



HEALTHCARE REGULATORY, TRANSACTIONS & COMPLIANCE

Healthcare is one of the most regulated, complex and technology-dependent sectors in today's economy. Flaherty's Healthcare Regulatory, Transactions & Compliance group is well-positioned to address the magnitude of issues affecting all segments of the healthcare industry, including hospitals, physicians, long-term care providers, physical therapists, correctional health care professionals, nurses, dialysis providers, home health providers and others in the healthcare provider community.

As a key player in defense of medical malpractice and other litigation-related matters, our attorneys have unique insight into the health care industry. We understand the importance of assisting our clients in planning and meeting their regulatory obligations, focusing on business matters and effectively addressing operational issues. To better position our healthcare clients to avoid litigation, our role is to address non-litigation legal matters, whether regulatory, transactional or compliance-related.

We advise our health care clients on a variety of state and federal regulatory issues, including:

- Certificate of need
- State licensure and credentialing
- Fraud and abuse (Stark, Anti-Kickback and Anti-Markup)
- Information privacy and security (HIPAA)
- Insurance reimbursement, payor contracting and billing issues
- EMTALA issues
- Medical record confidentiality and retention
- Joint venture arrangements
- Physician/hospital transactions
- Sale/acquisition of facilities and assets

SERVICE CONTACTS

Robert L. Coffield

Caleb P. Knight

ATTORNEYS

Sam Fox

Michele Grinberg

Richard D. Jones

L. Elizabeth King

Kiersan S. Lockard

Amy Rothman Malone

Ted Martin

Mark A. Robinson

Don R. Sensabaugh, Jr.

NOTEWORTHY



Certificate of Need Exemption Approved for WV Hospital

Counsel to Meridian Behavioral Health Systems in Acquisition of Highland Hospital

INSIGHTS

November 2023

FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO RANKED AMONG BEST LAW FIRMS®

Flaherty is pleased to announce that the firm received first-tier rankings in 18 practice areas across two metropolitan areas, Charleston and Morgantown, West Virginia, in the 2024 edition of Best Law Firms®.

Firms are recognized for professional excellence with consistently ...

August 2023

27 FLAHERTY ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY BEST LAWYERS®

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that 27 of the firm's attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch.

Additionally, three attorneys were named Best Lawyers 2024 Lawyer of the Year. Only ...

June 2023

FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO RECOGNIZED BY CHAMBERS USA 2023

Flaherty has been recognized in the 2023 edition of Chambers USA, with two practice areas and six attorneys cited for excellence.

Chambers' rankings are the definitive mark of excellence across the legal industry. A ranking from Chambers demonstrates that a firm and its attorneys have stood ...

April 2023

15 FLAHERTY ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that 15 of the firm's attorneys have been named to the 2023 list of West Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

No more than 5 percent of a state's lawyers are named to the Super Lawyers list, with just 2.5 percent of a state's ...

April 2023

CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR WV HOSPITAL

Following a multi-year effort, Caleb P. Knight and Robert L. Coffield successfully argued for the approval of a certificate of need exemption for War Memorial Hospital, Inc. to acquire and operate an MRI scanner at Valley Health Spring Mills in Martinsburg, West Virginia. The West Virginia ...

November 2022

FLAHERTY RANKED AMONG U.S. NEWS-BEST LAWYERS "BEST LAW FIRMS"

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that the firm received first-tier rankings in 17 practice areas across two metropolitan areas, Charleston and Morgantown, West Virginia, in the 2023 edition of U.S. News-Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Rankings.

Firms are ...

October 2022

FLAHERTY WELCOMES ASSOCIATE ELIZABETH L. KING

Flaherty is pleased to welcome Elizabeth L. King to the firm's Charleston office. Elizabeth is a member of our healthcare law practice group. She has focused her practice on providing legal counsel to various healthcare clients, including hospitals, private practices, physicians, and ...

August 2022

28 FLAHERTY ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY BEST LAWYERS®

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that 28 of the firm's attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch.

Additionally, six attorneys were named Best Lawyers 2023 Lawyer of the Year. Only one ...

June 2022

BOB COFFIELD MANAGING CON AND REGULATORY APPROVALS FOR CORNERSTONE HEALTHCARE GROUP ACQUISITION

Louisville, Kentucky-based ScionHealth has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Dallas-based Cornerstone Healthcare Group, an organization with 16 locations of specialty hospitals, senior living facilities, and a behavioral health facility. Flaherty attorney Bob ...

June 2022

BOB COFFIELD SERVING AS TRANSACTION COUNSEL FOR PLEASANT VALLEY HOSPITAL IN ACQUISITION

Cabell Huntington Hospital (CHH) and Pleasant Valley Hospital (PVH) have signed a Letter of Intent, effective May 31, 2022, to solidify and expand their relationship from their 2013 Management Services Agreement by joining CHH and becoming a part of the Mountain Health Network.

The ...

June 2022

CHAMBERS USA RECOGNIZES FIVE FLAHERTY ATTORNEYS

Five Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso attorneys were recently ranked in the 2022 edition of Chambers USA.

