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Robb Leandro assists his clients with a broad range of legal issues relating to health care, administrative law and public policy. His legal practice focuses on helping health care providers navigate the minefield of regulations that they face in their practices. Robb routinely assists his clients with issues that include Medicaid and Medicare regulations; Medicaid and Medicare audits; Certificate of Need Applications and litigation; licensure, surveys, and certification issues; and HIPAA and privacy laws. Robb also provides counsel to health care providers with complex government contract procurement issues.

Robb approaches each legal issue with an understanding of the business and clinical issues his clients face. Robb's clients range from large national health care providers to small single-location providers. He has significant experience representing a variety of health care providers that include nursing homes, home health, home care and hospice agencies, hospitals, community mental health providers, adult care homes, psychiatric hospitals, physician practices, and dentists. He also has significant experience providing advice to health care industry groups and trade associations.

By focusing on regulatory compliance issues before there is a problem, Robb strives to have his clients avoid missteps and government investigations. When litigation is required, Robb draws on years of relevant health care and administrative law experience to advocate for his clients. He has successfully represented health care providers before the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) in cases including Medicaid audits, licensure terminations, Managed Care Organization (MCOs) actions and Certificate of Need (CON) decisions. He has also represented his clients in state and federal court in cases involving judicial review of administrative decisions, CON appeals, and challenges to federal and state laws and regulations.

Robb is a leader in the state's health care legal community. He served as president of the North Carolina Society of Health Care Attorneys from 2018 to 2019 and continues to serve on its board of directors. He was also selected to participate as a member of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Leadership Raleigh class of 2014-2015. When he is not focused on law, Robb enjoys spending time with his wife and daughters, reading history, painting,



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PRACTICE AREAS

Government & Public Policy
False Claims Act
Investigations & Whistleblower Defense
Administrative Law



EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University
JD, 2006
Duke University
BA, 2001



ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 2006



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and fiction writing. He also especially enjoys following the football team at Duke, where he played for four years during his undergraduate education.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented a large home care provider in a two-week administrative law hearing, which resulted in a decision reversing a \$4.5 million recoupment.
- Obtained a decision from the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings reversing a decision to revoke a mental health facility license.
- Assisted in several successful Certificate of Need administrative hearings.
- Prevailed in an administrative hearing relating to a significant Medicaid recoupment and successfully defended an appeal of the decision by the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance.
- Assisted in litigation that successfully challenged home care regulatory changes. The court's decision allowed thousands of disabled and elderly North Carolinians to continue to receive home care services.
- Prevailed in a federal court challenge of federal hospice regulation.
- Successfully appealed Medicare decisions to recoup funds from hospice providers.
- Argued in Superior Court a case involving a successful constitutional challenge to legislation that limited municipal annexation authority.
- Obtained numerous favorable settlements involving Medicaid audits and licensure violations, including several recoupments of more than \$1 million that were settled for less than 1 percent of the government's original recoupment request.

CLIENT ALERTS

- "March 2 Webcast: What the New Federal Discrimination Laws Mean to You," February 2017
- "Portions of Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act Enjoined by Texas Federal Court – Majority of Regulation Remains Intact," January 2017



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- "N.C. DHHS Announces Timeline for LME/MCO Mergers," March 2016
- "Pharmacy Board Proposed Regulations: The Next Step for Telemedicine in North Carolina," May 2015
- "Certificate of Need Opportunities in 2015," January 2015
- "Do You Know the 60-Day Rule? You Better...," October 2014
- "One Potential Way to Dismiss a Petition for Judicial Review...," October 2014

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Behavioral Health and Integrated Care in 2019: Legal and Regulatory Considerations," i2i Center for Integrative Health, December 2018
- "Government Investigations and the False Claims Act in a Post-Escobar World: Where Are We Now and What's Next," Moderator, Parker Poe Health Care Symposium, July 2016
- "Introduction to the False Claims Act," N.C. Home Care & Hospice Association Annual Conference, April 27, 2015
- "Understanding the Supreme Court's Affordable Care Act Decision From a Mental Health Provider's Perspective," Benchmarks, July 2012
- "An Introduction to HIPAA Privacy and Security Regulations," An Introduction to HIPAA Privacy and Security Regulations, March 2011
- "Election Law: The Basics of the McCain-Feingold Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002," Election Law: The Basics of the McCain-Feingold Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002
- "Medicaid & Medicare Audits: An Emerging Threat to Providers," Medicaid & Medicare Audits: An Emerging Threat to Providers, July 2012
- "No Child Left Behind and Leandro: Mandate and Means," The William and Ida Friday Institute for Educational Innovation Conference
- "Preparing for Medicaid Audits," Preparing for Medicaid Audits, December 2013



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- "Provider Challenges to Medicaid Adverse Determinations," Provider Challenges to Medicaid Adverse Determinations, February 2014
- "Recent Legal Developments Facing Home Care and Hospice Providers," Recent Legal Developments Facing Home Care and Hospice Providers, April 2014
- "Supreme Court's Health Care Decision," Conference Call Panel Discussion, July 2012
- "The ABC's of Medicaid and Medicare Audits," The ABC's of Medicaid and Medicare Audits, December 2010
- "The False Claims Act: A Year in Review & Looking Ahead," S.C. Home Care & Hospice Association Annual Conference, November 2, 2015

HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America* in Health Care Law, 2018-2020
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2016
- Benjamin N. Duke Scholar
- Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll

MEMBERSHIPS

- North Carolina Society of Health Care Attorneys, Board of Directors, 2012-present; President, 2018-2019; Outreach and Membership Committee, 2011-2012; Education Committee 2012-2014
- Triangle Area Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Light the Night Walk, Executive Committee, Past Member