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Health Care Litigation

Navigating legal hurdles so patient care can *thrive*

Our team has extensive experience representing health care providers, health systems, public entities and other industry stakeholders in a wide range of disputes. We work alongside our clients to tackle a wide range of health care disputes and litigation.

Whether it's navigating Certificate of Need appeals and payment disputes to fraud defense, antitrust investigations and qui tam False Claims Act litigation, we're experienced in handling the wide array of challenges health care providers face. Our team also tackles issues like HIPAA and HITECH enforcement actions, employment and labor disputes, and medical staffing matters. Whatever the issue, we're committed to finding solutions that align with your goals.

We also regularly represent clients in complex labor and employment litigation, including workplace discrimination claims, wrongful termination actions and union-related disputes. We work closely with health care employers to manage these issues and mitigate risks, ensuring compliance with industry-specific regulations and helping avoid costly disruptions.

Representative Experience

- Representation of public hospital district in administrative and superior court proceedings regarding approval by the Department of Health's Certificate of Need program of the construction of a new facility critical to providing quality health care to the community.
- Representation of kidney dialysis provider in administrative and superior court proceedings regarding allocation of new facilities under Department of Health's Certificate of Need program.
- Representation of hospital and medical staff personnel in disputes with pathology group regarding clinical and anatomic pathology services.
- Representation of major medical center in prosecution of claims regarding payment and reimbursement for significant outpatient services and procedures.
- Investigation by Federal Trade Commission of proposed combination of hospital systems based in Tacoma and Bremerton (Washington), resulting in decision by FTC not to challenge transaction.
- Representation of a national for-profit hospital system in acquisition of hospitals in Yakima and Toppenish (Washington). This was the first transaction reviewed under the Hospital Conversion Statute, and attracted national attention, and opposition, from groups such as Consumers Union.
- Representation of a leading West Coast hospital system in a challenge brought by SEIU to financing before Hospital Facilities Authority.
- Representation of a national for-profit hospital system on antitrust and other issues related to separation of a joined medical staff.

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