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### OVERVIEW

Leah D'Aurora Richardson is a partner in the firm's Research Triangle Park office. Leah advises academic medical centers, health systems, hospitals, hospices, and ancillary service providers, such as pharmacies, and durable medical equipment suppliers and clinical laboratories, on all areas of transactional and regulatory health law.

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to attending law school, Leah was a medicinal chemist for almost ten years at GlaxoSmithKline and Albany Molecular Research.

### EDUCATION

- J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, 2012 (*Valedictorian, Highest Honors, Order of the Coif, Honors Writing Scholar, Vol. 90 Managing Editor, North Carolina Law Review*)
- M.S., The Ohio State University, 2000 (*physical organic chemistry*)
- B.A., Wheeling Jesuit College, 1996 (*psychology, magna cum laude, Academic Honors Award*)
- B.S., Wheeling Jesuit College, 1996 (*chemistry, magna cum laude, Academic Honors Award*)

### ADMISSIONS

- Bar of North Carolina

### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 29 March 2021, 340B Update: Federal Court Halts 340B Administrative Dispute Resolution Rule (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 24 March 2021, Hospitals Ask Supreme Court to Reverse Site-Neutral, 340B Payment Rulings (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 19 January 2021, COVID-19: Provider Relief Funds: What to Expect as Reporting Begins in 2021 (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 29 December 2020, Federal Courts Block Implementation of Most Favored Nation Drug Pricing Rule (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 22 December 2020, 340B Update: Recent Supreme Court Ruling May Curtail 340B Program Discriminatory Pricing (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 15 December 2020, HRSA Publishes Long-Awaited (and Long-Overdue) 340B Program Alternative Dispute Resolution Process Final Rule (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 3 December 2020, CMS Issues Most Favored Nation Model Interim Final Rule: What to Expect Next (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 30 November 2020, Trump Administration Issues Flurry of Last Minute Healthcare Regulations: What Will the Incoming Administration Do Next? (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 November 2020, COVID-19: CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Compliance and Potential FCA Enforcement (*Podcast*)
- 3 November 2020, Qui Tam Quarterly (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 16 October 2020, 340B Update: Ryan White Clinics Sue in Response to Contract Pharmacy Actions as Congress Requests Information on Ways to Improve the 340B Program (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 25 September 2020, 340B Update: Congress and the Administration Respond to Drug Manufacturers' 340B Contract Pharmacy Actions (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 10 September 2020, K&L Gates Triage: Rutledge v. Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (*Podcast*)
- 5 August 2020, 340B Update: Appeals Court Upholds 340B Payment Reduction Under the OPPI as CMS Proposes Further Reductions for CY 2021 (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 27 July 2020, President Trump Signs Drug Pricing Executive Orders Reinforcing the Administration's Priorities (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 July 2020, 340B Update: HRSA Indicates it Lacks Authority to Enforce 340B Program Guidance (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 8 June 2020, COVID-19: 340B Update: HRSA Updates Guidance Granting New HOPD Flexibility (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 May 2020, COVID-19: K&L Gates Triage: Telehealth Expansions During the COVID-19 Emergency - What Providers Need to Know (*Podcast*)
- 27 April 2020, 340B Update: CMS Opens Acquisition Cost Data Survey for 340B Hospitals (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 24 April 2020, COVID-19: UPDATED HHS Announces Remaining Allocations of CARES Act Provider Relief Funding and Updates Funding Terms and Conditions (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 16 April 2020, COVID-19: UPDATED HHS Delivers Initial \$30 Billion of CARES Act Provider Relief Funding Directly to Medicare (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 16 April 2020, COVID-19: UPDATED HHS Delivers Initial \$30 Billion of CARES Act Provider Relief Funding Directly to Medicare Providers and Suppliers and Quickly Updates Terms and Conditions (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 April 2020, COVID-19: Health Care Compliance Considerations and Guidance During COVID-19 Crisis (*Webinar*)
- 8 April 2020, COVID-19: CMS Expands Accelerated/Advance Payment Program to Assist Providers Impacted by the Pandemic as AHA and Members of Congress Urge Reductions to Interest Rates (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 April 2020, COVID-19: K&L Gates Triage: COVID-19 Stark Waivers (*Podcast*)
- 23 March 2020, COVID-19: 340B Update - HRSA Releases COVID-19 Guidance for 340B Covered Entities (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 18 November 2019, Qui Tam Quarterly (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 25 April 2019, AdvaMed Code of Ethics Revisions Effective January 2020: Implications for Health Care Provider Interactions with Vendors (*Alerts/Updates*)
- March 2019, Qui Tam Quarterly (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 16 November 2018, The New Kickback Prohibition for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities, Clinical Laboratories and Recovery Homes (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 November 2018, CMS Issues Final Medicare PFS Rule for CY 2019 (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 August 2018, CMS Issues Proposed Medicare PFS Rule for CY 2019 (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 July 2018, CMS Requests Public Comments on the Stark Law to Facilitate Care Coordination (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 5 April 2017, K&L Gates Triage: CMS 60-Day Overpayment Rule & OIG Self-Disclosures (*Webinar*)
- 15 December 2015, CMS Finalizes Two New Exceptions and Other Modifications to the Stark Law (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 3 September 2015, HRSA Issues 340B Program Omnibus Guidance (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 24 July 2015, Potential Stark Changes Ahead (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 June 2015, Federal Court Enjoins Texas Medical Board from Enforcing More Stringent Telemedicine Rules (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 11 May 2015, SGR Law Creates Merit-based Incentive Payment System and Incentives for Alternative Payment Model Participation (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 30 April 2015, OIG Issues Compliance Oversight Guidance for Governing Boards of Health Care Organizations (*Alerts/Updates*)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 340B Program Omnibus Guidance: Mega-Changes on the Horizon?, *American Health Lawyers Association Rap Sheet*, November 2015
- Information Exchange in the Formation of an ACO, American Health Lawyers Association, May 2013
- Recent Development, *The "Substantial Uncertainty" of the Viability of Woodson Claims After Valenzuela v. Pallet Express, Inc.*, 90 N.C. L. Rev. 884 (2012).

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 24 February 2020, K&L Gates Names 41 New Partners Across Global Platform (*Press Release*)

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- "Americans Subsidizing Drugs?," Legal Talk Network, 15 January 2021

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Health Care and FDA