

# Public Agency Law

Public entities and agencies delivering health care face many of the same legal and regulatory challenges as their private counterparts. But the nuanced restrictions, obligations, requirements, and issues inherent in public health care add an extra layer of complexity. Hooper, Lundy & Bookman has decades of experience serving public hospitals, healthcare districts, health systems, and other entities, providing comprehensive counsel tailored to the sector's unique needs.

HLB's nationwide public agency practice comprises attorneys from multiple disciplines who share an appreciation and understanding of the legal, financial, and operational environment in which public entities serve patients and their communities. We work closely with county governments and public health authorities, large public hospital systems and healthcare districts, and public university hospitals and medical centers in jurisdictions across the country on all day-to-day and long-term legal issues they must navigate.

Public health agencies turn to HLB for our actionable counsel and guidance on matters involving:

- Governmental immunity and personal liability
- Open meeting requirements
- Conflict of interest laws
- Public elections
- State and private contracting
- Public records
- State investment and expenditure restrictions
- Establishment and operation of public and private partnerships and joint ventures
- Public bond financing and refinancing
- Health plan formation
- Real estate acquisitions, dispositions, and leasing of hospitals and other public health assets
- Reimbursement
- Audits
- Compliance
- Investigations
- Employment
- Medical staff peer review and credentialing