



## Eric Tower

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### EDUCATION

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Master of Law in Health Law, 1996
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, J.D., cum laude, 1993
- Northwestern University, B.A., History, with honors, 1990

### ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Illinois

### AFFILIATIONS

- American Health Lawyers Association
- Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys
- Health Care Compliance Association "Report on Patient Privacy", Member, Editorial Advisory Board, 2002-Present

### EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2019-Present
- Advocate Health Care Vice President and Associate General Counsel, 2006-2018 Associate General Counsel, 2002-2006
- Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky, and Popeo Health Care Attorney, 1998-2002

Eric advises health care clients on a wide range of business-critical transactional and operational matters. He is a former executive and senior in-house counsel for the largest health care system in Illinois.

As the former vice president and associate general counsel for Advocate Health Care, Eric spent 16 years serving as a key business counselor and advisor to the system's leadership team and system boards on mergers and acquisitions, fraud and abuse compliance, physician practice acquisitions, financing, litigation, and corporate governance. He led mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures in excess of \$15 billion and worked extensively with the system's nationally recognized population health management and managed care initiatives. He also served as primary counsel to a 1,500-physician medical group.

Eric is unique among health care practitioners for the depth of his experience in government investigations and litigation, including reviews brought by the FTC, CMS, IRS and the Senate Finance Committee. He is skilled at navigating these reviews, interacting with government agencies and effectively responding to government inquiries and actions, including antitrust litigation.

Eric is keenly focused on leveraging existing client resources to streamline and disseminate legal advice, thereby reducing expenditures for outside advisors. He has designed and implemented a number of process improvements, all with the goal of improving workflows and reducing waste across multiple business units.

### Industries

- Health Care

### Recognitions

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (by BL Rankings), 2023

### Presentations

- Co-Presenter, "Antitrust Perspectives on an Affiliation," Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys November 2017

- “Survival of the Fittest – Antitrust Investigations from Start to Finish,” American Health Lawyers Association, Transactions Conference April 2017
- Panelist, “Challenges & Innovations In The Transition To Value-Based Healthcare,” Healthcare General Counsel Forum October 2016
- “Health Care Transactions,” Chicago Bar Association, Health Law Committee January 2013
- “Mergers & Acquisitions Activity in the Healthcare Industry: An Examination of Market Terms, Conditions and Trends,” American Health Lawyers Association Webinar July 2010