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Overview

Bob is a nationally recognized healthcare regulatory and policy attorney with extensive experience in both public service and the private sector. He advises businesses, health systems, consulting firms, pharmacies, and advocacy groups on the implications of federal and state healthcare reform, regulatory compliance, and navigating complex relationships between private entities, state and federal regulators, and law enforcement agencies.

In his practice, Bob counsels clients on state licensure, federal certification, regulatory survey responses, government investigations, and managing ownership transitions and transactions with complex regulatory considerations. He also serves as a trusted business advisor, guiding clients in making high-stakes decisions and building resilient business strategies in today's evolving healthcare environment.

In addition to his work as an attorney, Bob has served as State Representative for the 58th District of Illinois since 2019. As a legislator, he brings a comprehensive understanding of how healthcare policy shapes the lives of individuals, businesses, and communities. His diverse career path has provided him with insight across the entire healthcare continuum, and he brings a deep understanding of the intersection between business, law, and policy.

Forward-thinking and entrepreneurial, Bob has witnessed the transformative role of innovative technologies, healthcare protocols, and strategic government initiatives in driving more equitable healthcare. He is passionate about supporting clients in achieving their long-term goals and alleviating the pressures they face in this demanding industry.

Representative Matters

- Represented UnityPoint Health – Trinity to obtain regulatory approval to close rehabilitation unit and establish free standing rehabilitation hospital in Moline, IL.
- Represented UroPartners, the largest Urologic practice in the Chicago area with more than 30 locations and over 60 providers, with respect to a Certificate of Need (CON) application.
- Counseled Meadows Mennonite Retirement Community with respect to licensing and regulatory guidance throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Counseled MercyHealth, a non-profit health care provider and hospital system based in Janesville, Wisconsin with over 85 facilities serving a total of 50 communities throughout southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, with respect to CON applications and regulatory matters.
- Counseled Encompass Health, one of the United States' largest providers of post-acute healthcare services, with three Certificate Of Need (CON) permits to establish rehabilitation hospitals in Illinois.
- Represented AccentCare Inc., a nationwide leader in post-acute healthcare, as healthcare regulatory counsel in its merger with Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, one of the largest hospice providers in the U.S.
- Representing Red Arrow Farm, a Michigan-based cultivation and processing facility that has increasing market share in the still-developing adult-use market in the state, as outside general counsel in matters including regulatory and corporate counsel on an ongoing basis. Red Arrow are pioneers in a brand new industry in Michigan and face myriad legal challenges at a state and local level along the way.
- Represented PharmaCann, one of the country’s largest vertically integrated cannabis companies, as lead counsel on a $25 million senior secured convertible loan facility secured by Illinois medical and adult use dispensary assets.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Northern Illinois University College of Law, 2005, J.D.
- University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, 2002, B.A.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Michigan

Memberships

- Board Member, Anti-Defamation League, Midwest Region
- Board Member, Equip For Equality Board of Trustees
- National Co-Chair, Legislators for Safer States Coalition
- Illinois State Representative, 58th District

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *Crain's Chicago Business* Notable Rising Star in Law, 2021
- Listed, *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* 40 Under 40, 2020
- Listed, Leading Lawyers Network - Emerging Lawyers, Governmental, Municipal, Lobbying & Administrative Law and Health Law, 2017-2018

News & Insights

- Bob Morgan Quoted in Modern Healthcare | "Ghost networks lawsuit may signal trouble for insurers"
  December 13, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Benesch's Cannabis Industry Team Ranks in 2024 Edition of The Legal 500
  June 12, 2024 | Press Releases
- Growing Benesch Hires Regulatory Attorney Bob Morgan as Partner
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Bob Morgan mentioned in Illinois Playbook - POLITICO | "Job Changes"
  October 30, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Bob Morgan mentioned in JUF News | "Introducing the new Jewish state representatives"
  October 30, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Ranks in the 2023 Edition of The Legal 500
  September 6, 2023 | Press Releases
- Benesch Attorneys Morado and Morgan Appointed to Transition Team by Chicago Mayor-Elect
  May 4, 2023 | Press Releases
- Bob Morgan mentioned in Chicago Tribune | "Gov. J.B. Pritzker signs comprehensive gun bill banning sale of military-style firearms"
  January 13, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Bob Morgan quoted in article Healthcare Risk Management | "Providing Legal Cannabis Can Bring Potential Liability"
  January 10, 2023 | Contributed Content & Presentations

- Bob Morgan mentioned in Law 360 | "Illinois Legislation to Watch in 2022"
  January 3, 2022 | Media Mentions

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Weathering the Storm: Navigating the Tidal Waves of 2025 Federal and State Health Law and Policy Changes | Bob Morgan
  November 6, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency | Bob Morgan
  June 15, 2023 | Speaking Engagement
- Physicians Legal Issues: Healthcare Delivery & Innovation Conference | Bob Morgan
  September 16, 2022 | Speaking Engagement
- Virtual Public Policy Summit | Bob Morgan
  December 7, 2020 | Speaking Engagement
- Marijuana in Illinois: Legal & Technical Issues Conference | Bob Morgan
  April 16, 2020 - April 17, 2020 | Speaking Engagement