- Michael Bonasso – Litigation: General Commercial (Senior Statesman)
- Robert L. Coffield – Healthcare
- Thomas V. Flaherty – Litigation: General Commercial (Senior Statesman)

May 2022

14 FLAHERTY ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that 14 of the firm's attorneys have been named to the 2022 list of West Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

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March 2022

FLAHERTY WELCOMES BACK ATTORNEY KIERSAN S. LOCKARD

Flaherty is pleased to announce that attorney, Kiersan S. Lockard, has returned to the firm.

Kiersan Lockard initially joined the Charleston office in 2011 and was recently welcomed back. As a member of our healthcare law practice group, Kiersan has focused her practice on providing legal ...

November 4, 2021

FLAHERTY RANKED AMONG U.S. NEWS-BEST LAWYERS “BEST LAW FIRMS”

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that the firm received first-tier rankings in 16 practice areas across two metropolitan areas, Charleston and Morgantown, West Virginia, in the 2022 edition of U.S. News-Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” Rankings.

Firms are ...

August 2021

TWENTY-EIGHT FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY BEST LAWYERS®

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that twenty-eight of the firm’s attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America®* or *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

Additionally, Sam Fox was named *Best Lawyers 2022* Lawyer of the Year ...

July 2021

CALEB KNIGHT SELECTED AS YOUNG PROFESSIONAL DELEGATE TO THE BOARD FOR AHLA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL

Caleb Knight was selected by the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) to serve as Young Professional Delegate to the Board of the Young Professionals Council. His term is for one year, effective July 1, 2021. AHLA is the nation’s largest educational organization devoted to legal ...

May 2021

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Michael Bonasso – Litigation: General Commercial (Senior Statesman)

Robert L. Coffield – Corporate/Commercial: Healthcare

Thomas V. Flaherty – Litigation: General ...

May 2021

16 FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that 16 of the firm’s attorneys have been named to the 2021 list of West Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

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November 2020

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August 2020

THIRTY FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY BEST LAWYERS®

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that thirty of the firm's attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America®* or *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

Additionally, three Flaherty attorneys were named as *Best Lawyers 2021* Lawyers of the ...

June 2020

CALEB KNIGHT SELECTED AS VICE CHAIR OF EDUCATIONAL CONTENT FOR AHLA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL

Caleb Knight was selected by the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) to serve a fourth term on its Young Professionals Council. In addition, he was named Vice Chair of Educational Content for the group. His term is for one year, effective July 1, 2020. AHLA is the nation's largest ...

April 2020

NEW SECTIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA CODE RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Alert by **David Givens**

West Virginia House Bill 4003 passed on March 7, 2020, adding new sections to the West Virginia Code relating to telehealth. These sections require health insurance coverage for certain telehealth services provided after July 1, 2020, and direct health care boards to ...

April 2020

TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY CHANGES TO MEDICARE'S PAYMENT OF VIRTUAL SERVICES

Alert by **David Givens**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expanding access to telehealth services on a temporary and emergency basis retroactive to March 1, 2020. Telehealth, or Telemedicine, refers to the exchange of medical information from one site to another through ...

April 2020

CHAMBERS USA RECOGNIZES FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO AS “TOP RANKED”

The 2020 edition of Chambers USA recognizes Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso as “Top Ranked” for **General Commercial Litigation**.

“The team is known for a deep bench serving national and multinational companies from the manufacturing, healthcare and automotive sectors with noted ...

April 2020

17 FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

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March 2020

W.VA. BOARD OF MEDICINE AND W.VA. BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY PERMITS

Alert By Shereen Compton McDaniel

To streamline the process for out-of-state or retired practitioners to provide vital health care services in West Virginia during the COVID-19 pandemic, both the West Virginia Board of Medicine and West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine have ...

March 2020

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES GUIDANCE ON HOW COVERED ENTITIES MAY DISCLOSE PHI ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL INFECTED/EXPOSED TO COVID-19

As published by **Bob Coffield** on The Health Care Law Blog

3/26/20

On March 24, 2020, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S Department of Health and Human Services issued the following guidance document related to the ongoing COVID crisis, COVID-19 and HIPAA: Disclosures to law ...

March 2020

SHIELDING PATIENTS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA: HOW HEALTHCARE FACILITIES CAN PROTECT PATIENT PRIVACY AND LIMIT LIABILITY

An article by attorney **Morgan Villers** titled “Shielding Patients from Social Media: How Healthcare Facilities Can Protect Patient Privacy and Limit Liability” was recently published in USLAW Magazine, an in-depth publication produced twice annually and designed to address legal ...

March 2020

COVID-19: GOVERNMENTAL REACTION, REGULATORY CHANGES, AND YOUR HEALTH CARE PRACTICE

As COVID-19 continues to spread and we as a country continue to react, laws and regulations will be rapidly changing. We at Flaherty stand ready to help assist you and your efforts to respond to this public health crisis. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us ...

November 2019

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Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that the firm received first-tier rankings in 15 practice areas across two metropolitan areas, Charleston and Morgantown, West Virginia, in the latest edition of *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* 2020 "Best Law Firms" Rankings.

August 2019

FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA® 2020

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is proud to announce that 21 of the firm's attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2020 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Additionally, four Flaherty attorneys were named as *Best Lawyers®* 2020 Lawyers of the Year. Only one lawyer in each area ...

June 2019

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April 2019

19 FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that 19 of the firm's attorneys have been named to the 2019 list of West Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

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