

36th Annual Health Law Conference
April 24-25, 2025 • Hilton Houston Post Oak by the Galleria • Houston, TX
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Thursday Morning, Apr. 24, 2025

7:15 am In Houston Only	<p>Registration Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:00 am	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p>
8:10 am 0.75 hr	<p>2025 State and Federal Healthcare Legislative Landscape</p> <p>A discussion on the 2025 election cycle and healthcare regulatory and legislative hot topics at the Texas and Washington, D.C. levels.</p> <p>Freddy Warner, Memorial Hermann Health System - Houston, TX</p>
8:55 am 0.75 hr	<p>Supplemental Payments in Medicaid</p>
9:40 am 0.75 hr	<p>Provider vs. Payor Disputes</p> <p>Learning from 2024’s most impactful cases and the current trends we are seeing in contract negotiation and provider payments. Provide both the litigation and the business impacts of these payor disputes, plus discuss how both the Texas IDR and Federal NSA processes have impacted providers.</p> <p>Carrie Douglas, Bracewell LLP - San Antonio, TX C. Timothy Gary, Crux Strategies, LLC - Brentwood, TN</p>
10:25 am	<p>15-Minute Break</p>
10:40 am 0.75 hr	<p>The Payor/Provider Relationship: Fundamentals, Disputes, and Trends</p> <p>Discuss the complex relationship between payors and providers, including disputes between the parties, what’s at stake, and what we’re seeing as trends now and going forward.</p> <p>Sara Brinkmann, King & Spalding LLP - Houston, TX Jeff Wurzburg, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP - San Antonio, TX</p>
11:25 am 1.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Enforcement Trends Across the Healthcare Industry</p> <p>Wilson G. Jones, Bracewell LLP - Dallas, TX</p>
12:25 pm In Houston Only	<p>Pick Up Lunch</p> <p>Included in registration.</p>

Thursday Afternoon, Apr. 24, 2025

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:45 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<i>Loper Bright: Its Impact So Far, and What to Expect Next</i> Almost one year into a <i>Chevron</i> -less world, examine the impact of <i>Loper Bright</i> so far and preview the potential fate of select healthcare regulations in light of the Supreme Court's recent administrative law decisions. Joseph Diedrich, Husch Blackwell LLP - Washington, DC
1:15 pm	15-Minute Break
1:30 pm 0.75 hr	Key Pillars of Healthcare Contracting Divya Reddy, Houston Methodist - Houston, TX
2:15 pm 0.75 hr	The Developing AI Landscape: from RAGs to Regs Moderator: Jennifer L. Rangel, Holland & Knight LLP - Austin, TX Panelists: Charles Dunham IV, Greenberg Traurig, LLP - Houston, TX George R. Gooch, Amazon Web Services - Austin, TX
3:00 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Noncompete/Physician Agreements Topic Jeff H. Frost, Jackson Walker - Austin, TX Shae Wilson, Texas Children's Hospital - Houston, TX
3:45 pm	15-Minute Break
4:00 pm 0.75 hr	Surveys Topic: Preparation, Governance, and Response Kathy L. Poppitt, King & Spalding - Austin, TX Hilary H. Young, Joy & Young LLP - Austin, TX
4:45 pm 0.75 hr	Workplace Safety and Violence Prevention: A Changing Reality, Both Operationally and Legally
5:30 pm	Adjourn
In Houston Only	Networking Reception (from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) Join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres with program faculty and attendees.

Friday Morning, Apr. 25, 2025

In-House Counsel Hot Topics (Limited to in-house counsel only)

7:00 am
In Houston Only
1.50 hrs

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Limited to in-house counsel only. Participate in an interactive discussion and sharing among in-house counsel panelists and participants. Hear about hot topics for in-house counsel, including updates on state and federal legislation, legal operational matters, and health law regulatory and enforcement matters.

This presentation will not be recorded or broadcast via the live webcast. It will only be available to those in-house counsel who attend in person.

Moderator:

Steve Wohleb, Texas Hospital Association - Austin, TX

Panelists:

Afsheen Davis, Texas Children's Hospital - Houston, TX

Omar Villa, University Medical Center of El Paso - El Paso, TX

8:30 am
In Houston Only

In-House Counsel Hot Topics Adjourns

8:30 am
In Houston Only

Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

9:00 am
1.00 hr

Operational Impact of Significant Cases

Yvonne K. Puig, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP - Austin, TX

10:00 am
0.75 hr

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly of Cybersecurity

Lynn Sessions, Baker & Hostetler LLP - Houston, TX

10:45 am

15-Minute Break

11:00 am
1.00 hr

Hospital Operational Opportunities and Challenges

Alice Marcee, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children - Dallas, TX

Hailey Mullican, UT Health San Antonio - San Antonio, TX

12:00 pm
1.00 hr ethics

Maintaining Your Ethics in Trying Times: One Lawyer's Tale

Lawyers know that hard cases make bad law. Likewise, maintaining your professional ethics in a difficult situation is very different than day-to-day practice. Hear ethical perspectives and lessons learned from serving as a local elected official and a defendant in lengthy litigation while still practicing as a health lawyer.

Leah Stewart, Reed, Claymon, Meeker, Krienke & Spurck, PLLC - Austin, TX

1:00 pm

Adjourn