

HLB Files Pro Bono Amicus Brief Defending Access to Lifesaving Vaccines

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Hooper, Lundy & Bookman filed an amicus brief on December 16, 2025, in *American Academy of Pediatrics v. Kennedy*, a case pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts challenging recent actions by Secretary Kennedy that would operate to reduce access to lifesaving vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccine, and otherwise adversely impact the health care system.

HLB was retained on a pro bono basis by [Defend Public Health](#), a consortium of leading public health experts, to present legal and public health perspectives for the court's consideration. Working alongside nationally recognized public health scholar Professor Wendy Parmet of Northeastern University School of Law, the brief raises critical concerns about the legality and public health consequences of the Secretary's actions.

This substantial effort was spearheaded by [David Schumacher](#), [Heather Romero](#), [Julia Caldwell](#), and [Bryan Gustafson](#), whose work reflects the firm's continued commitment to advancing public health through principled legal advocacy.

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