



Fall 2023

NATIONAL VACCINE LAW CONFERENCE

September 2023

**Van Metre Hall,
George Mason University's
Antonin Scalia Law School**

**Featuring over fifty
speakers — Practitioners
and scholars providing
a multi-disciplined
response to urgent
and emerging issues in
Vaccine Law**

- Regulation of vaccine development
- Vaccine patents and other IP concerns
- Equitable funding and distribution of vaccines
- Public and private vaccination mandates, exemptions, and accommodations
- Privacy law issues in vaccination status reporting
- Writing a corporate vaccination policy
- Vaccine injury claims and compensation
- Legal and ethical responses to antivaccine activism
- International and comparative issues of vaccine law
- Childhood vaccinations pre- and post-pandemic
- Implications for COVID-19 employer mandates for influenza and other vaccines
- Development of the vaccines of the future



National Vaccine Law Conference

To Bring a Multi-disciplinary Approach to the Legal Aspects Of Vaccines and Immunization

The mission of the conference is to address the urgent need for an increased understanding of the interrelatedness of different aspects of vaccine, vaccination, and immunization law. Conference chair Brian Dean Abramson, author of a leading treatise on vaccine law, notes that “we are now seeing an unprecedented confluence of misinformation, not just about the science of vaccines, but about the law, contributing to a potentially historic public health crisis.”

At a time like no other, the national discourse around vaccines has become polarized and confusing to many practitioners of the law as

federal laws clash with state and local laws, and as the legal precedents in public health have been challenged by new interpretations of the relationship between government and the people in responding to public health threats. Conference coverage will include panels and discussions on vaccine licensure and regulation, intellectual property concerns, funding and distribution of vaccines to communities in need, public and private vaccination mandates and their exemptions and accommodations, vaccine injury claims, legal responses to antivaccine misinformation, and international vaccine law issues.

Speakers

Our 2022 conference, featured over 50 speakers from different areas within the legal profession. Leading scholars in the field including Dorit Reiss of UC Hastings, Wendy Parmet of Northeastern, and Peter Jacobson of UMich, were joined by practitioners including Brian J. Malkin, Partner at McDermott Will & Emory, Ronda Esaw, Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, and John D. Winter, Partner at Patterson Belknap, as well as by individuals from related areas providing practical perspectives, such as Phyllis Arthur of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization, former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims Susan G. Braden, Alexandra A. Bhatti, Director of U.S. Vaccine Policy at Merck & Co., and Chizoba Wonodi, epidemiologist and leader of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Vaccine Access Center’s immunization support efforts in Nigeria. Plenary sessions included an introductory review of recent developments by Brian Dean Abramson and Drake University’s Denise Hill, a lecture on the history of vaccines by



the History of Vaccines project’s Dr. René Najera, and a closing keynote address by Montrece Ransom, Director of the National Network of Public Health Institutes’ National Coordinating Center for Public Health Training.

Our 2023 conference is expanding upon this program, with many of the same speakers already committed to returning, and potential new speakers submitting proposals, or being sought to speak on specific issues.

Testimonials from the 2022 conference



Alexandra Bhatti JD MPH (She/Her) • 1st

Health Policy Expert | Professor | Scientist

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Thank you [Brian Dean Abramson](#) and [Denise Hill](#) for organizing the first National Vaccine Law Conference (so timely!) and the opportunity to share insights on panels such as this, connect with peers, and learn from others.



Mark Del Monte, JD @AAPDeMonte · Sep 16

Replying to [@brian_abramson](#) and [@VaccineLaw](#)

Congratulations on the 1st ever [@VaccineLaw](#) conference. I was glad to attend and look forward to the next one. We need a broad multi-stakeholder defense of vaccines including the legal foundations. Thanks for putting this together.



Nick Diamond • 1st

Regulatory lawyer (Partner) @ Jackson Walker LLP | Part-time law professor ...

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Great afternoon panel yesterday with [Phyllis Arthur](#), [Alexandra Bhatti JD MPH](#), and [Richard Hughes IV](#) at the National [#Vaccine](#) Law Conference.

