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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

- "Transitional Issues Regarding a Single Statewide Fiscal Intermediary", HCP Management Conference and Exhibition, NYS Association of Health Care Providers, October 29, 2024
- "CDPAP Budget Changes and Implications for Self-Direction," 9th Annual FI/Self-Direction Summit, New York Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation, October 28, 2024
- "The Chevron Decision and Its Implications for Healthcare," 10X: 2024 - 9th Annual Microscope Healthcare Conference, September 26, 2024
- "Stronger Together: 21st Annual Conference," Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State (CDPAANY), September 18, 2024
- "A Brief History of Supportive Decision Making in New York," Supported Decision-Making New York Forum, September 10, 2024
- "Mini Action Lab for Strategic Financing a Substance Use Disorder Continuum of Care," National Governors Association, July 23, 2024

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

- "Legal and Regulatory Developments," 36th Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day, Conference and Fair, May 21, 2024
- Compliance & Quality Connections 2024 – 16th Annual Conference for Providers Serving People with Disabilities, May 7, 2024
- "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
- "Prioritizing Community Care: Why It Isn't Happening & What Needs to Change," LiveOn-NY, January 30, 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
- "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