

W. Clifford Mull

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Overview

Clifford's practice focuses on advising physicians, dental support organizations (DSOs), and health care, life sciences, pharmaceutical and businesses on regulatory, business and intellectual property issues. He has represented physicians, DSOs, limited licensed practitioners, physician and multi-specialty group practices, ambulatory surgery centers, durable medical equipment suppliers, medical device manufacturers and distributors, hospice agencies, pharmacies and other ancillary service providers.

Representative Matters

- Represented a regional bank, as administrative agent, in connection with a multimillion-dollar term loan facility supporting the acquisition and operation of a portfolio of assisted living and memory care facilities in California. The transaction involved a complex, multi-entity acquisition and financing structure, requiring the coordination of real estate, lending and operational considerations across multiple properties.
- Representation of the ChildSmiles Group, LLC d/b/a Abra Health Group, a support services organization providing administrative support services to multi-specialty dental and pediatric primary care practices in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, in connection with practice acquisitions and regulatory, compliance, labor & employment, and other day-to-day outside general counsel services.
- Represented private equity sponsor in its simultaneous acquisitions of an oncology practice service provider and a group purchasing organization.

- Served as deal counsel in recapitalization and reorganization of an ambulatory surgery center, including the addition of a health system partner and sale and leaseback of real estate assets.
- Served as deal counsel for a regional health system in the reorganization of its home health care and hospice service line through a spin out and joint venture with a management company.
- Represented US HealthVest, LLC in its acquisition of Illinois hospital, 70-bed Vista Medical Center West, from Community Health Systems, Inc. spin-off Quorum Health Corp.
- Represented Wellspring Capital Management, LLC and National Seating & Mobility, Inc. as health care regulatory counsel in an agreement with Court Square Capital Partners. Under the transaction, Wellspring Capital Management, LLC has exited National Seating & Mobility, Inc. and Court Square Capital Partners has become Great Lakes' new equity partner. National Seating & Mobility is one of the largest providers of complex rehab technology in the U.S.
- Represented Great Lakes Caring Home Health and Hospice as health care regulatory counsel in an agreement with Blue Wolf Capital Partners. Under the transaction, Wellspring Capital Management, LLC has exited Great Lakes Caring and Blue Wolf Capital has become Great Lakes' new equity partner.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 2005, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Law Review, Notes Editor
  - Health Law Concentration with Honors
  - Richard A. and Brandon S. Collier Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Law-Medicine Curriculum
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- Case Western Reserve University, 2005, M.A., Bioethics
- DePauw University, 2001, B.A., Biology
  - Minor in Chemistry

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Member, American Health Lawyers Association
- Member, American Bar Association

- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Medical Legal Liaison Committee, Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio
- Past-Chair, Health Law Section Council, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®,* Health Care Law, 2020-2027
  - Named, “Lawyer of the Year,” 2023
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, 2017-2018

News & Insights

- Benesch’s Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: October/November 2026
  November 3, 2026 | Newsletters
- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: July/August 2026
  August 10, 2026 | Newsletters
- Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: May/June 2026
  June 18, 2026 | Newsletters
- CMS Imposes Nationwide Moratorium on Home Health Agency and Hospice Enrollments
  May 13, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: April 2026
  May 6, 2026 | Newsletters
- CMS Issues a Nationwide Moratorium on New Medicare Enrollment of Some DMEPOS Suppliers
  March 3, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch’s Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: February 2026
  February 10, 2026 | Newsletters
- Benesch’s Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: December 2025/January 2026
  January 12, 2026 | Newsletters
- Benesch’s Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: November 2025
  November 24, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- DSO Market Trends and 2025 Outlook Webinar
  January 21, 2025 | Firm Events
- The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) Healthcare Fraud Conference | W. Clifford Mull
  December 9, 2016 | Speaking Engagement