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Lance Leggitt is chair of the federal health policy group and a shareholder in the Firm's Washington, D.C., office. He joined the firm in September 2006 after more than 12 years of government and policy experience at the federal and state levels.

Mr. Leggitt most recently served in the White House as a Senior Advisor to the President. In this position, he was the President's principal health policy advisor in charge of a broad range of federal departments and agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor (health insurance), the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense (health care and benefits) and the Department of Justice (health policy). Mr. Leggitt regularly engaged these and other federal agencies as a part of his policy development and implementation responsibilities. He also worked closely with White House Legislative Affairs staff to develop strategies for advancing the Administration's policies in Congress.

Prior to his service as a presidential policy advisor, Mr. Leggitt served as Counselor to the Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). As the principal health policy advisor to the Deputy Secretary, he had extensive management and policy oversight of HHS agencies, including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Food & Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Indian Health Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

From 1998 to 2001, Mr. Leggitt was a Senior Policy Advisor and Special Counselor to the Governor of Virginia, serving as principal advisor to the Governor on policy matters related to Health and Human Resources and Public Safety Secretariats. As Assistant Attorney General for Virginia from 1994 to 1998, he was lead counsel in trials and appeals concerning torts, civil rights and criminal cases in federal and state courts throughout Virginia.

Mr. Leggitt concentrates his practice on federal health care related areas, including Medicare, Medicaid, Food & Drug Administration policy, health IT, health care transparency, health insurance, medical privacy, federal health research, pandemic and bioterrorism preparedness, veterans and Department of Defense health care systems and the agencies that administer these programs. He has successfully represented clients on numerous federal funding and regulatory matters including CMS reimbursement and regulatory issues. His clients include health insurance plans, health care associations, hospitals and hospitals systems, long-term care providers, medical device providers and companies, emergency medical transport providers, independent diagnostic testing facilities, drug and biotech companies, pathology labs, oncology centers and other specialty providers.

#### **Professional Honors & Activities**

- Granted Top Secret and SCI security clearances in federal government

#### **Admissions**

- District of Columbia, 2004
- Virginia, 1994
- Georgia, 1993

#### **Education**

- Mercer University School of Law, J.D., 1993
- University of Georgia, B.A., 1990

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