

Brenna Jenny, Former Principal Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Rejoins Sidley in Washington, D.C.

Sidley Austin LLP is pleased to announce that Brenna Jenny has rejoined the firm following service in senior legal posts at the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ). She brings extensive experience in the administration and enforcement of laws relevant to those in the healthcare industry. Jenny will be a partner in the firm's global Healthcare and FDA practice, based in its Washington, D.C. office.

During her tenure at HHS, Jenny served as the principal deputy general counsel of HHS and chief legal officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In this role, Jenny supervised an unprecedented wave of CMS regulatory flexibilities offered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jenny also served as the lead legal advisor for the Provider Relief Fund, a position that included formulating policy for reporting requirements and permissible uses of funds. Jenny was a co-founder of the HHS False Claims Act Working Group and routinely worked with the Department of Justice and the HHS Office of Inspector General on fraud and abuse matters relating to federal healthcare programs. She led implementation of the HHS Good Guidance Practices regulation and departmental efforts to implement the Supreme Court's Allina decision, by advising HHS on the proper use of sub-regulatory guidance, including enforcement actions.

Before joining HHS, Jenny served as legal counsel to the head of DOJ's Civil Division, supervising False Claims Act matters and opioid-related investigations, in addition to advising on litigation strategy for healthcare-related lawsuits.