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Profile

Roger is a health and human services attorney with over two decades of experience in the public and private sector. Over the past 12 years, Roger has served in multiple senior leadership positions in New York State government, including as Executive Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel for the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, special counsel in the Governor's office and as Chair of the New York State Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.

With his extensive governmental experience, Roger brings a keen understanding of New York State government to his clients. He has worked closely with leaders in the developmental disability, mental health, substance abuse, home care and long-term care industries to develop policies and practices to support the neediest New Yorkers. He has extensive experience in Medicaid and is a nationally-recognized expert in Home and Community-Based Services.

Prior to his government service, Roger represented numerous clients in civil and commercial litigation matters in federal and state court. Based upon his public and private sector experience, he is able to support his clients in pursuing the full range of administrative, regulatory, legislative and litigative strategies.

Representative Presentations

- "Federal and State Legal and Regulatory Update," New York State Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation, Annual Conference, April 17, 2024
- "Legal and Regulatory Update," Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies, Annual Conference, April 12, 2024
- "Upcoming Federal Regulations Impacting Healthcare," Health Law Section, NYSBA Annual Meeting, January 16, 2024
- "Implications of Federal and State Laws, Rules & Regulations," 2023 Leadership Conference, New York Alliance for Inclusion & Innovation, December 1, 2023
- "Considerations for Information Sharing During Discharge," Complex Case Discharge Delay Learning Series, The Healthcare Association of New York State, November 30, 2023
- "Summer 2023 Fiscal Intermediary Learning Sessions," Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State, June-July, 2023

Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1998)
- Brown University (A.B., *magna cum laude*, 1993)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York

Practices

- Health Care
- Long Term Care
- Government and Regulatory Affairs

- "Public Policy Dialogue," New York Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation, July 11, 2023
- "The Right to an Education, Housing and Care Under the New York State Constitution: Where We Are and Where We Are Going," New York State Bar Association, March 1, 2023
- "The Importance of Olmstead v. L.C. in New York," 2023 Disability Law Series: Civil Rights and Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, Albany Law School, January 12, 2023
- Co-Presenter, "Integrating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Into New York's Developmental Disabilities System," Directors Forum and Annual Conference, National Association of Developmental Disabilities Services Providers, November 2-4, 2022