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Greg focuses his practice on health care law, and leverages his background dealing with cybersecurity, data privacy, and health care issues to provide trusted counsel to clients on a variety of matters including risk assessment, operational compliance concerns, provider credentialing, administrative proceedings, and compliance program implementation and training.

He worked previously as a senior assistant attorney general and director of CyberOhio, a division of the Ohio Attorney General's office. With CyberOhio, Greg helped draft and pass into law the Ohio Data Protection Act. The legislation was the first of its kind in the United States and gives businesses an affirmative defense to certain data breach lawsuits. While at the attorney general's office, Greg's duties also included managing and supervising the Cyber & Privacy Unit, analyzing cybersecurity threats, developing plans for minimizing risk, performing cybersecurity outreach throughout Ohio, and working with other attorneys general offices. He is a frequent author and lecturer on cybersecurity issues for businesses.

He has also worked as an enforcement/compliance attorney with the State Medical Board of Ohio, ensuring statutory and administrative rule compliance by physicians, physician assistants, and massage therapists. Additionally, he oversaw investigations and prepared complex cases for formal action by the State Medical Board. Greg also advised board members and agency personnel on issues related to the Medical Practices Act of Ohio, Chapter 119 Administrative Procedures, and federal rules and regulations implicating the area of health care.

Greg also has significant experience in criminal law based on his practice as an assistant county prosecutor in both Seneca and Delaware counties. In this role, he managed adult felony trial dockets in both counties, which included handling cases at the investigation, trial, and appeal stages.

In addition to his extensive familiarity with the latest technologies, Greg's substantial experience with regulatory matters at all levels of government enables him to bring a distinctive and insightful approach to handling varied and intricate matters for health care organizations of all sizes.

Services

- Corporate & Transactional

- Health Care Industry
- Cybersecurity & Data Privacy

Education

- Ohio Northern University, Claude W. Pettit College of Law (J.D., *with distinction*, 2008)
 - Willis Society Inductee (Awarded to Students in Top 10% of Graduating Class)
 - Counselor's Academic Scholarship Recipient
 - Dean's List
 - Law Review associate editor
 - CALI Award for Excellence
 - Judicial extern for Chief Judge Walter H. Rice, Southern District of Ohio
- University of Tennessee (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2004)
 - Political Science
 - Legislative intern for Tennessee General Assembly

Bar Admissions

- Ohio

Affiliations/Memberships

- Ohio State Bar Association
 - Health Law Committee
 - Administrative Law Committee
- Columbus Bar Association, Health Care Law Committee
- Society of Ohio Healthcare Attorneys, Ohio Hospital Association

Publications

November 20, 2024

DEA Further Extends Telemedicine Prescribing Flexibilities through December 2025

July 22, 2024

Data Breaches and Your Smart Watch: FTC Expands the Reach of the Health Breach Notification Rule

December 15, 2023

You've Got (E-)Mail: Ohio Law Now Allows Licensing Agencies to Serve Disciplinary Actions Exclusively by Email

May 2, 2023

State Medical Board of Ohio Finalizes New Telehealth Rules

March 3, 2023

Media Reports Shine Light on Ohio's Physician "Sexual Misconduct" Law and it is Broader than You May Know

February 22, 2023

Your License in the Crosshairs: Understanding the State Medical Board's Disciplinary Process in an Era of Increased Scrutiny

February 7, 2023

The State Medical Board Has Called You, Now What?

January 6, 2023

Ohio Supreme Court Takes On Chevron Deference: Is It A Lump Of Coal In The Stockings Of State Administrative Agencies?

March 16, 2022

State Medical Board of Ohio Proposes New Telehealth Rules in Response to HB 122

December 30, 2021

Health Care Workers with Substance Use Disorder Histories Can Now Seek Ohio Licensure Without Discipline

December 23, 2021

Ohio Permanently Expands Use of Telehealth Services

July 16, 2021

Interstate License Compacts Arrive to Ohio for Physicians, Nurses, and Audiology/Speech-Language Pathologists

July 14, 2021

Ohio Introduces Data Privacy Legislation

May 6, 2020

Return to Work: Top 5 Employer Policies for Employees Using Their Own Devices

Columbus Bar Association

March 19, 2020

State Medical Board of Ohio Relaxes Regulations in Fight Against COVID-19

January 29, 2020

Is Your Health Care Organization at Risk? Microsoft Ends Support for Windows 2007

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