

# Mark W. Weller

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Mark Weller is a member of the Public Policy practice with a primary focus on direct lobbying and regulatory counseling, strategy development, policy analysis, and market planning. He also designs and manages strategic communications initiatives for crisis management and litigation strategies.

Mark represents corporations, industry associations, medical laboratories and hospitals, in federal legislative and regulatory matters before the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Treasury, the Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration), and the Department of Interior.

Mark has achieved success in a broad range of legislation ranging from FDA, Medicare, laboratory, diagnostic imaging, and pharmacy compounding in the health care arena to federal stimulus and tax issues in the transportation and recreation fields and financial services matters for the metals industry.

Prior to joining Polsinelli, Mark practiced as an attorney for the National Republican Senatorial Committee and served as a staff member of U.S. Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana. He was also the founder and director of a medical technology consulting firm and previously led the Health and Life Sciences practice at a Washington D.C.-based firm.

## Media Appearances

Mark has appeared on 60 Minutes, ABC Money Matters, CNN, CBS Evening News, CCTV Biz Asia America, National Public Radio, NBC Nightly News and The Today Show. He has been mentioned by the Associated Press, Chicago Tribune, CQ Weekly, Health News Daily, HME News, Legal Times, Reuters, Time Magazine, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and Fox Business Channel.

## Education

- Indiana University Maurer School of Law (J.D.)
- Indiana University (B.A.)

## Capabilities

- Public Policy
- Health Care
- Behavioral Health
- Federal Government Policy/Lobbying
- Post Chevron Educational Resources & Updates

## Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia

## Court Admissions

- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Indiana

## Memberships

- National YMCA Youth and Government Program Advisor and Volunteer
- Past president and member of the executive board, National Society of YMCA Youth Governors
- USA/USSR Youth Adult Exchange Program
- Everybody Wins DC! Reading Mentor
- Men's Ministries, The Falls Church Anglican Church

## Matters

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- Helped form and direct a large association of physicians promoting an integrated program of quality diagnosis and treatment for prostate cancer. Developed and implemented the legislative response to a CMS proposal that would have devastated access to radiation therapy as a form of treatment for prostate cancer. The final CMS rule did not apply the harmful proposals to the delivery of radiation therapy.
- Represented a national trade association representing nearly 300 manufacturers and component suppliers, producing approximately 98 percent of all RVs manufactured in the United States, to advocate for government policies to expand the availability of credit to RV manufacturers, suppliers and dealers. Successfully pursued a congressional strategy to stimulate demand for RV products by incentivizing purchases.
- Represented a coalition of employers of the Amish religion to modify provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that required citizens and legal residents to maintain "minimum essential health coverage" or pay a penalty. In the Senate legislation and in the final legislation, provisions were successfully included clarifying that Amish employees are not subject to the legislation's individual health insurance mandates.
- Developed a communications plan and messages to complement state and federal advocacy efforts for a national association addressing confusion about credentials advertised in the marketplace.
- Developed the legislative strategy to address federal agency, CMS and FDA media responses to a pharmaceutical pricing issue.
- Developed and managed an informal coalition to promote continued use of the one-cent coin and to respond to U.S. Treasury, congressional and media initiatives related to the penny.
- Helped form the only international, multidisciplinary medical society that is exclusively focused on the use of contrast-enhanced ultrasound (CEUS) to improve patient care worldwide. Engaged the FDA in a dialogue related to regulatory restrictions; gathered evidence to work with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and CMS to encourage CEUS use compared to non-enhanced ultrasound and other imaging modalities; and developed strategic communications strategy messaging to engage trade and mainstream media interest in the safety and cost-effectiveness of

contrast ultrasound.

## Publications

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May 8, 2026

**Beyond the Pump: The Iran War's Adverse Impact on U.S. Health Care**

April 29, 2026

**Election Year Politics and Policy at CMMI: What Stakeholders Can Expect**

April 15, 2026

**Budget Reconciliation and Health Policy: Understanding the Legislative Process and Where Congress May Go Next**

April 7, 2026

**The Politics of AI Regulation: Federal Government v. the States**

March 27, 2026

**Action Alert: CMS Accepting Letters of Intent for New Funding Model to Pilot Lifestyle Interventions Within Original Medicare – Letters Due by April 10**

March 16, 2026

**Hospitals and Health Care Providers Brought before Congress to Testify on Health Care Costs**

March 5, 2026

**Off and Running: The U.S. House of Representatives Kicks Off the Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations Cycle**

February 24, 2025

**Everyone Hates Pennies, Except This Guy**  
*Featured, The Wall Street Journal*

July 11, 2019

**Solutions for Your Complex International Patients**