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PRACTICES

- Health Care

EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University, J.D.
- Saint Louis University, Ph.D., English Literature
- University of Texas, M.A., English
- Concordia University Texas, B.A., Liberal Arts

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- Tennessee

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP 2024-Present, 2014-2019
- Novant Health 2019-2023
- Wellmont Health System 2011-2014
- St. John's Mercy Health Care 2001-2011
- Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP 2000-2001

As a former health care executive and health system general counsel, John has a unique perspective on the types of legal counsel health care organizations need to achieve their business goals and improve patient care. He can help health care organizations, from large health systems to independent practices and physician networks, adapt to new issues and create real change in their organizations.

John advises health systems, large physician groups, health plans, and health care executives on a full range of regulatory, transactional, and organizational issues, drawing on his own experiences as a health care executive to counsel clients on strategic planning, hospital-physician alignment, population health initiatives, and fiduciary board engagement.

In addition to his previous work as general counsel for health systems, John served as senior vice president and chief operating officer of the physician network at a large health care system in North Carolina and as CEO of a physician group associated with a Tennessee health system. Those roles included helping to manage the business through a pandemic crisis and working on significant acquisition and reorganization initiatives, including the reorganization of a physician network that received national recognition from the American Medical Group Association and leading multiple accountable care organizations.

With his training in mediation and his diverse experience, John approaches each matter with an open mind and a keen eye for how a health care organization can derive benefit from new strategies and innovative opportunities. His collaborative approach combines strategy and structure to help clients determine where they want to go and the best way to get there.