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Michael D. Sutton is an associate in the Corporate Practice Group in the firm's Dallas office.

Areas of Practice

Michael Sutton focuses his practice on providing comprehensive legal services to a broad array of healthcare providers and technology companies, with an emphasis on data privacy and HIPAA-related matters.

Michael supports clients as they navigate a complex web of emerging regulations in the digital healthcare space. He has tackled government investigations, worked to resolve active breach incidents, and advised clients regarding a range of privacy oriented matters. Michael also supports clients in pursuing innovative approaches to addressing HIPAA's privacy and security provisions, developing tailored and practical policies, and in resolving cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

Outside of the operational space, Michael facilitates a range of transactions, including acquisitions of tech companies and healthcare providers as well as negotiation of software and service relationships. He also works with cutting edge companies to identify areas of vulnerability in targets and to establish creative solutions to address them.

Michael earned his J.D. from the University of Arkansas School of Law, where he graduated first in his class. He served as articles editor for the Arkansas Law Review, was a Charles Thomas Pearson Fellow, and was a member of the Board of Advocates, Military Law Society and Business Law Society. He received a B.A. in History from Ouachita Baptist University.

Before attending law school, Michael served as a military police officer in the U.S. Air Force, performing installation security activities, law enforcement, and weapons training. He also supported Operation Key Resolve in South Korea.

Honors

Texas Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2023

Articles

Healthcare Law Blog

- "CMS's Administrative Simplification Rule Aims to Increase Efficiency and Standardization for Health Care Attachments," March 7, 2023

- "Telehealth in a Post-PHE World," March 3, 2023
- "ICYMI: HIPAA and Social Media IRL," February 8, 2023
- "Key Healthcare Provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023," January 6, 2023
- "Proposal to Overhaul Privacy Law Governing Substance Use Disorder Treatment Records," December 2, 2022
- "Office of Civil Rights Publishes Guidance on Use of Audio-Only Telehealth Services," June 20, 2022

Memberships

American Bar Association

Arkansas Bar Association

Dallas Bar Association - Health Law Section

Texas Bar Association - Health Law Section

American Health Law Association

Health Care Compliance Association

Practices

Corporate

Digital Health

Healthcare

Industries

Healthcare

Education

J.D., University of Arkansas School of Law, 2015, *summa cum laude*

B.A., Ouachita Baptist University, 2012, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

Arkansas

Texas