

## CYNTHIA E. BERRY

### *EMPLOYMENT*

#### **Wexler & Walker Public Policy Associates, Washington, DC (1994-Present)**

##### *General Counsel and Managing Director*

- Utilizing over eleven years of experience with the legislative process and knowledge of various federal agencies, provides strategic advice and representation before Congress and the Administration for a wide array of Fortune 500 corporations and major trade associations. Issue expertise includes health care, aviation, telecommunications, and education.
- Manages all aspects of the firm's business, including personnel, finance, strategic planning, and business development.
- Manages firm's health care practice. Expertise in biotechnology; pharmaceutical safety, pricing, and coverage issues; medical records privacy; Medicare policy; and managed care and insurance reform.
- Responsible for drafting and managing contracts; ensuring compliance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act, the Lobby Disclosure Act, and ethics requirements; and advising firm management on all legal issues.
- Strong managerial, analytical, organizational, and communication skills.
- Solid relationships with Congressional Republicans and Administration officials.

#### **American Medical Association, Washington, DC (1993-1994)**

##### *Washington Counsel*

- Provided policy analysis and strategic advice to senior association management and board members.
- Drafted Congressional testimony and prepared witnesses for hearings.
- Worked with Congressional and Administration officials on issues affecting association membership.
- Represented the association before state medical societies and allied groups and at Congressional health care forums.
- Chaired the Legislative Drafting Committee of the Health Care Liability Alliance, which was charged with drafting model medical malpractice reform legislation for introduction in Congress.

#### **U.S. House of Representatives, The Honorable Jon Kyl (R-AZ) (1991-1993)**

##### *Legislative Assistant*

- Managed Judiciary, health care, and Social Security issues.
- Worked with the U.S. Department of Justice on legislation to prevent and toughen penalties for violence against women.
- Co-drafted the medical liability section of the House Republican Leader's health care reform legislation, which was incorporated into legislation in the 103<sup>rd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> Congresses.
- Keynote speaker at the Arizona Medical Association's House of Delegates meeting.

**Trabue, Sturdivant and DeWitt, Nashville, Tennessee (1987-1991)**

*Associate Attorney*

- Specialized in litigation (primarily insurance defense) and commercial law.
- Presented and won oral argument before the Tennessee Supreme Court.
- Successfully defended every medical malpractice case undertaken.

**EDUCATION**

**University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia**

*B.A. with High Distinction (1984)*

- *Echols Scholar*
- *Concentrations in Government and French*

**Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville, Tennessee**

*J.D. (1987)*

**APPOINTMENTS**

- Admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia, the State of Tennessee, and before the United States Supreme Court
- Appointed by Governor James Gilmore to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program (*Two terms; currently serves as Vice-Chair*)
- Appointed by HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson to the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing
- Appointed by Secretary Thompson to the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health and Society

**POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

- Speechwriter to Senator Bill Frist (R-TN) and other speakers at the 2000 Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, PA
- Volunteer for the Bush-Cheney campaign (assisted in the New Hampshire and Delaware primaries; member of the Pennsylvania *Strike Force* team)
- Serves on Wexler & Walker's political action committee board
- Advisor to the Dole for President Campaign in 1996