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Overview

Lauri is an experienced healthcare regulatory and transactional attorney, with a special focus on all legal matters related to clinical research, including representation of pharmaceutical companies and clinical sites.

Lauri joined Benesch in 2019 and has been involved in numerous health care transactions and acquisitions, including hospital acquisitions by non-profit health systems, corporate life sciences and private equity, nephrology dialysis joint ventures, and physician practice acquisitions, paying particular attention to the corporate practice of medicine and fee splitting prohibitions. As a result of her broad expertise, Lauri has developed a nationwide practice involving regulatory matters and compliance/HIPAA, health care fraud and abuse, medical staff bylaws and credentialing issues, hospital system contracts including material electronic medical record agreements, and physician practice group matters. Lauri has advised clients and written extensively on telehealth/telemedicine under the regulatory environment, in particular during the COVID pandemic, and is part of the nationally recognized Benesch Cannabis Industry Group.

Prior to joining Benesch, for over 20 years, Lauri served as vice president and general counsel for a state academic medical center and also in-house for a large integrated health care system that was involved in acquiring numerous hospitals. For the state institution, as also serving as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio, Lauri advised on public law matters such as sunshine laws and state immunity, providing confidential health care advice to state boards, executive teams and a faculty practice plan that included over 260 physicians of various specialties. In addition to being instrumental in the merging of two large state institutions, Lauri was involved in the creation of a state funded institutional self-insurance captive.

Representative Matters

- Represented one of the largest inpatient psych hospital chains in the U.S. against nine EMTALA (Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act) violations brought by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and referred to the U.S. Office of Inspector General (OIG). The allegations against the client were the result of a surprise onsite EMTALA audit by CMS. The Benesch team prepared and represented the client through the due process hearing held in front of a panel of QIO physicians. Upon review of the hearing materials, the OIG decided not to pursue civil money penalties against the client which could have exceeded $111,000 per violation.
- Represented Petauri, a portfolio company of Oak Hill Capital, in its acquisition of Formulary Insights, a market access services provider in the pharmaceutical and life sciences industry.
- Represented a private equity sponsored buyer in its acquisition of a provider of medical communications, marketing and education services.
- Represented IntegriChain, a portfolio company of Nordic Capital, in its acquisition of BridgeView Data Solutions, a commercial data warehouse and data aggregation business.
- Represents pharmaceutical institutional sites and consultants in all areas of clinical research.
- Represented State University faculty practice plan in this development of an ASC.
- Represented private equity in life science service acquisitions.
- Represented Lighthouse Behavioral Health Solutions in its recapitalization by Amulet Capital Partners, a private equity firm.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Miami University, 1992, B.A.
- The University of Toledo College of Law, 1995, J.D.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Michigan

Memberships

- Member, American Health Lawyers Association
- ACLU Liaison, Voter Registration Project

News & Insights

- Law.com Highlights Benesch Analysis of HRSA's Revised 340B Rebate Pilot
  November 3, 2026 | Media Mentions
- HRSA's Revised 340B Rebate Pilot Drama
  October 21, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Emerging Enforcement Trends in Digital Health Data Privacy: Lessons from Washington's My Health My Data Act, FTC vs. Hims & Hers and UCHealth Enforcement Actions
  August 31, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Heightened Scrutiny of Medicaid-Funded ABA Services-Key Takeaways for Providers
  March 12, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Nesko Radovic, Scott Downing and Lauri Cooper Published in RPA News | "CMS's IOTA Model Took Effect July 1, 2025: Implications For Transplant Hospitals and Nephrology Stakeholders"
  December 10, 2025 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- CMS's IOTA Model Took Effect July 1, 2025: Implications for Transplant Hospitals and Nephrology Stakeholders
  October 13, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- OCR Proposes Modification to HIPAA Security Rule
  February 26, 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
- Ohio Still Slow to Adapt Cannabis Business After November 2023 Legalization of Recreational Use
  October 24, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch Healthcare+ Dialysis & Nephrology Digest No. 48
  January 16, 2024 | Newsletters

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Negotiating Like a Surgeon | Lauri A. Cooper
  October 15, 2026 | Speaking Engagement
- The Legal & Regulatory Landscape for Independent Dialysis Facilities and Navigating the Complexities of Modern Practice Management | Lauri A. Cooper
  September 23, 2026 - September 26, 2026 | Speaking Engagement
- Navigating the Complexities of Modern Practice Management | Kate Watson Moss, Lauri A. Cooper
  April 16, 2026 - April 19, 2026 | Speaking Engagement

- Current Legal and Business Issues Facing Nephology and Dialysis | Scott P. Downing, Lauri A. Cooper, Nesko Radovic
  October 4, 2025 - October 6, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- A Brave New World: Chronic Care Management and Remote Patient Monitoring | Lauri A. Cooper
  June 13, 2024 | Firm Events