



## **William Connelly**

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Mr. Connelly advises health care providers, health plans, pharmacy benefit management companies, managed care companies, and pharmaceutical manufacturers on regulatory, transactional, and compliance issues. Mr. Connelly counsels pharmaceutical manufacturers regarding payment for drugs under Medicare Parts A, B, and D. He also advises pharmacy benefit management companies and Medicare Advantage organizations regarding Medicare regulatory compliance. Mr. Connelly has significant experience with pharmacy issues, including state board of pharmacy regulation, state Medicaid payment policies, and managed care contracting. He also has negotiated distribution and supplier agreements between pharmaceutical manufacturers and pharmacies. In addition, Mr. Connelly represents hospitals and other providers with respect to Medicare payment policies and conditions of participation.

Mr. Connelly came to Manatt after spending four years with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Division of the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Mr. Connelly was lead attorney for the Medicare hospital inpatient prospective payment system. He also advised the agency regarding issues related to laboratory certification and Medicare payment for diagnostic laboratory tests.

### **EDUCATION**

Boston College Law School, J.D., 2001.

Boston College, B.A., Philosophy, 1996.

### **MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES**

Admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Massachusetts. Also admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Member, American Health Lawyers Association.

Volunteer, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, 2009.

## PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "Stage 1 Meaningful Use Requirements Finalized Under HITECH EHR Incentive Program," BNA, Inc., July 2010.

Co-Author, "Health IT Law & Industry Report: Meaningful Use and Certification of Electronic Health Record Under the HITECH Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs," BNA, Inc., January 2010.

Co-Author, "Medicare Legislation: Congress Raises Expectations, Reduces Payments for MA Plans," July 22, 2008.

Co-Author, "Significant Federal Endorsement of Incentive Payments to Drive E-Prescribing Adoption," *BNA's Health Plan & Provider Report* 14(30), July 16, 2008.

Author, "Rate Year 2009 Long-Term Care Hospital Final Rules Update Rates But Do Not Address Several New Statutory Provisions," *Federal Register*, May 9, 2008.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, "Overview of Compliance Hot Buttons for Part D," Medicare Advantage Strategic Business Symposium: Puerto Rico, November 2010.

Speaker, "What You Need to Know about Medicare and Medicaid Health Information Technology Meaningful Use Incentive Payments," AHLA Institute on Medicare and Medicaid Payment Issues, March 2010.