



# Suzanne J. Scrutton

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# **Practice Areas**

Labor and Employment Litigation

# **Education**

Capital University Law School, J.D., 1989

Capital University Law Review, Member, 1987-1989; Executive Articles Editor, 1988-1989

Albion College, B.A., *cum laude,* 1986, with Honors

# **Bar & Court Admissions**

Ohio

Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

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

Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.

Suzanne is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and chair of the health care group. She has experience representing providers in the fields of long term care, behavioral health and developmental disabilities. Suzanne has extensive experience with regulatory issues, Medicaid reimbursement and regulations, as well as contract negotiations with various payor sources. She represents several statewide health care provider trade associations in Ohio and Pennsylvania and their many members. Most recently, she was elected by her peers to serve a second term on the Board of Directors of the American Health Law Association (the AHLA).

# Notable experience includes:

- Initiated successful litigation on behalf of providers of behavioral health services challenging the contracting practices of certain County Boards of Mental Health and Recovery Services
- Initiated successful litigation on behalf of providers of services to the developmentally disabled challenging the right of County Boards of DD to require contracts as a condition of participation in Ohio's Medicaid program
- Assisted Medicaid providers in navigating and defending audits by various governmental authorities, including the Ohio Department of Medicaid, the Ohio Auditor of State, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- On behalf of providers and trade association, participated in drafting and negotiating comprehensive overhaul of Ohio's Medicaid DD reimbursement system
- Participated in numerous Administrative Proceedings and other litigation involving licensure, certification, revocation and suspension of certification, granting or denying of certificates of need, and other regulatory issues concerning providers in the long term care, developmental disabilities, and behavioral health systems
- Provided counsel and guidance to several health care trade associations during Ohio's biennial budget process, relative to complex Medicaid reimbursement and health care regulatory issues



# **Industries**

Health Care

Health Care Litigation

Suzanne received her J.D. from Capital University Law School where she was a member and executive articles editor of the *Capital University Law Review*. She received her B.A. *cum laude* with honors from Albion College.

Before joining Vorys, Suzanne served as chief legal counsel for the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and legal counsel to the Ohio Office of Budget and Management and the State Controlling Board.

# **Events**

# Event, 10.27.2022

Ohio Provider Resource Association's Fall Conference

# Event, 5.6.2022

Vorys Attorneys Speak at the Ohio Provider Resource Association's Spring Conference

# 6.17.2020

Accessing Medicaid Provider Relief Funding — Strategies and Best Practices

#### 1.22.2020

2020 Vision: Behavioral Health Compliance Trends To Watch

# 4.24.2019

American Health Lawyers Association Convener Session

### 4.5.2019

Ohio Provider Resource Association Spring Conference

# 10.25.2018

2018 Ohio Provider Resource Association Fall Conference

# 5.9.2017

Investment in Behavioral Health Webinar

### 10 20 2016

2016 Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Service Providers' Annual Conference

# 5.2.2016

2016 ANCOR Conference



# 4.15.2016

Institute on Medicare and Medicaid Payment Issues

#### 7.16.2015

Webinar: CMS Regulations Regarding Managed Care

# 3.25.2015

Institute for Medicare and Medicaid Payment Issues Conference

# 10.21.2014

2014 OPRA Fall Conference

# 10.2.2014

Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers Annual Conference

# 5.19.2014

Ohio Assisted Living Association Spring Conference

# 5.15.2014

Long-Term Care Conference

# 10.2.2013

2013 Annual Fall Conference

# 2.21.2013

How the Governor's Executive Budget Impacts Providers

### 11.5.2012

2012 OALA Fall Conference: How Medicaid and Payment Reforms Impact Assisted Living Providers

# 9.25.2012

2012 OPRA Fall Conference: Implications of the Health Care Reform Law for DD Providers

# 10.25.2011

OPRA 2011 Fall Conference Health Care Reform: Implications for Providers

### 10.20.2010

2010 OANH Annual Convention - New Frontiers in Medicaid Litigation: Federal Court Legal Challenges to State Medicaid Reimbursement Rates