

# William E. Hopkins

## PARTNER

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**With decades of experience untangling complex health care matters, Bill helps providers develop strategies to turn difficult health care challenges into workable solutions.**

He counsels clients across the full spectrum of the health care industry, with a practice spanning state licensure and federal certification, regulatory compliance, transactional needs, general litigation and regulatory enforcement matters. Bill works with a wide range of clients, from individual practitioners to large institutional providers, offering not only legal advocacy and consultation, but also proactive guidance that helps them anticipate and avoid risks and liabilities before they arise.

Known for his strategic counsel in high-stakes situations, Bill also advises on Post Acute Care licensure and regulatory issues, medical staff and credentialing matters, peer review, general compliance with federal and state regulations, and investigations involving regulatory agencies.

## EXPERIENCE

Was successful in securing a \$1.79 million dollar judgment in arbitration for the seller in a breach of contract dispute arising from a purchase agreement.

## PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Health Care & Insurance

Health Care Litigation & Regulatory Actions

## ADMISSIONS

Texas

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

## EDUCATION

University of Texas Law School, J.D., 1995

High Point University, B.A., Psychology, 1990

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Successfully defended and negotiated multiple health care provider cases in matters of alleged CMS overpayments and recoupment.

Represented health care professionals—including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists—before their respective licensing boards, achieving successful outcomes in numerous cases and avoiding severe sanctions.

Successfully defended long-term care administrators in licensure enforcement matters before the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, including reversal of multiple proposed revocation actions.

Assisted numerous health care providers in buying and selling practices and transferring ownership interests and assets.

Assisted numerous health care entrepreneurs in developing, creating and building health care companies from idea development to entity creation to certification and operation.

Represented numerous health care companies in litigation involving medical malpractice, collections, contract disputes, and reimbursement issues.

Routinely advise health care professionals and companies in drafting and negotiating employment and independent contractor agreements.

Defended long-term care facilities in survey and licensure matters before CMS and TXHHSC.

### RECOGNITIONS

Recipient of 2025 Pro Bono Award from Texas Volunteer Legal Services for Most Hours Devoted to Cases

Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® list for Administrative/Regulatory Law, 2025-2026 and Health Care Law 2018-2020, 2022-2026

IDEA Champion Award, American Health Law Association, 2025

Texas Diversity Council, Diversity First Award Winner, 2011, 2018

Texas Diversity Council, Diversity Champion Award, 2020

American Bar Association, Health Law Section, Champion of Diversity and Inclusion Award, 2017

Leadership Austin Essential Class, 2008

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Austin Under 40 Award, Legal Category Winner, 2006

## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

E 4 Youth, Inc., Board Member, 2013-2022; Chair of Board, 2013-2020

People's Community Clinic Foundation/Operations Board

- Foundation Board Member, 2012-2022
- Chair of Foundation Board, 2019-2021
- Member of Operations Board, 2022-Present

American Red Cross-Central Texas Chapter

- Board Member, 2010-present
- Chair of Board, 2019-2021

Austin Symphony BATS (Be At The Symphony Young Professional Group)

- Young Member Group, 2002-2020
- Board Member, 2002-2007
- President, 2005-2006

Austin Symphony Orchestra

- Board of Directors, 2006-present

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas Foundation

- Board Member, 2006-2020

American Health Law Association Post Acute Practice Group

- Vice Chair of Publication, 2019-2021

Austin Bar Association

- Health Law Section
- Administrative Law Section

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## American Bar Association

- Litigation Section
- Health Law Section
  - Leadership Council, 2018-2020, 2023-2025
  - Coordinating Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, Former Chair
  - Nominating Committee, 2024-Present
  - Distance Learning Committee, Former Chair
  - Post-Acute Care Interest Group, Member
  - Long-Term Care Task Force, Former Chair
  - Physician Issues Interest Group, Former Chair
- ABA National Commission on Law and Aging, Former Commissioner

## Houston Bar Association

- Health Law Section, Former President

## International Association of Defense Counsel

## Texas Diversity Counsel

- Central Texas Advisory Board, President
- Statewide Board Member

## PUBLICATIONS

“Legal Aspects of the Practice of Medicine: What You Don’t Know Can Get You in Trouble,” TMLT Risk Management Seminars, Austin Diagnostic Clinic, April 2025.

