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Angie is a trusted adviser with a diversified health care practice. She provides risk management and compliance advice to health care facilities, providers, and health plans. Clients both in and out of the health care industry rely on Angie for advice in handling emergencies, coronavirus (COVID-19) issues, Big Data issues, and HIPAA privacy, security, and breach notification matters.



Angie Burnette's practice encompasses many aspects of health law. She provides general risk management and compliance advice to health care facilities, providers, and health plans. Angie advises health care providers and numerous other clients on HIPAA privacy, security, and breach notification issues, and helps clients respond to HIPAA complaints, OCR investigations and OCR compliance reviews. Angie also handles health care litigation involving issues such as hospital-physician disputes, hospital licensure and investigation, contracts, and peer review, resolving matters at the trial and appellate levels. Other aspects of her practice include state licensing board complaints and investigations, medical staff issues, the National Practitioner Data Bank, mental health, duty to warn, do-not-resuscitate orders, end-of-life issues, and refusal of blood transfusions.

Angie also advises clients on coronavirus (COVID-19)-related issues, including privacy, employee testing, closure and re-opening of offices, businesses and real estate properties, and return-to-work scenarios.

While at Alston & Bird, she has served as both temporary in-house counsel and as national coordinating counsel for two health care corporations. She has been an invited lecturer at Emory Law School on various health law topics, such as informed consent, HIPAA, and end-of-life issues. Angie has been ranked by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Health Care Law since 2017.

Representative Experience

- Advising one of the major sports leagues on whether to require proof of vaccination status to enter premises and attend events.
- Advising a major financial services corporation on possible vaccine passport opportunities.
- Advising a Fortune 500 retailer on COVID-19 vaccine consent and decline forms for employees and immediate family members.
- Advised several companies on the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including matters related to testing, vaccination, privacy, return-to-work scenarios, and potential breaches of COVID-19 related data.
- Resolved several HHS Office for Civil Rights HIPAA investigations without corrective action or monetary penalties.
- Served part time as interim general counsel for a 600+ bed academic medical center and health system.
- Identified controlling authority relied on by the court to uphold the constitutionality of tort reform provisions for hospital emergency rooms in an amicus curiae brief submitted to the Georgia Supreme Court on behalf of the Georgia Hospital Association. *Gliemmo v. Cousineau, et al.*
- Authored a HIPAA article cited by the Georgia Supreme Court in *Baker v. Wellstar Health System Inc.* regarding ex parte interviews and qualified protective orders.

- Argued in the Georgia Court of Appeals on an issue of first impression in Georgia involving hospital licensure.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “The Legal Burden of Workplace Bullying,” *Outpatient Surgery Magazine*, February 2017.
- “How to Recognize and Handle Potentially Litigious Patients,” *The Journal of Urgent Care Medicine*, November 2015.
- “Clarity Instead of Confusion; Available Solutions Under the HIPAA Privacy Rule and FERPA to Prevent Student Violence,” *Health Care Law Monthly*, Vol. 2014, No. 3, March 2014.
- “Tips and Tactics for Transmitting PHI by Email,” *AHLA Connections*, American Health Lawyers Association, March 2014.

Education

- University of Georgia (J.D., 1993)
- North Georgia College (B.S., 1990)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia

Related Services

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