

Former Assistant Michigan AG joins Plunkett Cooney

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Jeffrey M. Schroder, a former Assistant Attorney General (AG) – Senior Attorney for the Health Care Fraud Division for the state of Michigan, recently joined Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and largest law firms.

Licensed in Michigan's state and federal courts, Schroder focuses his practice in the areas of healthcare and governmental law. A member of the firm's Bloomfield Hills office, he defends a variety of healthcare clients in matters involving regulatory compliance, audit defense, alleged fraud claims and embezzlement recovery. In addition, Schroder has extensive experience representing municipalities in all aspects of municipal law with particular expertise in the areas of land use, zoning and licensing matters.

"Jeff's experience in the AG's office has already proven to be invaluable to a number of the firm's healthcare industry clients," said Plunkett Cooney President & CEO Dennis Cowan. "As a former city attorney, Jeff also has outstanding credentials in the public sector. His unique background and skill set are true assets to our firm and clients."

While working as an assistant attorney general, Schroder initiated civil Medicaid fraud recoveries, prosecuted Medicaid provider fraud, prosecuted financial abuse in resident care facilities, represented the state in Qui Tam cases filed by whistleblowers under the Medicaid False Claims Act, and served on national teams with other Qui Tam states to investigate and prosecute global fraud cases.

Schroder, who is a senior attorney at the firm, also has the distinction of having served as assistant city attorney for the city of Warren for approximately nine years. While there, he represented the city in litigation and court proceedings; negotiated and recommended contracts; prosecuted criminal cases; represented the city's planning commission, library commission and brownfield authority; drafted city ordinances and resolutions; drafted legal opinions for elected officials and department heads; and worked extensively on state governmental relations issues with the city lobbyist.

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A member of the Oakland County Bar Association, the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers and the State Bar of Michigan, Schroder graduated from Wayne State University Law School in 2001 and received his undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from Albion College in 1997.

Established in 1913, Plunkett Cooney is a leading provider of transactional and litigation services to clients in the private and public sectors. The firm employs approximately 140 attorneys in nine Michigan cities, Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana. Plunkett Cooney has achieved the highest rating (AV) awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading, international directory of law firms, and it was named by American Lawyer Media's as a "go-to" law firm in 2016. The firm has also received several awards naming it among the top workplaces in the legal industry.

Plunkett Cooney's Healthcare Industry Group was formed to meet the unique needs of clients in the increasingly complex business of healthcare. Using a multi-specialty approach, the firm's attorneys solve and prevent problems on behalf of all types of healthcare providers, payors and health-related businesses. The firm's clients include physicians and physician networks, single- and multi-specialty professional practices, physician-hospital organizations, integrated delivery networks, pharmacies, ambulatory surgery centers, long-term care facilities and many others.

The firm's Governmental Law Practice covers the entire state of Michigan, providing litigation and transactional services to numerous villages, cities, counties and quasi-public entities. Plunkett Cooney has the distinction of having represented Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool, which provides insurance coverage to municipalities throughout the state. From city attorney services, to litigation counsel to transactional expertise, Plunkett Cooney's municipal attorneys are among the states most experienced.

For more information about Jeffrey M. Schroder joining the firm, contact the firm's Director of Marketing and Business Development John Cornwell at (248) 901-4008; jcornwell@plunkettcooney.com.

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