

René Y. Quashie

LEGAL/POLICY EXPERIENCE

Consumer Technology Association

Arlington, VA

July 2018-Present

Vice President, Digital Health

- As first-ever in this position, provide guidance on key legal, regulatory, policy, and technical issues related to digital health technology products, services, software and apps.
- Work on behalf of CTA's Health Division, which supports the health technology industry through education, advocacy, research, standards work, policy initiatives, professional events, and more.
- Work closely with the federal agencies and health organization partners on issues such as AI/ML, privacy, workforce, telehealth, RPM/RTM, AR/VR, digital therapeutics, and more.

Cozen O'Connor

Washington, D.C.

Sep. 2016-July 2018

Member

(Representative Experience)

- Analyzed second opinion arrangements, for telehealth companies providing personalized second opinions services to patients as well as primary care and attending physicians, to help ensure compliance with licensure, practice of medicine, and other state requirements.
- Served on an expert panel that developed the telehealth standards which formed the basis of a national telehealth accreditation program. The panel focused on issues such as scope of clinical practice, confidentiality, credentialing, marketing, and operations.
- Advised a leading telehealth trade organization on a variety of issues, including reimbursement, licensure, scope of practice, and credentialing and privileging.
- Developed privacy policies, terms of use, and contractor agreements for several innovative new technology companies that have developed telehealth products, including mental health monitoring apps and text therapy platforms.
- Advised a leading private insurer and a Medicaid managed care plan regarding the various telehealth initiatives.
- Counseled several large health systems deploying various telehealth delivery models on issues involving state law and regulations regarding licensure, scope of clinical practice, credentialing and privileging, fraud and abuse, coverage and reimbursement, and privacy. The representation also involved reviewing and analyzing contracts with third-party stakeholders, including telemedicine providers.
- Provided due diligence for private equity firms regarding various telehealth-related transactions.
- Developed a two-part white paper regarding the telehealth market and legal, regulatory, and policy issues for a leading health care trade association.
- Counseled the largest providers of telehealth medical consultations in the United States on a number of significant legal and regulatory issues.
- Counseled a big data/behavioral analytics health care company on a number of regulatory issues concerning, among other things, telehealth, corporate practice of medicine, reimbursement, FDA compliance, and fraud and abuse.
- Provided advice and counsel in connection with the launch of apps to promote mental health and wellness.

Epstein Becker & Green

Washington, D.C.

Sep. 2011-Sep. 2016

Senior Counsel

- Advised stakeholders regarding compliance with state and federal laws affecting telehealth and digital health, including issues related to practice of medicine/scope of practice, credentialing and privileging, licensure, prescribing, reimbursement and coverage, privacy, and risk management.
- Assisted clients regarding the regulatory issues in establishing regional and national telemedicine networks.
- Analyzed impact of current and pending federal/state legislation and regulations on telehealth/digital health operations.
- Served as legislative counsel to the mHealth Regulatory Coalition and Clinical Decision Support Coalition.

- Counseled health care providers, integrated delivery systems, provider trade associations, coalitions, and other organizations on health reform implementation issues.
- Represents health care providers and health care plans regarding federal regulatory health care matters, including Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement issues, Medicare coverage and coding issues, Medicare contractor review audits, and Medicare pilots and demonstration programs.
- Co-authored book regarding telehealth legal and regulatory issues.

Drinker Biddle & Reath **Washington, D.C.** **May 2008–Sep. 2011**
Regulatory Counsel/Government Relations Director

- Practiced in the Government Relations Health Care Group on a number of health care-related issues, such as telehealth, health care reform, health care policy, HITECH Act funding, health information technology, Medicare policy/reimbursement, FDA, health information privacy, and compliance.

Fulbright & Jaworski **Washington, D.C.** **Sep. 1997–Apr. 2008**
Associate/Senior Associate

- Practice focused on federal regulatory healthcare matters such Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement issues, including Medicare coverage and coding issues, handling Medicare contractor reviews, audits, and administrative appeals.

VOLUNTEER

AMA Digital Medicine Payment Advisory Group **April 2022–Present**
Collaborative initiative convened by AMA to identify barriers to digital medicine adoption and proposes comprehensive solutions on coding, payment, coverage, and more.

Health Tech X (www/h-t-x.com) **Sep 2021–Present**
Non-profit helping senior health and technology leaders in the Washington, DC area connect, learn, share and seek new professional opportunities by holding virtual and in-person events, and making introductions to relevant strategic partners.

EDUCATION

The George Washington University Law School **1997**
J.D.

Arizona State University **1988**
B.S. Zoology

LICENSES

Member of the District of Columbia Bar (Bar Number: 455883)

HONORS

Named by *Nightingale's Healthcare News* as one of the “12 Outstanding Young Healthcare Attorneys” in the United States (2008)

SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS AND SPEECHES WITHIN THE TWO YEARS

Publications (complete list by request)

“AI’s Health Equity Revolution,” HealthcareDive (Oct. 2023)

“Advancing Health Equity Through Technology,” CTA Whitepaper (Nov 2021)

“Using Health Technology to Respond to Public Health Emergencies,” (Nov 2021)

Speeches (complete list by request)

“Beyond Telehealth: Improving Access to Underserved Communities”
HHS HRSA National Telehealth Conference Sept 2023

“Digital Therapeutics to Improve Access to Behavioral Health”
AHIP 2023 Consumer Experience & Digital Health Forum Sept 2023

“Tech Innovations & Health: How Access to Broadband Can Improve Health Outcomes”
Verizon Tech Policy Lounge
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference Sept 2023