

VALERIE MICHAEL

Member

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HONORS & AWARDS

- Kentucky Super Lawyers®, Rising Star, 2025, Health Care

PRIMARY PRACTICE

Certificate Of Need (CON) Law

Fraud, Waste and Abuse Claims

Health Systems Representation

Healthcare Law

Healthcare Professional Licensure Defense

Healthcare Regulatory Compliance

Legal Ethics and Malpractice

Medicaid and Medicare Reimbursement

Medical Malpractice

Nursing Home Negligence Defense

Pharmacy Law

Transactional Healthcare and Transactional Agreements

The healthcare world can be a tumultuous and evolving machine, but Valerie Michael is able to handle any tribulations hurled at her in the healthcare law landscape. Her practice consists primarily of healthcare law, dealing with issues in healthcare professional licensure defense and compliance and regulatory matters. She also handles civil and criminal cases in Medicare and Medicaid fraud, along with facility licensing and certification. Her availability during non-business hours is a boon to physicians continuously occupied with patients at all hours.

Additionally, Valerie is a member of the Legal Ethics and Malpractice group, advising and representing attorneys facing disciplinary and malpractice cases. She also handles professional licensure and matters for all regulated professions in both Kentucky and Indiana, assisting a wide range of professionals including nurses, physicians, pharmacists, and others.

She is eager to help alleviate clients' confusion in complicated legal matters and be efficient throughout every stage of their case. Her ability to grasp new concepts quickly and her commitment to answering her client's questions, no matter how big or small, showcases her commitment to client service.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Administrative Law

Criminal Defense

ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court Northern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court Southern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court Western District of Kentucky

Kentucky, 2020

Indiana, 2015

EDUCATION

J.D., Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2014

- Honors: Norman Lefstein Award of Excellence

B.A., University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2010

- Major: Political Science
- Honors: Pi Beta Phi

MORE THAN MCBRAYER

Valerie is a sponsorship committee member for KET Summer Celebration and is a 2025 graduate of Leadership Lexington.

CAPABILITIES, SUCCESSES, AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Successfully represented physicians and other licensed healthcare professionals in professional licensure matters, including obtaining licenses, defending against disciplinary actions, and preserving the ability of providers to continue practicing.
- Participated in successful appeals before the Kentucky Court of Appeals, including healthcare licensure and certificate-of-need matters involving the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- Participated in successful appeals proceeding to the Kentucky Supreme Court, including briefing and issue development involving administrative authority and statutory interpretation in healthcare-related cases.
- Developed and executed litigation and regulatory strategy in large-scale Medicaid reimbursement disputes.
- Represented healthcare providers in Medicaid and Medicare fraud investigations including responding to record requests and compliance reviews involving treatment facilities and recovery homes.
- Assisted healthcare clients in obtaining regulatory approvals for Adult Day Health Care and other licensed facilities, including preparation and submission of applications and supporting documentation through final agency approval.
- Authored healthcare policy and regulatory analyses addressing Medicaid funding, federal safety-net statutes, and impacts on access to care for Kentucky providers and patients.
- Staff Attorney for the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration - provided legal support for programs such as Indiana Medicaid, Indiana state mental health facilities, and

Indiana First Steps

- Directing Attorney of the Lexington North Trial Office of the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy
- Supervised a staff of 15 and maintained her felony caseload of anywhere from 115 to 150 cases.
- Lexington North Trial Office of the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy's office representative at Fayette County Mental Health Court.

Professional Activities

- Kentucky Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association

News

Members Cary Howard and Valerie Michael present at "The Ethics of Helping and Well-Being"
October 6, 2026

McBrayer team attends KET's 38th Summer Celebration commemorating America's 250th anniversary
June 17, 2026

Valerie Michael Elevated to Member
May 15, 2026

Leading the Way in Legal Excellence: 38 McBrayer Attorneys Honored in 2025 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
December 17, 2024

McBrayer Associate Valerie Michael Selected to Leadership Lexington's Class of 2024-2025!
June 25, 2024

On World Intellectual Property Day, McBrayer Announces the Expansion of Its Intellectual Property Practice and More
April 26, 2024