

## Colin Luke

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Colin Luke has extensive experience in healthcare transactions and regulatory issues involving a wide range of providers in the academic, governmental, non-profit and for-profit sectors. He is routinely involved in Certificate of Need matters, joint ventures between physician and other types of providers and sales or mergers of healthcare providers.

Hospitals, health systems, physicians and outpatient services providers depend on Colin for assistance with regulatory compliance matters involving the federal Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark law, HIPAA and patient privacy, state healthcare regulations and the development of effective corporate compliance programs.

Healthcare clients also rely on Colin for assistance with operations issues such as provider and payor certifications, facility licensure, and Certificates of Need. Additionally, he is highly sought-after for his experience with a wide range of transactional matters including the acquisition and divestiture of healthcare facilities and the formation of healthcare joint ventures. Colin leads Waller's Healthcare Compliance and Operations practice which comprises nearly 30 attorneys and paralegals who focus exclusively on the complex federal and state regulations governing the healthcare industry.

Prior to joining Waller, Colin represented healthcare providers in the Southeast as a partner with two Birmingham, Alabama law firms. Early in his career, he served as Vice President and Corporate Counsel for Active Services Corporation, one of the nation's largest providers of adult day healthcare services. In this role, Colin managed the acquisition and development of healthcare facilities and oversaw the company's regulatory compliance program.

### EXPERIENCE

- Served as lead transaction and healthcare regulatory counsel to Covenant Surgical Partners in its partnership with Arizona Centers for Digestive Health.
- Represented Alabama-based Jacksonville Hospital in the transfer of RMC Jacksonville Medical Center to Jacksonville State University.
- Represented Central Alabama Radiation Oncology in securing an appellate victory from the Alabama Supreme Court in an Open Records Act case against a competing health system.

- Represented Cullman Regional Medical Center in its acquisition of Cullman Surgery Center from Surgical Care Affiliates (SCA).
- Represented Alabama Eye in the process to successfully obtain a certificate of need to build a new surgery center.
- Served as counsel to The Health Care Authority of the City of Anniston in its \$25 million acquisition of Stringfellow Memorial Hospital.
- Served as counsel to the University of South Alabama Medical Center in its application for a certificate of need (CON).
- Advised Gulf South Surgery Center in the restructuring of its ownership in an ambulatory surgery, which included several real property and tax considerations.
- Advised the HealthCare Authority of the City of Cullman in establishing a Hospital Quality and Efficiency Program (HQEP) with its medical staff.
- Served as counsel to The Sylacauga Health Care Authority in the restructuring of a joint venture between the authority and a group of medical oncologists.
- Represented Russell Medical Center in Alexander City, Ala. in its management agreement with UAB Health System.
- Represented Cullman Regional Medical Center in its successful application for a new 30-bed acute care unit
- Advised Central Alabama Radiation Oncology in successfully opposing Baptist Health System and the UAB Health System in its application for a certificate of need (CON) for a new radiation oncology center.

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Chicago Law School, 1991
- B.A., *summa cum laude*, Vanderbilt University, Political Science, 1988
  - Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa
  - Honor Council President

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Alabama

## RECOGNITIONS

### Chambers USA

- Recognized in Healthcare (Alabama), 2016-2018

**The Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup> (Woodward/White Inc.)**

- Health Care Law, 2009-2020
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2008-2020

### **Mid-South Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters)**

- Healthcare, 2009-2019

### **Alabama Bar's Health Law Section**

- Former chair

### **Business Alabama**

- Recognized among the "Top Attorneys in Alabama"

### **Birmingham Business Journal**

- Named "Best of the Bar" and "Who's Who in Health Care"

### **Harry S. Truman Scholar**

- Awarded for the State of Alabama

## **PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

- Member, American Bar Association, Health and Business Law Sections
- Member, American Health Lawyers Association
- Planning Committee Member for Annual Health Law Update, Cumberland School of Law
- Member, Alabama State Bar, Health and Business Law Sections Former Chairman, Health Law Section
- ABA Health Law Section Vice President, Health Reform Task Force

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Founding Board Member and Past President, Birmingham Zoo
- Former Member, Board of Trustees, The Altamont School
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Oasis Women's Counseling Center
- Former Board Member, Alabama Kidney Foundation
- Board Member and Former Chairman, Board of Directors, Center Management, Inc.
- Member and Past General Counsel, Alabama Republican Party Executive Committee
- Board Member, Alabama Symphony Orchestra

**UP CLOSE**

Colin has served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention (2016) and has been the General Counsel for the Alabama Republican Party.