We covered legal issues impacting the future of vaccine development, including:

- What's a 'vaccine' anyway?
- What challenges remain for vaccine coverage under [#Medicare](#) post-IRA?
- How do we better prepare the legal architecture for [#mAbs](#)?
- What key [#regulatory](#) and access issues need to be proactively addressed for future nontraditional delivery modalities (e.g., patches, orals, auto-injectors)?

Special thanks to [Brian Dean Abramson](#) and several volunteers for organizing this conference.

Jackson Walker LLP
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Richard Hughes IV • 2nd

Health Care Attorney | Policy & Strategy Advisor | Law Profe...

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The first [National Vaccine Law Conference](#) was a success and it was a pleasure to be a part of it alongside my esteemed colleagues, [Angela Shen](#), [Alexandra Bhatti JD MPH](#), [Phyllis Arthur](#), [Nick Diamond](#), [Roger Price](#), [Dorit Reiss](#), and others.

I enjoyed speaking on and discussing everything from how we recommend, finance, cover, distribute and administer vaccines and vaccine-like products to the implications of recent Supreme Court decisions for the future of public health.

I look forward to being on the steering committee next year and many congratulations to [Brian Dean Abramson](#) for pulling off a successful conference!

2023 Partners and Sponsors

Partners and sponsors working to bring the 2023 conference to fruition include **Merck**, the **D.C. Bar**, the **American Health Law Association**, the **American Society for Law, Medicine, and Ethics**,

Vaccinate Your Family, the **American Public Health Association**, and the **George Mason University Center for Intellectual Property x Innovation Policy**.



**Center for Intellectual
Property x Innovation Policy**

Who Should Attend?

The conference provides three distinctive tracks for:

- Manufacturers who develop, test, and distribute vaccines. In particular, those in the pipeline of vaccine development will learn the latest developments in legal regimes governing the processes from clinical trials through licensure, patenting, and defending against misinformation and other liabilities.
- Public Health practitioners and policymakers who address daily challenges such as the availability of equitably accessible vaccine supplies, and interpretation of the ever-changing legal landscape of vaccination mandates. Special discounts are available to state, county, and municipal public health officials.
- Employers, business owners, and others with an interest in private vaccination efforts or requirements who seek guidance with respect to best practices in dealing with employee vaccination requirements.

Attendee Registration

Registration will open in May 2023.



In-Person Attendance:

- General registration: \$595
 - Early bird and group rates are available
 - Pre-Conference Dinner: add \$75
- Academics, Government Employees, and Nonprofit Public Health Organization Personnel: \$225

Virtual Attendance

(limited tracks, non-interactive):

- General registration: \$195
- Academics and Government Employees: \$95
- State/County/Municipal Public Health Employees, and Nonprofit Public Health Organization Personnel: \$75

Registration for Friday afternoon Ethics CLE only: \$89

More Information

For more information, please contact Brian Dean Abramson at mail@vaccinelawconference.org, or visit the official conference site at www.VaccineLawConference.org.

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- Logo placement on banners used as a backdrop for press photo opportunities.
- One in-person conference registration (valued at \$595 each) for each \$2,500 sponsorship increment.
- One pre-conference Speaker's Dinner invitation (valued at \$75 each) for each \$2,500 sponsorship increment.
- One complimentary print copy of *Vaccine, Vaccination, and Immunization Law, Second Edition (2022)*, by Brian Dean Abramson, Dorit Rubinstein Reiss, Peter O. Safir, and John R. Thomas, a \$229 value.

Additional benefits for higher-level sponsorships include:

- Designation as sponsor of specific conference sessions, meals, and coffee breaks.
- Opportunities to provide remarks to conference participants at plenary sessions.
- A table or other display space or in a designated sponsor's area.
- Opportunity to receive a program on Vaccine Law topics provided by Conference chair Brian Dean Abramson.



More detailed sponsorship information to be included soon.



Conference Committee:

CHAIR: **Brian Dean Abramson,**
Esq., LL.M., author, *Vaccine, Vaccination, and Immunization Law*

VICE-CHAIR: **Denise M. Hill,**
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