

William Logan Discusses Texas Appeals Court's Ruling Protecting Transgender Patients' Medical Privacy with Law360

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Winston & Strawn associate William Logan was quoted in a Law360 article following a significant decision by the Texas Fifteenth Court of Appeals, which granted mandamus relief to nonparty patients seeking to protect their private medical records in a lawsuit concerning gender-affirming care. Winston represents the patients in opposing the State's overly broad requests to secure their medical information. The appellate court directed a lower court to withdraw its order requiring two Dallas hospitals to produce documents related to the care of transgender patients, finding that the lower court had abused its discretion.

William told Law360 that the patients are very pleased with this outcome. "Our clients have never asked for special treatment, only for the same medical privacy rights that every other Texan enjoys," he said.

"Today, the Fifteenth Court of Appeals rightly rejected the attorney general's position that his office is immune from procedures and laws that protect medical privacy — and affirmed that all Texans, regardless of gender, have the right to challenge overly broad subpoenas for their private medical records," he added. "Our clients now look forward to obtaining a definitive protective order that safeguards their medical records and puts this unwarranted privacy invasion behind them."

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