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Chuck Cliett has extensive experience assisting insurance and managed care clients with complex multistate projects, including licensing, mergers and acquisitions, compliance, and forward looking product design and approval of such products. With a particular focus on health and managed care products, as well as clients who participate in Medicaid and Medicare managed care and in Health Insurance Marketplace programs, Chuck has developed relationships with insurance regulators across the country, repeatedly obtaining successful results, often in time-sensitive circumstances. His wealth of insurance regulatory and managed care experience has roots in his roles as a regulator and corporate counsel—prior to joining Mitchell Williams, Chuck worked as a staff attorney for the Texas Department of Insurance and as in-house counsel to a San Antonio-based HMO. Working with a deep bench of colleagues at Mitchell Williams, Chuck builds teams custom-designed to meet a client's regulatory needs, whether national in scope or state-specific.

Practice Areas

Managed Care
Insurance Regulatory

Education

University of Texas School of Law
J.D., with honors - (1988)

Mississippi State University
B.A., cum laude - (1983)

Bar Admissions

Arizona
Arkansas
Texas

Experience

- Extensive experience in obtaining multistate approvals for national and regional health and life insurance companies and HMOs, including formation and licensing, mergers and acquisitions, and product form and rate filings.
- Assisting managed care organizations with the qualified health plan certification process in Health Insurance Marketplace programs, including particular expertise with network adequacy submissions.
- Has advised Medicare Advantage and Part D clients since passage of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, including a focus on navigating federal preemption and on state solvency oversight of these products.
- Understands the state-specific needs of Medicaid managed care clients, with expertise in provider-led managed care entities and in expanding Medicaid through the Health Insurance Marketplace.
- Assists with licensing or registration of companies that help administer products for insurance companies and HMOs, such as third party administers (TPAs) and utilization review agents (URAs).

- Strategic advice and regulatory approvals in the limited line and “excepted benefits” market, including significant experience with dental, vision, hospital indemnity, cancer indemnity, and other specified disease products.

Professional Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*: Health Care Law (2009-2023, 2026-2027)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*: Administrative / Regulatory Law (2026-2027)
- *Best Lawyers®:* "Lawyer of the Year" for Health Care Law (2018)

Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Arkansas Bar Association
- Trustee, Fred K. Darragh Foundation
- Mitchell Williams
- Regulated Business Practice Group Chair (2026)
- Former Member, Quapaw Quarter Association Board of Directors
- President, 2017-2018
- Former Commissioner, Little Rock Arts & Culture Commission
- Chair 2021-22
- Recipient, Tom Wilkes Award, special recognition for outstanding board service, Quapaw Quarter Association
- Recipient, Beverly Ann Lacefield award for service to public radio in Central Arkansas, 2017
- Vestry, Christ Episcopal Church 2011-2013, 2018-2020
- Senior Warden, 2013
- Arkansas Symphony Board of Advisors, 2024
- Chair, Arkansas Repertory Theatre Leadership Council (2023-2024)
- Arkansas Repertory Theatre Board of Directors, 2007-2013, 2014-2020
- Ex-Officio Member, 2023-2024
- Vice Chair 2016-2018
- Friends of KUAR/KLRE public radio—Board of Directors 2005-2011
- President, 2010-11
- On-air pledge drive host 2008-present.