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Yarnell Beatty joined the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) in January 2001 as general counsel to the largest medical organization in Tennessee. In 2004, he was promoted to his current position where he oversees TMA's legal, government affairs, insurance, and eHealth departments.

Mr. Beatty earned a B.A. degree in 1985 from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He received his law degree from the Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, Georgia in 1988.

He formerly served as staff counsel to the Tennessee Department of Health as well as positions in the Department as Executive Director of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners and Director of Health Related Boards.

Since joining TMA, Mr. Beatty served three years as special advisor to the Tennessee Medical Group Management Association Executive Council. He is former chairman of its Legislative Committee and continues to serve as a Committee member.

In 2006, Mr. Beatty was appointed to the Compliance Committee of the Physicians' Advocacy Institute, Inc., the national entity charged with monitoring and enforcing the managed care class action settlements.

Mr. Beatty served as co-director of the Tennessee Foundation for Quality Patient Healthcare which administers the Tennessee Prescription Safety Program. The Program has provided continuing medical education to over 3000 prescribers. In 2009, he was appointed to the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Physicians' Quality Verification Organization, LLC (TPQVO), a company that provides original source credentials verification for physicians and physician assistants.

He served several terms on the Executive Council of the Tennessee Bar Association Health Law Section and served two terms on the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the American Society of Medical Association Counsel (ASMAC). Mr. Beatty was elected Treasurer of ASMAC for 2011.

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