



# Cassie Gawron Sikorski

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## Overview

**Cassie focuses her practice on healthcare matters in the transactional and regulatory space, including representation of physician practices and behavioral health providers. This includes working with residential care centers, facilities for youth and adolescents, substance use disorder (“SUD”) treatment providers, and entities offering Applied Behavior Analysis (“ABA”) services and pediatric therapy. In addition to her transactional work, Cassie regularly advises on compliance matters and regulatory matters, including corporate practice of medicine, anesthesiology, physical and occupational therapy, nephrology, women’s health, ambulatory surgery centers, skilled nursing facilities, and dentistry.**

Cassie also has experience in advising healthcare payors on complex regulatory issues, licensing matters, and state insurance and healthcare law. Cassie has provided regulatory counsel and due diligence support for corporate mergers and acquisitions, including a \$17.3 billion healthcare enterprise merger (including sale of a Medicaid plan), and has experience in insurance regulatory counsel for mergers and acquisitions of insurance companies, including pre and post-closing acquisition notifications, holding company filings, HMO licensing and change of control filing, and regulatory compliance with state insurance agencies. Cassie also works with Medicare and Medicaid regulatory issues, including compliance with Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement marketing, and state Medicare Advantage compliance investigations.

Cassie has also been involved in pro-bono work regarding elder and disability law, including leading two pro-bono representations for adult guardianship cases in Cook County, securing successful guardianship rulings for clients in each case.

## Representative Matters

- Medicare Audits regarding billing and coding practices, including for psychological evaluation and provision of skilled nursing facilities
- Advise on Sober Living/Recovery Residence operations and accreditation in Ohio and New Jersey.
- Negotiated and drafted value-based and risk contracts between payors and healthcare providers, including contracts for nephrology practices.
- Supported Seller in acquisition of behavioral health provider for sale of ABA service line in California and Massachusetts.
- Represented private equity sponsor in its simultaneous acquisitions of an oncology practice service provider and a group purchasing organization.
- Provide compliance services for ABA provider for entry into new markets, including advising on corporate practice of medicine for BCBA's in various states.
- Represented Buyer in acquisition of mental health inpatient and outpatient facilities in New York.
- Serves as outside general counsel to SUD treatment family of companies.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- University of Notre Dame Law School, 2019, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - President, Women's Legal Forum
  - Treasurer, Health Law Society
  - *Journal of International and Comparative Law*
  - Church, State, and Society Fellow
  - 1L Representative
  - Moot Court Board, Jessup Team
- University of Washington, 2014, B.A., Law, Societies & Justice; Medical Anthropology & Global Health, *magna cum laude*
  - Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
  - Alpha Delta Pi Sorority
  - President, Order of Omega Honor Society
  - Mortar Board Senior Honor Society

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

## Memberships

- Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys
- American Health Lawyers Association

## Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Illinois Super Lawyers – Rising Star, 2023-2025

## News & Insights

- [Heightened Scrutiny of Medicaid-Funded ABA Services-Key Takeaways for Providers](#)  
March 12, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists](#)  
January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- [OIG Finds Significant Improper Medicaid Payments for ABA Services in Wisconsin and Indiana, Signaling Greater Enforcement Efforts for ABA on the Horizon](#)  
August 18, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [New Final Rules for Telemedicine Prescribing: Extending Telemedicine Flexibilities and What Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\) Treatment Providers Need to Know](#)  
February 10, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [17 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists](#)  
January 23, 2025 | Press Releases
- [16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists](#)  
January 25, 2024 | Press Releases
- [2024 Outlook: Behavioral Health Trends](#)  
January 16, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Requirements Related to the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act](#)  
August 25, 2023 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Cassie Gawron Sikorski mentioned in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin | "CDLB People"](#)  
August 1, 2023 | Media Mentions

- DEA Permits Continuation of Telemedicine Controlled Substances Prescribing: A Temporary Pause of the Proposed Rules or a Fundamental Change?  
May 4, 2023 | Client Alerts & Insights

## Speaking & Events

### PAST EVENTS

- New Final Part 2 Regulations | Cassie Gawron Sikorski  
June 13, 2024 | Speaking Engagement
- Young Professionals Panel: Trends in Behavioral Health | Cassie Gawron Sikorski  
March 18, 2024 | Speaking Engagement
- Health Technology CLE: Trends for 2023  
July 26, 2023 | Firm Events
- YPs of Behavioral Health | Cassie Gawron Sikorski  
May 15, 2023 | Speaking Engagement