

## Practice Contact

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# Behavioral Health Care, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, and Child Welfare

Our attorneys have extensive experience representing organizations and professionals involved in the field of behavioral health (mental health and alcohol and drug treatment and prevention), Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD), and child welfare. We have represented a variety of statewide trade associations in the behavioral health and MR/DD fields on numerous issues, including systemic regulatory and reimbursement matters, as well as the development and implementation of Medicaid waiver programs.

We have represented many providers before state agencies, have negotiated contracts with various payors, and have provided reimbursement counseling on complex Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement matters. Our attorneys not only understand the more traditional institutional side of the behavioral health and MR/DD programs, but also are experienced in the home and community-based Medicaid waiver programs, including 1915 and 1115 Medicaid waivers, as well as all types of community-based programming.

Our attorneys have extensive experience in the child welfare and foster care arenas. We represent providers on licensing matters before state agencies and negotiate contracts with local payors, and understand the complex funding systems, such as Title IV-E and Medicaid.

Several of our attorneys work with statewide trade associations on health care policies that affect behavioral health and MR/DD providers. As a result, our attorneys know not only the law, but also the context in which the law was enacted. We speak the language of providers in a field that is fraught with complexity and misperception.