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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

- Defended major U.S. psych hospital chain in nine EMTALA cases; after CMS audit and hearing, OIG declined to pursue penalties exceeding \$111K 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

- 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

- [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
- [Benesch Healthcare+ Dialysis & Nephrology Digest No. 47](#)
December 7, 2023 | Newsletters
- [Benesch Healthcare+ Dialysis & Nephrology Digest No. 46](#)
November 13, 2023 | Newsletters
- [Benesch Healthcare+ Dialysis & Nephrology Digest No. 45](#)
October 12, 2023 | Newsletters

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- [A Practical Guide for Dealing with Online Reviews | Lauri A. Cooper, Kate Watson Moss](#)
April 19, 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 Nephrology 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
- [Valuation Trends in Private Equity, Nephrology, Dialysis, Value-Based Care and Outpatient Labs | Lauri A. Cooper](#)
June 15, 2023 | Firm Events