

Ronald T. Luke, J.D., Ph.D.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy, 1975

The University of Texas at Austin, School of Law
Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1974

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government
Master of Public Policy, 1972
National Science Foundation Fellow in Economics
1970 - 1972

Harvard University
Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies, Magna cum Laude, 1970
Phi Beta Kappa, 1970



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH & PLANNING CONSULTANTS, L.P. (RPC), Austin, Texas
President (1979 - Present); Vice President of Operations (1976 - 1979)

Dr. Luke has developed RPC as an inter-disciplinary firm providing economic, financial, and public policy studies. As President and owner, he supervises RPC's professional staff and maintains high standards for the firm's work products.

He has been accepted as an expert in economics, socioeconomic impact analysis, and policy analysis by state and federal courts, and state administrative agencies. The types of cases in which he has provided expert testimony include personal injury, contractual disputes, health care payment disputes, construction defects, utility construction permitting, and certificate of need. He has testified on health care matters including market structure, billing fraud and abuse, reasonableness of charges, medical staff credentialing, workers' compensation fee guidelines, utilization review, physician contracts, and managed care contracts.

He was an original member, and later chairman, of the Texas Department of Insurance's Utilization Review Advisory Committee. Governor George W. Bush appointed him as an original member of the Texas Health Care Information Council, where he had a major role in the development of the Texas hospital discharge data system. Governor Rick Perry appointed him to the Texas Health and Human Services Council, which oversees the Medicaid and CHIP programs. He has served as an advisor to committees of the Texas Legislature on health insurance mandates and major revisions to the Workers' Compensation Act. Governor Perry appointed him to the Board of the Texas Institute for Health Care Quality and Efficiency. He is also a Director of the Texas Association of Business where he chairs TAB's Health Policy Committee.

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FORTE, INC., Austin, Texas President
(1986 - 2005)

Dr. Luke has almost two decades of experience in medical bill review and utilization review. In 1986, he established Forté to provide health cost management services, with special attention to workers' compensation medical care. In June 2005, Forté was sold to a national insurance broker. Forté provides medical bill review and utilization review services nationwide and case management services in Texas. Forté's clients are insurers and self-insured employers.

GULF COAST REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER,
Galveston, Texas
Director of Administrative Services (1974 - 1976)

While preparing his dissertation, Dr. Luke was a consultant to the Gulf Coast Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center on the development of alternatives to state institutions. After completing his degrees, he became Director of Administrative Services for the Center with responsibility for planning, financial management, and management information systems.

PAST AND CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

- Texas Institute for Health Care Quality and Efficiency, Board of Directors,
- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- National Health Lawyers Association
- National Association of Forensic Economists
- Medical Group Management Association
- Texas Health Care Information Council, Member and Committee Chair
- Austin-Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, Board of Directors
- Samaritan Counseling Center, Board of Directors
- Easter Seals Central Texas, Officer and Director
- Texas Department of Insurance, Utilization Review Advisory Committee, Member and Chair
- Texas Business Group on Health, Board of Directors
- Texas Association of Business, Board of Directors, Chair Health Policy Committee
- Texas Health and Human Services Council, Member
- Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Integrated Care Management Advisory Committee, Vice Chair
- Texas Health Care Services Integrity Partnership, Chair
- American Bar Foundation, Life Fellow
- The College of the State Bar of Texas, Member
- Capitol Area Council, BSA, Board of Directors
- Harvard Club of Austin, Officer and Director

TEACHING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Luke taught courses on public finance and policy analysis utilizing health care case studies at University of Texas at Austin Business School (1978) and University of Houston at Clear Lake City (1975).