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EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, 2016, Certificate in Health Law
- Saint Louis University, M.H.A., 2008
- Saint Louis University, B.S., Health Information Management, magna cum laude, 2006

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri

AFFILIATIONS

- American Health Lawyers Association
- St. Louis Area Health Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association
- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Associate, 2016-Present
- VA Regional Counsel Office Legal Extern, 2014
- VA St. Louis Healthcare System Administrative Officer, Surgical Service, 2009-2016
Administrative Fellow, 2008-2009

COMMUNITY

- Veterans Research and Education Foundation of Saint Louis, Board Member

As a former health care executive, April strongly connects to the complex issues facing health care clients.

She draws on her first-hand experience as a health care administrator to assist health care entities with a full range of transactional and regulatory matters. April has assisted with due diligence efforts for major health care transactions, including joint ventures and affiliation relationships. As part of those transactions, she has prepared physician and mid-level provider employment agreements and other transition agreements. She has advised clients on various compliance concerns, including Section 1557 requirements and agency investigations.

April has led policy research on top-of-mind operations issues for health care entities, including when and how covered entities can share protected health information (PHI) with other entities or researchers and state-by-state legal considerations for the use of telemedicine programs.

April previously served for seven years as an Administrative Officer with the Veteran's Administration Healthcare System, where she responded to a variety of day-to-day issues, including patient wellness, staffing challenges, financial hurdles and privacy concerns. April helped launch several internal programs, including an inpatient dialysis unit and a progressive care unit. She also developed physician productivity reports and led a number of system redesigns that focused on reducing waste and inefficiencies.

This distinctive background, along with an advanced degree in health administration, has positioned April as a trusted advisor to a wide range of health care entities.

Recognitions

- Listed in Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters) as a Rising Star in Missouri and Kansas, 2023
- Listed in "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" (by BL Rankings) for Health Care Law in St. Louis, Missouri, 2022-2024
- Missouri Lawyers Weekly 2022 Up & Coming Lawyer