New Member Spotlight: Dumas Law, PLLC

Dumas Law is a multi-faceted Houston-based firm dedicated to helping businesses and professionals throughout Texas with years of in-house counsel experience in freestanding EDs, hospitals, medical billing, and physician practices. In addition to its healthcare practice, Dumas Law provides services concerning corporate structuring and governance, outsourced general counsel needs, business litigation, merger and acquisitions, and more. For more information, please click this link.

Excerpts from a conversation with Cody Dumas, Principal Attorney of Dumas Law, PLLC

Mr. Dumas has worked in healthcare law for over seven years. During that time, Cody has worked as in-house counsel for an MSO with revenue cycle management operations, freestanding emergency departments throughout Texas, and an emergency physician group. He also served as the Chief Legal Officer for a growing hospital system where he focused on corporate restructuring, asset acquisition, and multi-discipline physician operations.

In April 2019, Mr. Dumas opened Dumas Law, PLLC to focus on corporate governance and structuring, civil litigation, and healthcare matters. In the healthcare sector, Dumas Law concentrates on relationship structuring and third-party payor matters through its representation of physicians and facilities against commercial carriers. Cody explained that in Texas, as of January 1, 2020, SB 1264 came into effect enabling out-of-network providers to request arbitration and mediation with insurance carriers without requiring the election by, or participation of, the patient. Cody and his team have been working with this new law as it relates to medical billing reimbursement with several providers and physician groups.

Mr. Dumas joined EDPMA to expand his access to resources and to assist in advocating for fairer reimbursement practices on behalf of emergency medicine providers. The signing of more emergency medicine clients led Mr. Dumas to join EDPMA in order to stay up to date on emergency medicine matters, especially the legislative and regulatory issues facing the industry. He finds the information EDPMA sends regularly (News Alerts, Action Alerts, weekly ED Newsletter and Advocacy and Membership Newsletters) contributes to his and his team's understanding of the needs and concerns of their clients.

Mr. Dumas said EDPMA provides an effective and efficient central repository for many emergency medicine issues. Cody has found the members-only toolbox to be especially helpful with state issues as it provides a level of detail not found elsewhere. He also joined the State Regulatory and Insurance Committee (SRIC). Cody said one of the best things about EDPMA is that it's an organization that takes action, such as lobbying and pro-actively writing letters to state, federal and other government officials to present the emergency medicine view of issues.

With the impact of COVID-19 across the country, Cody is seeing many changes taking place with billing and coding, commercial payor response, and other issues impacting the practice of medicine. EDPMA helps by providing critical assessment of the quickly changing environment of telemedicine.
Cody described one area of opportunity in telehealth is the move towards tele-triage and mental health services, as he’s already seeing an increase in new telehealth practices reaching out to his practice for guidance in these areas. Mr. Dumas is pleased to have joined EDPMA and looks forward to future educational sessions and the 2021 Solutions Summit.