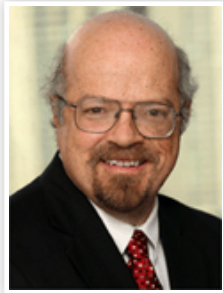


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Profile

Gerry Griffith practices in the areas of health care transactions, tax-exempt organizations, and regulatory compliance. He also has served as borrower's counsel on several hospital and long-term care bond issues.

Gerry's transactional practice focuses on significant transactions, with an emphasis on joint ventures and acquisitions. His tax-exempt organizations practice concentrates on defending major IRS audits, obtaining rulings in complex cases, and community benefit matters.

Gerry represents multiple health systems in major IRS audits. He also is experienced in structuring complex affiliations, including hospital joint operating agreements and other shared control joint ventures. He has obtained several unique private letter rulings from the IRS, including the first ever ruling approving a nonprofit hospital joint operating agreement (PLR 9609012), and the first hybrid JOA/merger ruling (PLR 199944046).

Gerry also has considerable experience in structuring physician relationships with hospitals, executive compensation, academic medical center relationships, voluntary disclosures, and fraud and abuse and Stark Law compliance. He has represented hospital systems, academic medical centers, physician organizations, health maintenance organizations, and colleges and universities.

Gerry is President and Chair of the Executive Committee and Chair of the Nominating Committee of the American Health Lawyers Association. He is also a member of the advisory board for BNA's *Health Law Reporter*, and he served as chair of the Health Care Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

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