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Caitlin Podbielski is a partner in Ice Miller's Business Group.

With an educational background in health care law and practical experience advising health systems and providers, Caitlin has developed a robust practice working with medical professional associations for a variety of specialty and subspecialty providers. Caitlin regularly advises such clients on matters involving corporate governance, state and federal tax exemption, third-party contract negotiation and enforcement, member and chapter disputes, and corporate transactions including incorporation, reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions. Further, Caitlin counsels member organizations on advocacy communications and strategies, as well as the development and administration of professional conduct and disciplinary programs.

Drawing upon her experience advising clients from all industries on state and federal privacy law compliance, enforcement and breach response, Caitlin has assisted several professional societies in developing, implementing and administering clinical data registry programs compliant with privacy and clinical research regulations, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) and the Common Rule. In addition to compliance, Caitlin assists such clients in vendor and participant contracting matters, clinical measure development and licensing, and qualified registry (QR) and qualified clinical data registry (QCDR) requirements as well as Merit-Based Incentive Program (MIPS) regulations.

Caitlin is a member of ASAE, having served on the planning committee for the annual Association Law Symposium in Chicago from 2016 through 2018, as well as a member of the American Society of Medical Association Counsel. Most recently, Caitlin was named by *Best Lawyers in America* 2021 and 2022 editions as "One to Watch" in the category of Health Care Law.

Education

- Xavier University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2009)
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law (J.D., 2012)

Services & Industries

- Business
- HIPAA Privacy & Security
- Nonprofit & Tax Exempt Services
- Outside General Counsel

Admissions

- Illinois

Professional Affiliations

- American Society of Medical Association Counsel
- American Society of Association Executives (ASAE)

Awards & Honors

- *Crain's Chicago Business* Notable Women in Law, 2024
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Ones to Watch, 2021-2022

Published In

- Co-Author, "When Planet of the Apes Becomes the Planet of A.I.," *Connections*, May 2019
- Co-Author, "Don't Be Taken Hostage: Ransomware Attacks," *Trustee Magazine*, October 2017
- Feature Article on Artificial Intelligence for *AHLA Magazine*, 2019
- "HIPAA Civil Penalty Annual Limits Plummet," *Media and Privacy Risk Report*, 2017
- Article on Ransomware for *Hospitals & Health Networks Magazine*, 2016
- Article for *AANS Neurosurgeon Newsletter*, 2015
- "Delay of HIPAA Phase Two Audits: Preparing for the Inevitable," *Media & Privacy Risk Report*, 2014
- "Recent Focus on Utilizing Mid-Level Practitioners in the Delivery of Radiation Therapy," *21 In-House Counselor*, No. 2, 2015
- Co-Author, "Intellectual Property and Medicine: Common Issues Involving Patents and Copyrights," *23 AANS Neurosurgeon*, No. 2, May 2014
- "'As Seen on TV': The Law and Medicine in Medical Drama Series," *22 AANS Neurosurgeon*, No. 4, November 2013
- "Patient Safety Data: The Double-edged Sword?" *22 AANS Neurosurgeon*, No. 3, August 2013
- "The Duty to Disclose: How 'Informed' Must Informed Consent Be?" *AANS Neurosurgeon*, 2012
- "A Regulatory Prescription for Physician-Patients," *21 AANS Neurosurgeon*, No. 2, 2012
- "Aligning Patients, Payors and Providers: Brining Quality into the Reimbursement Equation," *The Patient Safety Handbook, 2nd Edition*, pp. 591-604, 2012
- "Year in Review in 2012," *2012 Health Law and Compliance Update*, 2011
- Fourteenth Annual Illinois Health Law Survey, Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys, October 2011
- "Provena Covenant Medical Center v. The Department of Revenue: The Illinois Supreme Court's Unconstitutional Prescription for Health Policy and Possible Side Effects," *IAHANET.org*, 2011
- "Piling it On DSH Providers' Plate: Why PPACA's Eyes are Bigger Than Its Stomach," *Annals of Health Law*, Advance Directive Past Events, 2019

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, “Current State of Surgical Mesh in the Breast: The Legal and Ethical Perspectives”, Atlanta, Georgia, Plastic Surgery The Meeting, October 29, 2021
- Panelist, “Patient Safety in 2021: Going-Off Label – Legal Hurdles(?)”, New York, New York, 2021 New York Society of Plastic Surgeons Fall Annual Meeting, November 20, 2021
- Association Forum’s Legal Symposium
- ASAE’s Association Law for Non-Lawyers Webinar