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Richard G. Cowart is Chairman Emeritus of the Firm's Health Law/Government Relations & Public Policy Department.

The Health and Public Policy Department of Baker Donelson is regarded as one of the premiere health law practices in the country. It has been nationally ranked as one of the top ten health law practices in the nation by *Modern Healthcare*, *Chambers USA*, *Health Lawyers News* and other health care publications for more than 20 consecutive years.

Mr. Cowart is the founder of the Firm's Health Law Department and has served as its chairman for over 30 years. He also chaired the Firm's Government Relations and Public Policy practice for more than 20 years. He is a recognized authority in advising boards and senior management regarding strategy policy, and business issues related to health care.

Mr. Cowart is a nationally known speaker and writer on health care issues. He was the national columnist for *Medical News, Inc.* for nearly 20 years and the health business columnist for *The Tennessean* for more than a decade.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Past President, American Health Law Association
- Recipient – American Health Law Association David R. Greenburg Award (Lifetime Service to Health Law)
- Fellow – American Health Law Association
- Editorial Board Member – Journal of Health & Life Sciences Law
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Health Care Law since 1991
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (since 1992)
- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Health Care lawyer

Local Recognitions

- *Nashville Business Journal's* "Health Care Heroes"
- *Nashville Post* "In Charge" list - Health Care
- *Nashville Medical News* "In Charge" list – Health Care
- *Business Tennessee* "150 Best Lawyers" (healthcare and transactional law)

Civic Honors & Activities

- Lipscomb University
 - Chair, Board of Trustees
 - Member, Executive Committee
 - Chairman, Governance Committee
 - Board of Visitors, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- American Heart Association
 - Chairman, Board of Directors (MS Affiliate)
 - Chairman, Board of Directors (TN Affiliate)
 - Recipient, Middle Tennessee American Heart Association's Lifetime Service Award
- NASBA Center for Public Trust
 - Recipient – National Integrity Award

- Goodwill Industries
 - Volunteer of the Year
- The Hermitage (Home of President Andrew Jackson)
 - Regent (Chairman, Board of Directors)
 - Chairman, National Advisory Council
- Vanderbilt University
 - Owen School of Business Advisory Board
 - Fellow, Health Solutions Group
- Southern Center of Journalism and Politics (Overby Center) - University of Mississippi
 - Board of Directors
- National Association for Community Service
 - Recipient – Distinguished Community Leadership Award
- Leadership Mississippi
 - President
- Mississippi 2000 Commission
 - Chairman
- Mississippi Institute of Arts & Letters
 - Founder
- Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference
 - Founder
- Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Association
 - Board of Governors



Webinars

- 2022 Health Care Outlook (March 2022)
- How Health Care Organizations Can Take Advantage of Increased Federal Funding of COVID-19-Related Costs (March 2021)
- 2021 Health Care Outlook (February 2021)



Education

- University of Mississippi School of Law, J.D., 1978, with honors
 - Editor, Law Review
- University of Southern Mississippi, B.S.B.A., 1975, magna cum laude
 - Student Body President



Admissions

- Tennessee, 1999
- Mississippi, 1978