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## ***The National Law Journal* Names A. Xavier Baker a Health Care Law Trailblazer**

**Washington – April 1, 2020:** *The National Law Journal* named Crowell & Moring partner A. Xavier Baker to its 2020 list of Health Care Law Trailblazers. The list features 25 lawyers who “have made significant marks on the practice, policy and technological advancements in their sector.”

Baker’s practice permeates the managed care industry and is at the heart of the complex and high profile issues on the national landscape. He provides strategic counsel to clients across the health care sector on regulatory policy, investigations, risk management, transactions, and litigation. Baker briefed a case involving the Affordable Care Act’s “risk corridors” program recently heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, and routinely helps clients navigate the ACA’s ever-shifting web of compliance obligations. He represents clients in response to investigations on issues ranging from prescription drug formularies to sufficient transportation and accessibility accommodations, and helps mitigate the risks of government investigations and litigation involving complex regulatory issues. Government scrutiny of Medicaid spending and pressure to innovate has increased, and Baker helps health plans adapt and thrive in this competitive environment.

Looking ahead, Baker expects the rapidly evolving demands facing the industry in response to COVID-19, uncertainty over the ACA’s survival in the face of another Supreme Court challenge, and regulatory changes under the current administration, “to continue creating a mass of complexity for health care plans and providers alike.” As the debate about how to combat the opioid epidemic continues, he notes that the increasingly complex web of Mental Health Parity & Addiction Act guidance, “will bring an increasing volume of class actions around behavioral health care.”

“It’s an honor to be recognized as a trailblazer in this continually evolving area of law,” said Baker. “I am excited to be helping organizations and their members navigate the legal and business issues within healthcare, which directly impact people’s lives.” The complete list of Health Care Law Trailblazers can be viewed [here](#).

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