

People



## Thomas A. Range

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Having spent nearly a decade working for a national biopharmaceutical company, including five years in management, Tom Range possesses invaluable experience in the biotechnology sector, which allows him to better serve his broad client base. Because he has worked in facilities regulated by the FDA, the State of Florida, and foreign authorities, Tom understands the challenges facing companies whose success depends on their ability to navigate often-murky regulatory waters.

Tom's background allows him to help his clients resolve licensing, change of ownership/acquisition, regulatory, and litigation matters before the Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Health, Office of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Services, and other Florida agencies. Tom has 15 years' experience handling regulatory and licensing issues for health insurers, HMOs, and insurance agents as well as health care clinics, clinical laboratories, home health agencies, hospices, and other providers. Performing significant work for both health care providers and payors allows Tom to bring his expertise to bear in guiding clients toward resolving difficult regulatory issues.

In addition to his regulatory practice, Tom has significant experience assisting with litigation matters, including high-profile cases, in federal, state, and administrative forums. He also advises clients on Florida's public records law.

In the community, Tom participates in Akerman's Give Back Campaign, which partners with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association and local CASA and Guardian ad Litem programs in helping them serve at-risk youth and those in need. As a lifelong dog lover, Tom also believes animal rescue and rehabilitation groups such as the local Humane Society and St. Francis Wildlife Association enhance a community's overall quality of life, and he supports their missions whenever possible.

### Notable Work

### Areas of Experience

Healthcare  
Appellate  
Government Agency Litigation  
Health Insurers and Managed Care Organizations  
Healthcare Licensure and Compliance  
Insurance Regulation

### Education

J.D., Florida State University College of Law, with honors  
B.A., University of Florida, French

### Admissions

#### Bars

Florida

#### Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

### Languages

French

### Related Content

Akerman Sponsors FAHP Annual Conference  
December 02, 2024

The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation Amends the Application for Certificate of Authority for Health Maintenance Organizations  
January 23, 2024

ACTION REQUIRED TO AVOID FINES! DEADLINE APPROACHING: Florida Pharmacy Benefit Managers

## Healthcare Licensure and Regulatory Compliance:

Must Be Licensed as a Third-Party Administrator by  
January 1, 2024  
October 20, 2023

- Helped obtain necessary health regulatory approval required as part of complex corporate transaction involving multiple facilities.
- Represented HMO in liquidation proceedings.
- Helped national third party administrator obtain Florida license in transaction involving intervening corporate merger.
- Represented clients on multi-state reviews, including change of ownership requirements, pharmacists' duty to warn, and other regulatory questions.

**Pharmacy:** Represented national health care provider in challenge to pharmacy benefits audit, which successfully reduced proposed recoupment by 90%.

**HIPAA Breach:** Represented large health insurance company before the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation on enforcement issues arising from a HIPAA Breach caused by theft of laptops.

## Insurance Agents and Agencies:

- Helped insurance agents obtain or maintain insurance licenses after initial denial of application or initiation of enforcement action.
- Helped financial institution obtain over 70 insurance agency licenses arising from acquisition.
- Advised clients on insurance agent referral and marketing requirements.

## Insurance Regulation:

- Helped secure regulatory approval of acquisition of insurance company, including approval to return \$6 million in capital to seller of company.
- Represented private equity client in complex multi-company transaction requiring Florida regulatory approval of acquisition of Florida-licensed subsidiary.

## Litigation:

- Represented defendants in 150 federal cases arising from single event, including coordinating pretrial proceedings and transfer of cases to consolidated multidistrict litigation, and assisted in resolving non-consolidated cases, including summary judgments for defendants.
- Defended client in suit alleging violation of Florida's public records law.
- Represented clients in suits seeking protection of trade secret documents from disclosure under Florida's public records law.

## Published Work and Lectures

- [Health Law Rx Blog, Contributor](#)
- *Law360*, Co-Author, "Takeaways From New Fla. Pharmacy Benefit Manager Rules," May 30, 2023
- *Employee Benefit Plan Review*, Co-Author, "Group Health Plan Sponsors Are Getting Serious About Pricing Transparency and Avoiding Surprise Billing – Are You Keeping Up with the Latest

Guidance and Phased Enforcement Deadlines?” Volume 75, No. 9, November 2021

- The Florida Bar, Health Law Section, Webinar Co-Presenter, Introduction to Managed Care in Florida,” February 9, 2016
- American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) Email Alert, Author
  - “Premera Blue Cross: Cyberattack Results in Breach of PHI,” March 24, 2015
  - “CMS Provides Additional Guidance on Participation in Federally-facilitated Marketplaces,” March 26, 2014
  - “CMS Clarifies Availability of Retroactive Advance Payments of Premium Tax Credits and Cost Sharing Reductions,” March 7, 2014
  - “Network Adequacy Disputes: Governor Issues Executive Order in Mississippi; Provider Sues Washington Exchange for Approving QHPs that Do Not Include Provider,” October 30, 2013

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2021-2025, Listed in Florida for Health Care Law, Administrative/Regulatory Law