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October 2014 to October 2015, she served as LP's lead staff member and the interim executive director for the Health Care Transformation Task Force, an alliance of patients, payers, providers and purchasers committed to moving 75% of their businesses to value-based payment by 2020.

From late 2009 to mid-2014, Winckler simultaneously served as a Senior Advisor with LP and as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI), a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization committed to providing a marketplace for discussing global food and drug law issues through conferences, publications and member interaction. From January 2007 to June 2009, she served as the Chief of the Staff for the Food and Drug Administration within HHS. In that capacity, she provided integrated policy analysis and strategic consultation to the Commissioner and senior officials on significant agency issues and programs. Winckler also led the operations of the Office of Legislation, Office of External Relations, Office of Public Affairs, and Office of the Executive Secretariat.

Prior to joining FDA, Winckler was the Vice President for Policy and Communications and Staff Counsel for the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). As pharmacist and attorney by training, Winckler served as the primary spokesperson for APhA during media interviews, and was APhA's senior lobbyist. Previous positions with the Association include Group Director, Policy and Advocacy; Director, Policy and Legislation; Director, Practice Affairs, and Manager, Special Projects. Prior to joining APhA, Winckler directed the implementation of the Iowa Medicaid Drug Prior Authorization Program for the Unisys Company, and worked for the Iowa Pharmacists Association (now the Iowa Pharmacy Association) and a community pharmacy in Iowa.

She has been recognized as a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association, a Distinguished Alumna of the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, a Distinguished Young Alumna by the University of Iowa Foundation, a Woman of Distinction by Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity, and elected as a Distinguished Fellow in Public Policy to the National Academies of Practice, Pharmacy Academy. She delivered the William A. Zellmer Lecture for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and was elected a Trustee of the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) for the 2015-2020 term. Winckler is a graduate of the University Of Iowa College Of Pharmacy and the Georgetown University Law Center, magna cum laude. She is licensed to practice pharmacy in Iowa and admitted to the bar in the Commonwealth of Virginia.