“Driving Healthcare Forward: Navigating Regulatory Roadblocks and Unlocking Innovations in a Rapidly Evolving Sector,” SXSW Conference, Austin, March 2025.

“Long Term Care Reforms,” Austin Bar Association Health Law Section CLE Series, Austin, April 2024.

“Long Term Care and Post-Acute Care 101,” Fundamentals of Health Law Conference, American Health Law Association, Chicago, November 2023.

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“Legal Aspects of the Practice of Medicine: What You Don’t Know Can Get You in Trouble,” Texas Pain Society, Annual Convention, Austin, October 2023.

“Cultural Competence in the Practice of Medicine,” Texas Pain Society, Annual Convention, Austin, October 2023.

“Ethical Embrace of Bias to Tackle Healthcare Disparities,” Healthcare Delivery & Innovation Conference, American Bar Association Health Law Section, Chicago, September 2023.

“Legal Aspects of the Practice of Medicine: What You Don’t Know Can Get You in Trouble,” Wichita Falls Medical Society, Wichita Falls, September 2023.

“The Value of Volunteerism in Diversity Efforts and Building Leadership Skills,” National Association for Legal Support Professionals National Legal Education Conference, Houston, August 2023.

“Legal Aspects of the Practice of Medicine: What You Don’t Know Can Get You in Trouble,” Webb Zapata Hogg County Medical Society, Laredo, May 2023.

“Ethical Challenges Addressing Resident Mental Health Issues and Concerns,” Texas Health Care Association Summer Conference, Austin, April 2023.

“Business of Medicine: Health Care Disparities: What Are They and What Can We Do About Them,” Travis County Medical Society, Austin, April 2023.

“Legal Aspects of the Practice of Medicine: What You Don’t Know Can Get You in Trouble,” Houston Dermatological Society, Houston, January 2023.

“Legal Aspects of the Practice of Medicine: What You Don’t Know Can Get You in Trouble,” Jefferson County Medical Society, Beaumont, November 2022.

“The Legal Aspects of COVID-19 Mandates,” Driscoll Health System-Grand Rounds Lecture Series, Corpus Christi, October 2021.

“Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panel Discussion,” Tech Data Partner Summit and Conference, Virtual, August 2021.

“Health Care Disparities in a Civilized Society,” Blackacademics Presentation, March 2021.

“What It Takes to Lead: Panel Discussion,” National Diversity Council Annual Diversity and Leadership Conference, Virtual, October 2020.

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Quoted in: Roy Edroso, “How to Craft Provider Contracts that deal with Board Sanctions-and Protect the Practice,” Part B News, August 2020.

“Top Ten Reasons Why Physicians Get Sued,” Driscoll Health System-Grand Rounds Lecture Series, Webex, July 2020.

“Legal Aspects of Treating Minors in Texas and Other Related Issues,” Driscoll Health System-Grand Rounds Lecture Series, Corpus Christi, February 2020.

“Effect of Opioid Crisis on Medical Practice in Texas,” McAllen Medical Center, 2019 Ethics in Healthcare Symposium, McAllen, December 2019.

“Volunteerism: What it is and Why It is Important,” Texas Association of Legal Professionals Annual Conference, Austin, October 2019.

“Conditions of Participation: Compliance and Ethics Program-What it is and What You Need to Know-Parts 1 and 2,” Texas Health Care Association 69th Annual Convention & Trade Show, Grapevine, September 2019.

“Health Care Disparities: What Are They and What Can We Do About Them: A Panel Discussion,” National Diversity Council 1st Annual Diversity and Leadership Conference, Dallas, April 2019.

“Encouraging Efficient Disposition of Cases: Examining How Cooperation between Regulatory Attorneys and Litigators Can Help to More Efficiently Resolve Disputes,” 9th Annual Forum on Long Term Care and Senior Care: Compliance, Risk Management and Litigation Strategies, Miami, January 2019.

“Important and Timely Topics for LTC Nurses,” Nurses Day Presentation, THCA 2018 Annual Convention, San Antonio, October 2018.

“Nurse Peer Review in the Long Term Care Industry: Coming Soon To A Facility Near You,” THCA 2018 Annual Summer Conference, San Antonio, July 2018.