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Michael Schaff, chair of the Corporate and Healthcare Departments; co-chair of the Cannabis Law Department and shareholder of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A., offers clients an exceptional understanding of the law, as well as a unique educational background rooted in business, finance, and taxation. These exclusive skills enable him to assess the business ramifications of any business transaction, contract, agreement or negotiation. His knowledge has been particularly beneficial to the structuring of professional practices for many healthcare professionals including physicians, dentists, chiropractors and others; for the structuring of business entities; for entities interested in buying, selling or merging businesses.

Mr. Schaff had the honor of being elected as a Fellow of the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) in June 2016, received the prestigious 2018 AHLA David J. Greenburg Service Award, was a member of the AHLA Board of Directors from 2006 to 2012. Active in the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA), he is a Trustee (2017-), past Chair (2016-2017, 1999-2000), Director (1996-2018) and Emeritus Director (2018-) of the Health Law Section. In December 2016, Michael received the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education's 2016 Distinguished Service Award. In March 2008, Mr. Schaff received the Middlesex County Bar Association's Transactional Attorney of the Year Award. Michael was named a Top Healthcare Transaction Lawyer for 2015, 2016 and 2017 by the Ambulatory M&A Advisor and was the recipient of an Outstanding Physician Practice Lawyer for 2007 by Nightingale's Healthcare News. In May 2006, Michael received the NJSBA Health Law Section's first Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Schaff is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (formerly UMDNJ) and at St. John's University, and on the Advisory Board of Seton Hall Law School's Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy (2011-). Michael is the immediate past Chair (2014-2017), and member (2005-) of the Editorial Board for the New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, is the special editor of its upcoming issues on Cannabis Law (October 2018) and Media Law (April 2019) and was the special Editor of its prior issues on Health Law (February 2007), Patients' Rights (April 2007),

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- LLM, Taxation, Boston University, 1983
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Michael is a frequent lecturer to healthcare, accounting, attorneys, computer and insurance professionals and business owners. Michael has spoken on numerous national teleconferences and seminars and is quoted frequently in national publications. Michael is Chair of the AHLA Taskforce, author and editor of "Representing Physicians Handbook 4th Edition"(2016), as well as Editions 1-3. Michael is an author of the AHLA "Representing Hospitals Handbook" (2017). Michael is the co-Executive Editor and an author of AHLA's "The ACO Handbook: A Guide to Accountable Care Organizations," 2nd Edition (2015) and the 1st Edition (January 2012); "Representing Physicians" in AHLA's Fundamentals of Health Law, 7th Edition (2018); as well as Editions 1-6.

Mr. Schaff was awarded the AHLA Pro Bono Champion Award (2012), is an active volunteer in the American Cancer Society (2000-) and was the 2011 recipient of the American Cancer Society Shining Star Award for Volunteering, and the 2016 recipient of the Susan G. Komen Pink Tie Award for volunteering. Michael was on the Board of Directors for the Susan G. Komen South and Central New Jersey Affiliate (2009-2016) and a former Board member for Circle of Life Children's Center (2008-2011).

Mr. Schaff is on the Editorial Advisory Board of Bloomberg Law Health Law and Business (2018-), the Board of Advisors (2008-) of the Radiology Administrator's Compliance and Reimbursement Insider; Ophthalmology Compliance & Reimbursement Insider, Managed Care, and Ambulatory Surgery Compliance & Reimbursement Insider Newsletters (HcPro, Inc.). Michael is on the Editorial Board of The Coding Institute's Part B Insider (2009-), the Board of Advisors of Imaging Economics (2009-), was on the Advisory Board of Bloomberg BNA's Health Law Reporter (2011-18).

Mr. Schaff has been selected for inclusion in New Jersey *Best Lawyers*® list 2003-2018 (2012, 2016 & 2018 Healthcare Lawyer of the Year) and New Jersey *Super Lawyers*® list 2005-2018 (Top 100 attorneys; 2007-2015, 2017-2018), *Chambers USA* 2007-2018 (Band 1, Healthcare 2011-2018) and *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in the World* and *Who's Who in the East*.

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