

# Christopher Guthrie

## ASSOCIATE

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## About Chris

### Astutely ensuring compliance on state and national health law matters

Chris Guthrie guides clients on state and national health law matters. His experience includes regulatory compliance for health care transactions; Medicare and Medicaid program enrollment, billing and compliance; provider licensure and scopes of practice; state- and federal-controlled substance enforcement; telemedicine and telepharmacy regulations; and surrogate health care decision-making, including guardianships and powers of attorney. His clients include:

- **Pharmacies**
- **Drug and device distributors and manufacturers**
- **Durable medical equipment suppliers**
- **Hospitals and hospital systems**
- **Behavioral health providers**
- **Practitioners**
- **Insurers**

### Experience in Action

- **Advises clients on regulatory and compliance matters pertaining to the manufacturing, distribution and dispensing** of prescription and over-the-counter drugs and devices.
- **Identifies licensure and enrollment filing requirements for health care providers** undergoing a change of ownership or information and leads efforts to complete all filings on behalf of the providers.

### Education and Honors

Marquette University Law School (J.D., 2017)

- Pro Bono Society (Member)
- National Moot Court Competition
- Jenkins Honors Moot Court Competition
- Certificate in Litigation

Marquette University (M.B.A., 2016)

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (M.S., 2008)

University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A., 2002)

- Majors: Psychology and Sociology
- Minor: African Studies

### Bar Admissions

Wisconsin

### Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin





- **Litigates guardianship and protective placement matters** and provides guidance related to powers of attorney and other surrogate decision-maker issues for hospitals and associated providers.
- **Assesses implications of health care providers' transactions and corporate reorganizations**, and provides strategy related to compliance, licensing and enrollments.
- **Advocates for health care providers and other related entities with state regulatory boards**, state and federal health care programs and government investigators.

## Recent Success

- Navigated national retail pharmacy chain through updates of its Medicare and Medicaid enrollments after a multistep internal reorganization.
- Provided strategic guidance to behavioral health provider with locations throughout the United States on Medicare and Medicaid enrollment issues to better position it for acquisition.
- Guided charitable pharmacy and distributor on regulatory and licensing matters as it expanded operations into multiple states with additional partners.
- Successfully obtained over 100 guardianship orders for patients at client hospitals who had not previously identified a surrogate decisionmaker. Included in these matters were multiple contested cases, cases seeking the involuntary administration of psychotropic medication and cases seeking guardian authority to consent to electroconvulsive treatment.
- Spearheaded *pro bono* initiative, in collaboration with nonprofit partners, to secure predicate orders for multiple undocumented minors seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

## Capabilities

Health & Life Sciences

Government and Internal Investigations, Litigation, and Fraud, Waste and Abuse Compliance

Hospitals and Health Systems

Pharmacy, Drug and Device

Telehealth

Health Care Transactions

Health Insurance Industry Partners (PBMs, TPAs, DMPOs and URAs)

Provider and Physician Groups

## Professional & Civic Activities

- Wisconsin Perinatal Foundation (Board of Directors)
- Madison Festival Choir (Former Board of Directors)
- Eviction Defense Project, Legal Action of Wisconsin (Former volunteer)
- American Bar Association (Member)
- American Health Law Association (Member)





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- Wisconsin State Bar Association (Member)
  - Dane County Bar Association (Member)

