

IOWA SOCIETY OF HEALTHCARE ATTORNEYS SPRING CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MAY 9



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

As the only statewide organization for health care attorneys, the Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys is excited to invite you to its spring conference. This year's keynote will feature a discussion with Iowa's two U.S. attorneys, moderated by former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, Pete Deegan, a partner at Taft. We are also excited to feature Wes Butler, a national expert on patient safety and quality, and retired Iowa Supreme Court Justice Brent Appel, who will discuss legal ethics. We will round out the day with our traditional case law update and a panel of general counsels from some of Iowa's largest health systems. An evening reception at The Continental Lounge will allow networking with other group members.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The program has been designed for hospital and health care attorneys and compliance personnel.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:30 a.m. Registration

8 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Abhay Nadipuram, Chief Legal Officer, Iowa Hospital Association

8:15 a.m. Protecting Patient Safety Activities Under Federal Law: The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 – sponsored by Barnett Benvenuti and Butler

Wesley Butler, Member, Barnett Benvenuti and Butler

Butler will provide background and analysis on the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 and offer legal strategies for how this federal law can provide hospitals with robust legal privilege protections for various patient safety activities, including event reporting, root cause analyses and peer review.

9:15 a.m. Legislative Update

Clare Kelly, Chief Advocacy Officer, Iowa Hospital Association

This session will review 2024 state and federal legislative activity that affects health care and hospitals. Kelly will provide updates about legislative issues facing Iowa hospitals and their impact.

10:15 a.m. Break – sponsored by Dentons Davis Brown

10:30 a.m. Keynote: The U.S. Attorneys of the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa – sponsored by Taft

Moderator: Pete Deegan, Partner, Taft and U.S. attorneys

Former U.S. Attorney and Government Investigations Specialist Pete Deegan will moderate a discussion with Iowa's two U.S. attorneys. This presentation will address the most critical federal enforcement-related issues facing health care. From opioids and prescription monitoring to protecting the industry and its partners from fraud and abuse to enforcing the federal False Claims Act, speakers will offer insight into how federal law enforcement operates in Iowa and beyond.

Noon **Lunch and Business Meeting**

1 p.m. **Legal Ethics From the Judiciary's Perspective**

The Hon. (Ret.) Brent Appel, Drake University Law School Distinguished Lecturer and Jurist in Residence, former Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court (2006-2022)

This session will discuss recent developments in legal ethics in Iowa and nationwide. Former Iowa Supreme Court Justice Brent Appel will detail ethics from the judiciary's viewpoint, discuss the role of state and federal courts on legal and judicial ethics, analyze trends in ethics for lawyers and judges, and review hot-button issues surrounding legal and judicial ethics.

2 p.m. **Break – sponsored by Baird Holm**

2:15 p.m. **General Counsel Panel – Sponsored by Husch Blackwell**

Moderator: Curt Chase, Partner and Chair of the Healthcare, Life Sciences and Education Team, Husch Blackwell

Panelists: Todd Chelf, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Great River Health; Heather Campbell, Managing Counsel, Trinity Health and Regional General Counsel, MercyOne; Joseph Clamon, Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs, Chief Legal Counsel and Interim Chief Strategy Officer, University of Iowa Health Care; and Richard Korman, Esq., Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel, Avera Health, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

This panel discussion will delve into the evolving landscape facing the health care in-house general counsel. From navigating regulatory complexities to managing cybersecurity risks, the panel will discuss what worries persist in the minds of general counsels at academic medical centers and hospital systems. Moreover, the panel will explore the expanding role of the general counsel beyond legal matters, engaging in strategic decision-making and advising on non-legal questions critical to business operations. Despite these responsibilities, concerns linger about compliance, litigation and alignment with organizations' strategic objectives. In-house general counsels continue to emerge as key strategists, guiding organizations through legal, ethical and operational minefields toward growth and longevity.

3:30 p.m. **Case Law Update – sponsored by Dorsey and Whitney**

Peter Lapointe, Attorney, Finley Law Firm, and Manuel Cornell, Associate, Dorsey and Whitney

This session will review notable Iowa appellate opinions since last year's conference. Significant opinions from various practices, specifically health care, will be highlighted. Materials will include a compilation of state case law cataloged by topic. The speakers will describe new developments in case law and interpret legal trends that may develop in Iowa law.

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

4:30-6 p.m. **ISHA Reception | The Continental Lounge, 407 E. Fifth St., Des Moines**

SPEAKERS

Brent Appel is an attorney and former judge who served as associate justice of the Iowa Supreme Court from 2006 to 2022. He was previously the first assistant attorney general of Iowa from 1979 to 1983 and deputy attorney general from 1983 to 1987. A native of Dubuque, Justice Appel graduated from Stanford University with concurrent bachelor's and master's degrees in history. He earned his law degree at the University of California, Berkeley.

