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PROFILE

Scott C. Palecki is a partner in the firm's healthcare law practice group, practicing extensively in the areas of business and healthcare. He has devoted his professional career to the representation of clients in the healthcare industry. Scott's clients span the spectrum of healthcare providers, including hospitals and health systems, ambulatory surgery centers, nursing facilities, home health and hospice businesses, laboratories, physicians, physicians group, provider networks, and nearly every type of organization related to healthcare. Scott previously served as the practice group leader of the firm's healthcare practice group.

In addition to his in-depth private practice experience, Scott served as general counsel to a large national ambulatory surgery center and surgical hospital development and management company. In his prior role, Scott was responsible for the provision of all legal services for over 200 legal entities. During his tenure with the organization, he guided the company and its healthcare facilities through the regulatory complexities of the COVID-19 pandemic, coordinated national lobbying efforts, and helped procure pandemic-related financial relief. He is a nationally recognized proponent of value-based care and its expansion to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the CMS Innovation Center.

Scott has developed long-standing relationships with healthcare clients and provides guidance and counsel on matters relating to operational, regulatory, reimbursement and compliance issues, including the Stark law, fraud and abuse, and physician compensation. He also provides counsel related to Medicare and Medicaid certification and reimbursement, managed care and individual and facility licensure, and has handled numerous matters concerning medical staff bylaws, peer review, and credentialing matters. Scott has handled many healthcare and corporate transactions including the development and syndication of hospitals and ASCs throughout the United States, the purchase, sale, and reorganization of hospitals and health-systems, ASCs, physician practices, and other ancillary healthcare businesses.

Prior to serving as a general counsel, Scott has been recognized by Chambers USA as a leading healthcare and business attorney in the United States for his transactional practice and health-care related work. He was named by Best Lawyers® as the 2016 and 2025 Kansas City, Kansas, Health Care

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Law “Lawyer of the Year” and the 2013 Wichita Health Care Law “Lawyer of the Year,” and selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Health Care Law 2009-2018. He is rated “AV” by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, its highest rating for lawyers who have obtained a reputation among their peers for exemplary professional expertise, experience and stature and has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® List.

Scott is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, and the Kansas Association of Hospital Attorneys (former President). Scott is also a former Adjunct Professor at Washburn University School of Law where he taught Health Law for several years. He continues to frequently lecture on a variety of health law issues to clients, associations, and other lawyers and groups.

Scott and his wife Kristin live in the Kansas City area.

Education

- Washburn University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1996)
- Washburn University (B.A. in Public Administration, *summa cum laude*, 1992)

Admissions

- Kansas (1996)
- Missouri (1997)
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas (1996)
- U.S. Tax Court (1998)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Healthcare
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Business & Corporate Law

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, AND HONORS

- Kansas Bar Association, Health Law Section, President, 2004-2005
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Johnson County Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Kansas Association of Hospital Attorneys (former member of Board of Directors, President, and Secretary of the Board)
- Former Adjunct Professor, Washburn University Law School, Healthcare Law

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- Recognized by Best Lawyers® as the 2016 and 2025 Kansas City, KS Health Care Law “Lawyer of the Year”
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- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Health Care Law, 2009-2018, 2025
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® List, 2011-2012 (a Thomson Reuters business)
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® Rising Star List, 2008- 2009, 2013 (a Thomson Reuters business)
- Identified in *Chambers USA America’s Leading Lawyers* in the area of Corporate/M&A Law, 2012-2014

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

2023

- Stark Law 101 - Back to the Basics (Foulston Siefkin LLP, Kansas Health Law Institute)
- Malpractice/Risk within ASC's (2023 Midwest ASC Conference)
- Everything Ethics, Everywhere, All at Once (Foulston Siefkin LLP, Corporate Counsel Series: Ethics 2023)