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Ashby Burks is the former co-chair of Baker Donelson's Health Law Group, and engages in a broad corporate practice, emphasizing mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and other business transactions.

As a health care corporate lawyer, Mr. Burks has served as counsel in the purchase, sale, or joint venture of more than 150 hospitals and other investor-owned and not-for-profit health care businesses.

Mr. Burks was previously vice president, secretary and general counsel of Quorum Health Group, Inc. He was a member of the five-person executive management team which developed strategy and set policy for the company. His responsibilities included retaining and overseeing the work of outside counsel, advising the board of directors and senior management on legal and business matters affecting the company, and managing the company's legal department. While at Quorum, he led the legal team which successfully settled major False Claims Act litigation against the company while simultaneously overseeing negotiation and completion of the company's acquisition by Triad Hospitals, Inc.

Mr. Burks also served in the legal department of Hospital Corporation of America for eleven years, concluding his tenure as vice president and assistant general counsel. His responsibilities there included serving as lead counsel in structuring and negotiating merger, acquisition, sale, and joint venture transactions in a variety of health care businesses. Mr. Burks was also responsible for overseeing the work of the seven lawyers on the mergers and acquisitions team.

Mr. Burks has also represented his clients in a variety of other matters, including: secured and unsecured credit facilities, debt and equity tender offers, public and non-public offerings of debt and equity securities, venture capital transactions, real estate purchases, sales and leases, internal investigations, executive employment, and severance agreements.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Health Care lawyer in Tennessee since 2008
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate Law since 2008; Health Care Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law since 2007
- Named a 2025 Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer
- Listed in *Who's Who Legal* in Healthcare (2020)
- Board Member – Nashville Health Care Council (2020 – 2021)
- Named "Best of the Bar," *Nashville Business Journal* (2011 and 2012)
- Named an Outstanding Healthcare Transaction Lawyer by *Nightingale's Healthcare News* (2007)
- Member – Phi Beta Kappa
- Recipient – Samuel I. Rosenman Prize, Columbia Law School
- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar – Columbia Law School



Education

- Columbia University School of Law, J.D., 1982
- University of Virginia, B.A., 1979, with high distinction



Admissions

- Tennessee, 1985
- Virginia, 1982