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Richard G. Cowart is chair 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 by *Modern Healthcare*, *Chambers USA*, *Health Lawyers News* and other health care publications.

Mr. Cowart is a recognized authority in advising boards and senior management regarding policy, regulatory and business issues related to health care. He serves as strategic counsel to health care companies and counsels providers on business, policy and governance issues.

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 and Mergers and Acquisitions Law since 2007
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (since 1992)
- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Health Care lawyer in Tennessee since 2003

Other National Recognitions

- Lawdragon 3000 (since 2008)
- *The Legal 500 United States, Volume I, Corporate and Finance* in the area of Mergers and Acquisitions (since 2007)
- *Corporate Counsel*, "Best Lawyers: Healthcare"
- *Nightingale's Healthcare News*, "Nation's Best Hospital Attorneys"
- *Who's Who of American Law*
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*

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 Martin E. Simmons Award (2019)
- 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
- University of Southern Mississippi, B.S.B.A., 1975, magna cum laude



Admissions

- Tennessee, 1999
- Mississippi, 1978