represented health care providers throughout Florida trial and appellate courts in more than 450 cases related to Amendment 7 issues, including providers' confidential peer review, credentialing, quality, and risk management.
- Obtained reversal of trial court order certifying class action against hospital challenging its billing and collections practices.
- Represented hospital in litigation and appellate proceedings resulting in decision that Florida hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers and their governing bodies are immune from injunctive relief and liability for claims that arise out of the appointment or reappointment of members of the medical staff, absent a properly pleaded allegation of intentional fraud.
- Represented hospitals in internal peer review proceedings and resulting litigation, which included successfully representing hospital in litigation and appellate proceedings in lawsuit brought by physicians alleging racial discrimination in medical staff appointment process.

 Represented hospitals in medical malpractice lawsuits, including a defense verdict in a threeweek jury trial of a \$50 million medical malpractice claim arising out of paraplegia following spinal surgery.

Regulatory/Transactional

- Represented hospital-based ambulatory surgery centers in a roll-up with a public company.
- Provided legal advice and counseling regarding formation of a hospital network to better compete given health care reform.
- Representing two public hospitals in possible long-term lease.
- Represented health care providers in investigations by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights related to HIPAA and patient privacy complaints brought by former patients and other consumers.
- Assisted hospital with purchase of real estate and expansion of health care facilities.
- Counseled hospitals on possible joint venture to expand provision of critical services.

Insights

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HHS Warns Health Care Sector of Al-Driven Phishing, Social Engineering Attacks on IT Help Desks

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Into the Future: Modern Partnerships in Health Care Construction Delivery

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Health Care Price Transparency: CMS Says No Hiding the Ball Containing Pricing Information

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Gov. DeSantis Signs COVID-19 Business Liability Protection Bill Into Law

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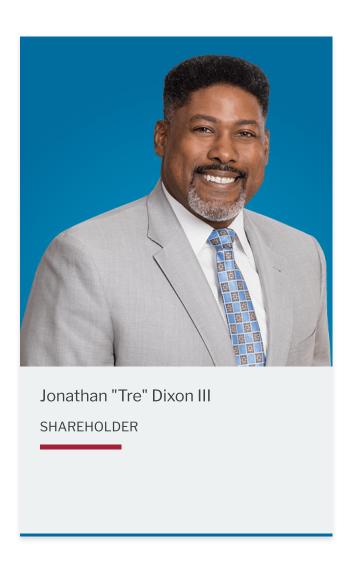
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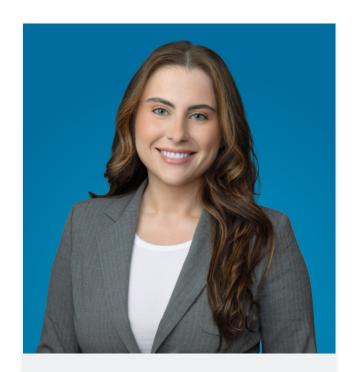
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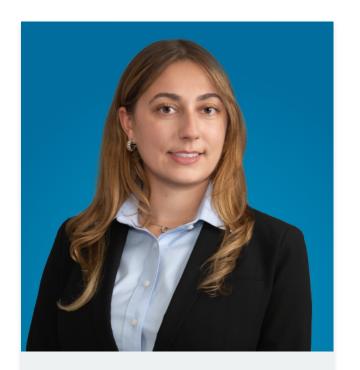
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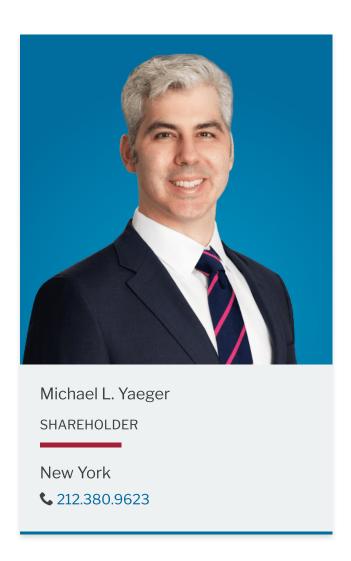
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- Cybersecurity and Privacy
- Distressed Health Care
- False Claims Act, Qui Tam, and Whistleblower Defense
- Government Law & Consulting

Industries

- Banking, Commercial, and Consumer Finance
- Technology
- Real Estate

- Intellectual Property
- Labor & Employment
- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Litigation
- Litigation and Trials
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- Nonprofit Organizations
- Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Representations and Warranty Insurance
- Technology
- Government Affairs and Lobbying
- Mass Tort and Product Liability
- White Collar Crime & Government Investigations
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Intellectual Property Protection & Portfolio Management
- Technology & Intellectual Property Transactions
- Estates, Trusts and Probate
- Private Equity and Venture Capital
- Cyber Insurance Coverage Disputes
- Reinsurance
- International: Mexico
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- Lending
- Appellate & Trial Support
- Real Estate
- International Privacy Compliance
- Wage and Hour
- Immigration Planning and Compliance
- Employee Benefits, Compensation & ERISA
- Discrimination
- Antitrust and Trade Regulation
- Qualified Opportunity Zone Task Force

- Blockchain and Digital Currency
- AdTech
- Internal Investigations
- Government Contracts
- Education