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Overview

Dan is a partner and an accomplished corporate healthcare attorney. He maintains a national practice focused on the skilled nursing and senior housing industries, and regularly represents owners, operators and long-term care investors in all aspects of skilled nursing and senior housing transactions, including acquisitions and divestitures, leasing, financing, joint ventures, licensing and certification.

Dan's understanding of the complex regulatory landscape facing providers allows him to adeptly navigate issues that arise in drafting and negotiating purchase agreements, operations transfer agreements and leases. He prides himself in understanding the unique needs and objectives of each client in order to overcome obstacles and close transactions.

Representative Matters

- Represented a national financial institution as administrative agent and lender in connection with a syndicated term loan facility supporting the acquisition of a portfolio of skilled nursing and assisted living facilities across New York. The transaction involved a complex, multi-tiered real property healthcare financing structure, including delayed-draw term loans for post-closing acquisitions and layered intercreditor and subordination arrangements.
- Represented client in a series of skilled nursing facility (SNF) acquisitions in Texas in 2025, resulting in a change of owner, operator and manager of 120+ facilities.
- Represented the purchaser in the acquisition of two skilled nursing facilities in Wisconsin and the subsequent financing through the HUD 232(f) loan program.

- Represented The CommuniCare Family of Companies in its acquisition of 16 nursing centers in Indiana.
- Represented regional owner/operator in the disposition of a 5-property skilled nursing facility portfolio.
- Represented seller in the disposition of an MRDD facility to a publicly-traded buyer.
- Represented closely-held family business in disposition of nursing facility and related home health business.
- Represented regional operator in the strategic operations transfer of 20+ skilled nursing facilities over the course of several years, including drafting and negotiation of leases, operations transfer agreements and filing all licensure, Medicare and Medicaid paperwork related to the transfer.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, 2009, J.D.
- Ohio University, 2006, BBA

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Member, American Health Lawyers Association
  - Member, Post-Acute and Long Term Services Practice Group – Leadership Development Program (2017)
- Board of Directors, West Side Catholic Center (2024)
- Board of Directors, Center for Community Solutions (2017-2020)
- Board Member, The O'Brien Foundation, a non-profit focused on supporting individuals with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) (2008-2017)
- Committee Member, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Ohio Buckeye Chapter, Finance Committee (2014-2017)
- 3Rs Volunteer – Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (2013-2015)

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®,* Corporate Law; Health Care Law, 2025-2027
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, 2017-2023

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- Off-Cycle Medicare Revalidations for SNFs - Deadline Extended Again to January 1, 2026
  July 18, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Off-Cycle Medicare Revalidations for SNFs - Deadline Extended to August 1, 2025
  April 21, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- CMS Announces a Second Preview Period for the October 2024 SNF Preview Reports
  September 20, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- New CMS Rule Expands Required Ownership Disclosures for Skilled Nursing Facility Ownership
  November 20, 2023 | Client Alerts & Insights
- The CommuniCare Family of Companies Sale of Commons at Greenbrier
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Wellspring Acquires Senior Home Care Provider, Help At Home
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Blog Entry: OIG 2014 Work Plan - Hospice
  October 30, 2023 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- Blog Entry: New Hospice Cost Report Released: Effective for Cost-Reporting Periods Beginning Next Week
  October 30, 2023 | Contributed Content & Presentations

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Post-Acute Care and the COVID-19 Pandemic; Strategies for Growth, Positioning for Success | Alan E. Schabes; Daniel J. O'Brien; Matthew P, Delguyd; Nathan D. Sargent
  July 7, 2020 | Speaking Engagement
- Anatomy of a Sale
  February 25, 2016 - February 26, 2016 | Speaking Engagement