Wesley Butler is a Barnett Benvenuti and Butler shareholder in Lexington, Kentucky. His law practice focuses on advising health care providers on regulatory, accreditation and legislative matters that implicate safety, quality and reimbursement. Earlier in his career, Butler was a litigation attorney, handling various civil defense matters in federal and state courts. In 2004, Butler was appointed by the Governor of Kentucky to serve as chief litigation counsel and later general counsel for Kentucky's Health Cabinet. He was lead counsel for the state's Office of the Inspector General and Medicaid agencies and the cabinet's chief legal liaison with CMS and the Office of the Inspector General. After his time in the cabinet, Butler's practice shifted toward regulatory matters. He continues to be involved in litigation for health care regulation, patient safety and health policy issues. Butler earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kentucky.

Heather Campbell is managing counsel for Trinity Health and regional general counsel for MercyOne, where she is responsible for all legal matters for MercyOne and is counsel to the MercyOne board of directors. Before joining MercyOne, Campbell was a partner at Belin McCormick in Des Moines. She received her law degree from Drake University and her bachelor's degree in nursing from Grand View University. She is a licensed registered nurse in Iowa.

Manuel Cornell is an associate at Dorsey and Whitney. Cornell's practice includes employment, personal injury and complex commercial disputes. He is a member of the executive council of the Iowa Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division and co-chairs the division's diversity committee. Cornell is also a member of the board of directors for Orchard Place in Des Moines and a member of the board of advisers for the Association of Latinx Professionals.

Curt Chase is a partner at Husch Blackwell in Kansas City, Missouri. Chase has developed a national health care practice providing transactional, regulatory and compliance guidance for hospitals, physicians and other health care providers. He routinely serves as outside counsel to hospitals and health systems for complex hospital/physician integration arrangements. Chase is also experienced in handling compliance and reimbursement matters, including government investigations and internal compliance reviews. He earned his bachelor's degree from Yale University, his master's degree in health administration from the University of Iowa and his law degree from the University of Iowa.

Todd Chelf is executive vice president and general counsel at Great River Health in West Burlington, overseeing corporate governance, regulatory compliance, contract administration, provider compensation and risk management. Before joining Great River Health, Chelf was first assistant county attorney for Des Moines County, where he prosecuted sexually related crimes and other significant felonies. Before his public service, he was a partner in the law firm of Cray, Goddard, Miller, Taylor and Chelf. Chelf earned his bachelor's degree from Marycrest International University and his law degree from Drake University.

Joseph Clamon oversees a range of legal services for each component of UIHC. Clamon previously worked as in-house counsel at UnityPoint Health in West Des Moines, advising leaders on various health care issues. Before this, he was an attorney with McDermott, Will and Emery, specializing in health law and life sciences. Clamon also was a judicial clerk for Judge Michael Melloy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He's an adjunct assistant professor in the College of Public Health at the University of Iowa. He previously held adjunct professorships at the Drake University Law School and Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Clamon received his law degree from the University of Iowa and his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Pete Deegan is a former U.S. attorney and criminal chief for the Northern District of Iowa and is now a partner at Taft. For most of his 22 years with the Department of Justice, Deegan was a federal prosecutor specializing in white-collar and business crime, including health care offenses. Deegan now practices in the compliance, investigations and white-collar defense practice group at Taft. He practices in Cedar Rapids and Taft's offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C. Deegan earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and his law degree from Wayne State University.

Clare Kelly is IHA's chief advocacy officer. She leads the advocacy team's policy development and advocacy strategy at the state and federal levels of government and oversees the association's communications team. Before joining IHA in August 2023, Kelly served as health policy adviser to Gov. Kim Reynolds, was CEO of the Iowa Medical Society and spent 12 years in Washington, D.C., working in government affairs and child health policy for children's hospitals. She graduated from the University of Iowa.

Peter Lapointe is an associate at Finley Law Firm in Des Moines. Lapointe practices in a number of areas of civil litigation, including representing licensed health professionals and health care facilities. Prior to joining Finley, Lapointe graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in political science and earned his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law.

Richard Korman, Esq., is the chief legal officer and general counsel for Avera Health in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Korman directs Avera Health's legal, compliance, internal audits, liability and workers' compensation insurance products, contract and policy management, institutional review boards and risk management activities. Additionally, he oversees government relations strategies for the five-state region and directs Avera's positions on state and federal public policy initiatives. Korman manages outside legal counsel activities involving medical malpractice, regulatory investigations and civil litigation matters, oversees consultants who provide internal audit and compliance services and participates on executive management and strategic committees. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Minnesota and his Juris Doctorate from William Mitchell College of Law.

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