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OVERVIEW

Healthcare clients depend on Pete for guidance on health law, information management, and data privacy and security matters.

As the leader of the firm's Healthcare Regulatory & Compliance Counseling team, Pete frequently counsels clients on academic medical center, fraud and abuse, licensing, managed care, medical staffing, Medicare/Medicaid, pharmacy and pharmacy benefit management, 340B drug pricing program, research compliance and transactional issues. He is fully immersed in the regulatory complexities surrounding the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and was on the forefront in advising healthcare systems on HIPAA's privacy and security provisions. He now helps clients in developing data privacy and security policies and procedures, conducting risk management assessments of information systems and ensuring compliance. When a security incident ensues, Pete is called on to investigate and analyze the scope of the breach, advise on reporting obligations, and develop communications for affected individuals and agencies.

Pete is a frequent speaker on healthcare and cybersecurity matters. Before joining Husch Blackwell, Pete was an assistant general counsel for the Missouri Department of Mental Health and was assistant professor of psychiatry and law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

Industry

Healthcare

Services

340B Drug Pricing Program
Academic Medicine
Clinical Research & Trials
COVID-19 Research and Laboratory Testing
Data Privacy & Cybersecurity
Digital Health
Europe, the Middle East, & Africa
Healthcare M&A, Joint Ventures, and Other Transactions
Healthcare Operations
Healthcare Providers
Healthcare Regulatory & Compliance Counseling
International
Medical Staff & Governance
Pharmacy
Psychedelics & Emerging Therapies
Software Development & Licensing

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Experience

- Represented clients in health information data breaches involving thousands of patients' medical records. Advised clients on appropriate responses and best practices to protect patient data.
- Advised clients in Medicaid compliance and reimbursement disputes before state regulatory agencies. Also defended responsible third parties against Medicare secondary payer and Medicaid subrogation claims.
- Drafted medical staff bylaws, rules and regulations. Also represented hospitals in medical staff disciplinary proceedings.
- Represented health system with acquisition and integration of large cardiology practice.
- Set up pharmacies in all 50 states and territories for specialty pharmacy provider.
- Counselled university wellness centers and athletic departments to streamline and improve their clinical operations through billing compliance, reviewed care delivery protocols and employment/independent contractor agreements.
- Assisted with the implementation of strategic partnerships with community providers to outsource operational functions.
- Worked with universities to implement HIPAA privacy policies and procedures and counseled on compliance and operational issues related to same.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*
    - Health Care Law, 2025-2027
- *The Legal 500 United States*
    - Healthcare: Service providers, Recommended lawyer, 2026

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Education

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law
- M.A., University of Virginia
- B.S., College of William and Mary

Admissions

- Missouri

Community Leadership

- Portico Benefit Services, Board of Trustees, Chair
- Highlawn Montessori School, Board of Directors, Past Chair
- Saint Luke's Midwest Ear Institute, Board of Directors, Past Chair

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