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## OVERVIEW

Tracy Lawless is a government affairs counselor in the firm's Pittsburgh and Harrisburg offices, where she is a member of the Public Policy and Law practice group. She concentrates her activity in health care, as well as a diverse array of clients including manufacturing and transportation. She advises companies on strategic policy development, issue management, government solutions, and advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels. Representative work includes Medicaid managed care, hospitals and health systems, opioid treatment providers and long term care.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Tracy was a legislative director for a health care network for over four years. In addition, she worked as a project manager for a real estate development company and was a policy consultant. She worked as a deputy policy director for a candidate for Governor, and she was the Pennsylvania state campaign director for the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute (PHI National). Tracy was the director of legislative affairs for the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) and the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) for monitoring life science policy issues at the NIH, USDA, and FDA for 10 years.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Power List: The 2024 Who's Who in Government Relations, *City and State Pennsylvania*, 29 January 2024
- National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics (NILES) Top Lobbyist 2021

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Commission on Women
- Emerge Pennsylvania Board Member
- 2017-18 Member of Leadership Pittsburgh XXXIV
- Women's Leadership Council, United Way of Allegheny County

- Pennsylvania Delegate – Democratic National Convention 2020
- Member – Health Policy Committee – JRB for President /Biden-Harris 2020
- Member – PAC Steering Committee of the K&L Gates LLP Political Action Committee
- Vice Chair Beaver County Chamber Government Affairs Committee
- Member – Governor Josh Shapiro's Transition Team

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Energy Mineral and Law Foundation (EMLF) Regional Conference - First 100 Days of the Shapiro Administration, April 2023
- HCCA Regional Healthcare Compliance Conference - The 2022 Election and the Health Policy Landscape, October 2022
- Power Appalachia 2022 Tri-State Symposium - Appalachian Pipeliners Association & Women's Energy Network, Legislative and Regulatory Panel, October 2022
- Energy Mineral and Law Foundation Annual Institute - The Impact of the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), June 2022
- University of Pittsburgh HPM, Health Policy and Management in Public Health Advocacy Panel 2021, March 2021
- The First 100 Days of a Biden Administration, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation Think About Energy Webinar, February 2021
- University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Social Work, Government Relations & Health Policy, Uncertainty, Disruption, and What Else to Expect, November 2019
- Health Care Compliance Association Pittsburgh Regional Conference, Legislative and Regulatory Update, Tracy Lawless and Karishma Page, October 2019
- Public Policy Efforts and Opioid Treatment Providers, 2018

## EDUCATION

- B.A., University of Pittsburgh

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 14 February 2024, Governor Josh Shapiro Launches First Statewide Economic Development Strategy in Nearly Two Decades

- January 2022, January 2022 Accolades
- 18 June 2021, The Affordable Care Act Survives Supreme Court Challenge: What Happens Next?
- 2 December 2020, After the Election: What Can and Will Get Done?
- 16 November 2020, The Health Care Policy Landscape in 2021 and Beyond
- 10 November 2020, Election 2020: State of Play and What it Means for 2021
- 27 October 2020, Trump v. Biden: What Might the Next Four Years Look Like?
- 12 August 2020, Biden Proposals - The Big Picture
- 21 April 2020, COVID-19: Pennsylvania - Executive Order on PPE and Medical Supplies
- 25 March 2020, COVID-19: Businesses Face Supply Chain Challenges as Pandemic Triggers State 'Stay at Home' and Business Curtailment Orders
- 20 December 2019, Fifth Circuit Issues Decision on the Constitutionality of the ACA: What to Expect Next
- 14 November 2018, SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act: Utilizing Telehealth Technology to Provide Substance Use Disorder and Treatments
- 24 August 2018, The Opioid Epidemic: The IMD CARE Act and Other Proposals to Expand Services
- 5 March 2018, The Opioid Epidemic: Medicaid Funding for Residential and Inpatient SUD Treatment
- 1 March 2018, K&L Gates Triage: The Opioid Epidemic: Medicaid Reimbursement and Other Funding Opportunities
- 14 November 2017, President's Opioid Commission Issues Final Recommendations: Implications for Health Care Stakeholders
- 13 November 2017, Medical Marijuana Comes to Pennsylvania (Part 3): How PA Patients Can Access Medical Cannabis
- 9 June 2017, Medical Marijuana Comes to Pennsylvania (Part 2): State Finalizes Act 16's Temporary Physician and Practitioner Regulations
- 17 January 2017, Medical Marijuana Comes to Pennsylvania: What to Expect As the Keystone State Rolls Out its New Medical Marijuana Program

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Progress on the National Opioid Crisis," *The Washington DC 100*, 14 February 2018
- "The Affordable Care Act Survives Supreme Court Challenge: What Happens Next?," *The National Law Review*, Karishma Shah Page and Tracy L. Lawless, 16 June 2021

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 8 December 2022, K&L Gates Government Affairs Counselor Tracy Lawless Appointed to PA Governor-Elect Shapiro's Transition Advisory Committee for Health and Human Services
- 1 October 2021, HCCA Virtual Pittsburgh Regional Compliance Conference, hosted by Health Care Compliance Association
- 18 December 2020, K&L Gates Provides Insights Around Health Policy Landscape to EU Health Counsellors

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "Who is on Pa. Gov.-elect Josh Shapiro's transition team? (Full list) (Excerpt)," *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 28 December 2022

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- Health Care and FDA
- Oil and Gas
- Renewables