



## SUMMIT SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY



**Beth Schermer**

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Beth Schermer concentrates her legal practice in healthcare transactions and regulation. Over the past 25 years, she has represented healthcare systems, hospitals and provider groups on a wide range of issues, including healthcare business arrangements and joint ventures, federal and state compliance matters, electronic health information programs, reimbursement arrangements, physician contracts and medical research. She regularly assists providers with federal and state regulatory concerns, including anti-kickback, Stark Law and tax exemption issues as well as facility licensure and certification, confidentiality and HIPAA matters. As general counsel to the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association, Ms. Schermer has been actively involved in the development of healthcare legislation and initiatives on access to care, Medicaid/AHCCCS reimbursement, tobacco tax and settlement funds, quality initiatives, and health information.

In 2005-2006, Ms. Schermer took a leave of absence from her law practice to serve as the Vice Dean, Administration—Phoenix for the University of Arizona College of Medicine. Ms. Schermer was responsible for coordinating the University of Arizona's expansion of its College of Medicine into a four year program on the Phoenix Biomedical Campus, in partnership with Arizona State University and area healthcare providers, research organizations, governmental bodies, industry and foundations.

Ms. Schermer served as President of the American Health Lawyers Association in 2000-2001 and served on the Association's Board and executive committee from 1997 to 2002. Ms. Schermer co-chaired Arizona Health-E Connection Roadmap Steering Committee, a statewide organization charged in 2006 with developing a plan for the creation of electronic health information exchanges in Arizona. In 2005, she served on the National Anti-Fraud Health Care Advisory Panel for the Foundation of Research and Education of the American Health Information Management Association. Ms. Schermer also served as a member of the Flinn Foundation Translational Research Project Advisory Committee.

She received her undergraduate degree from Yale University in 1977 and her law degree from Harvard Law School in 1980. She and her husband Sam Coppersmith have three children, Sarah, Ben and Louis.