

Scrutton to Chair AHLA's Behavioral Health Task Force

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Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP is pleased to announce that Suzanne J. Scrutton, a partner in the Columbus office and member of the health care group, has been elected by her peers as chair of the American Health Lawyers Association's (AHLA) Behavioral Health Task Force. The Task Force focuses its work on advancing the understanding of laws impacting behavioral health, including the delivery of services to those living with mental illness, certain neurological conditions, substance use disorders, developmental disabilities and reimbursement for such services. In her role as Chair, Scrutton will lead efforts to educate AHLA members from the various other AHLA practice groups on behavioral health issues nationwide. The AHLA is the nation's largest, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) educational organization devoted to legal issues in the health care field with 13,000 members.

Scrutton has previously served as the Task Force's vice-chair of educational programming and its vice-chair of publications; has published articles for the AHLA on behavioral health and Medicaid issues; and has presented with national Medicaid leaders at AHLA conferences. Her practice is focused on representing providers in the fields of long term care, behavioral health and developmental disabilities. Scrutton also has extensive experience with health care regulatory issues, benefit redesign, Medicaid reimbursement and regulations, as well as contract negotiations with various payor sources.

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