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Education

- Western New England College School of Law, JD
- Union College, MS
- Union College, BA

Practices & Industries

- Health & Human Services Providers
- Health Care Controversies
- Health Care

Admitted to Practice

- New York

Biography

The former first deputy for the NYS Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, Bob has over 25 years of experience providing public and private clients with strategic advice and guidance on Medicare, Medicaid, and other payor regulatory, compliance, licensure, and reimbursement issues.

Bob is widely recognized for his extensive experience counseling providers, payors, boards of directors, and other health care industry stakeholders with regard to the development, assessment, and implementation of compliance programs; the performance of compliance due diligence and effectiveness reviews; the provision of interim compliance services; internal investigations; and the full range of regulatory matters, including self-disclosures, audit defense, settlement negotiations, and Justice Center matters. Bob is certified in health care compliance through, and is a past board member of, the Health Care Compliance Association.

In addition to his practice, Bob is the founder and managing partner of Healthcare Compliance Connections, a boutique executive search firm that assists providers in identifying and recruiting qualified health care compliance professionals.

Bar Associations

- New York State Bar Association Health Law Section, Former Chair
- New York State Bar Association Reimbursement, Enforcement and Compliance Committee, Former Chair

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Health Lawyers Association
- Health Care Compliance Association, Former Board Member
- Health Care Compliance Association, Chair, New York Regional Annual Meeting
- NYS Department of Health Value-Based Payment Program Integrity Work Group, Co-Chair

Representative Experience

- Defended various types of providers against Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial-plan billing audits.
- Advised providers and negotiated terms of Medicaid and Medicare self-disclosures and repayment agreements.
- Conducts compliance-effectiveness reviews for hospitals, managed-care plans, home-care providers, transportation companies, and health care and human services organizations.
- Served as interim chief compliance and privacy officer for a variety of health care organizations, ranging from a large academic medical center to a small health care and human services organization.
- Represented numerous employees and provider agencies related to OPWDD and NYS Justice Center investigations and appeals.
- Represented OPWDD providers at administrative hearings related to patient-discharge issues.
- Represented physicians and pharmacists before Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) and NYS State Education Department (SED) investigations.
- Represented multiple providers related to OMIG compliance-effectiveness reviews.
- Provided training to association members on conducting effective abuse and neglect investigations.
- Drafted legislation to limit and clarify the authority of the NYS Justice Center.
- Advised a specialty lab related to OIG Corporate Integrity Agreement (CIA) readiness.
- Guided a home-care agency through a HIPAA privacy-breach disclosure related to an incident involving more than 500 individuals.
- Counsels DSRIP Performing Provider Systems (PPS), ACOs, and FIDA plans on program-integrity obligations and strategies.
- Serves as a facilitator for a hospital association's compliance work group.

Prior Experience

- Rivkin Radler LLP, Partner
- Barclay Damon LLP, Partner
- Manatt, Phelps & Phelps, LLP, Counsel
- Deloitte, Senior Manager
- NYS Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, First Deputy
- Northeast Health, Compliance Officer
- NYS Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform, Assistant Counsel

Selected Community Activities

- Bethlehem Youth Hockey, Volunteer Coach
- Bethlehem Youth Soccer, Volunteer Coach
- Tri-Village Little League, Volunteer Coach
- First United Methodist Church and RPM Youth Group, Sunday School Teacher and Youth Service Trip Chaperone

Selected Media

- *Report on Medicare Compliance*, "New NYS Compliance-Program Requirements May Be Useful Everywhere as a 'Fresh Look'"
- *Health Law Daily Wrap Up*, "Strategic Perspectives: Pandemic Response, Fraud, and Abuse Top Biden's Enforcement Priorities"
- *CCH Health Care Compliance Professional's Manual*, Co-Author

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- DOH Sepsis Reminder Opens Doors for Provider Recoveries
- Justice Center Prosecutorial Authority Restricted
- Compliance Program Effectiveness: What To Measure and How To Measure It?
- Justice Center Lacks Jurisdiction to Assert "Concurrent" Finding of Neglect by Provider