



## Catherine Srithong Wicker

### Partner

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#### CAPABILITIES

Administrative Law

Fraud and Abuse, Stark, Anti-Kickback Counseling and Defense

False Claims Act

Government Investigations

Litigation, Mediation, Arbitration

Medical Staff Operations and Disputes

Medicare and Medicaid Audits, Appeals, and Reimbursement Litigation

Medicare, Medicaid, Other Governmental Reimbursement and Payment

Hospitals and Health Systems

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and Long-Term Care Providers

#### EDUCATION

University of San Diego, J.D., *cum laude*, San Diego Law Review, Lead Articles Editor, 2015

San Diego State University, M.P.H., 2011

Texas A&M University, B.S., *cum laude*, 2005

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

California, 2015

"I enjoy working with clients to develop effective and practical solutions that address the unique circumstances of each case. As an attorney who represents hospitals and health care providers, my goal is to help clients navigate complex legal issues so that they can focus on delivering quality patient care."

Catherine Srithong Wicker counsels health systems, hospitals, and health care providers on various regulatory compliance and litigation matters. She represents businesses and professionals in health care fraud and abuse investigations and assists clients with internal compliance, responding to government subpoenas, requests for information, and Medicare/Medicaid audits.

Catherine also provides full service support to medical staff leaders and administration, and is regularly called upon to assist clients with both day-to-day and complex medical staff issues. Her practice includes peer review matters, internal investigations, fair hearing proceedings, and litigation relating to medical staff issues. She also advises clients on compliance issues, reporting obligations, self-governance, bylaws, credentialing and privileging, quality improvement activities, and physician disciplinary matters. She understands the statutes, regulations, and accreditation standards that affect medical staff operations but also appreciates the practical complexities and sensitivities involved when a provider's conduct is being reviewed.

Beyond her fraud and abuse and medical staff work, Catherine also has extensive experience representing skilled nursing facilities, laboratories, and other healthcare providers and suppliers in complex civil proceedings.

#### Recognition

- Super Lawyers, San Diego, Rising Star, 2020-2025
- San Diego Business Journal, Women of Influence in Law, 2024
- Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch, Health Care Law, 2025

#### Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys

- Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego
- American Health Lawyers Association
- National Filipino American Lawyers Association
- Lawyers Club of San Diego
- Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

## News

- HLB's 2025 San Diego Super Lawyer and Rising Stars
- Catherine Wicker and David Vernon Quoted in McKnight's Long-Term Care News Article
- Thirty-One HLB Attorneys Have Been Named "Best Lawyers in America 2025" and "Ones to Watch"
- Catherine Wicker Named by San Diego Business Journal as a Women of Influence in Law 2024
- Congratulations to HLB's 2024 San Diego Super Lawyer & Rising Stars
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Elevates Five Partners and One Office Managing Partner
- Ruby Wood, Catherine Srithong Wicker and Erin Sclar Published in CHLN's, "Implementing AB 890 and NP Independent Practice Authority in California"
- HLB's 2023 San Diego Super Lawyer and Rising Stars
- HLB Selects Kelly Carroll & Catherine Wicker for LCLD 2023 Fellow & Pathfinder Programs
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Elevates Two Partners and Three Senior Counsel
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Celebrates 35 Years!
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Congratulates 2022 San Diego Super Lawyers
- HLB Attorneys Author False Claims in Healthcare
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Congratulates 2021 San Diego Super Lawyers
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Congratulates 2020 San Diego Super Lawyers
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Ranked in the 2020 Edition of US News/Best Lawyers in America Best Law Firms
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Named To American Bar Association's Health Law Top 10 List
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Launches Webinar Series with Focused Discussions on Post-Acute Care Partnerships
- Hooper Lundy & Bookman Recognized Among the Top Health Law Firms in the United States by Chambers USA

## Insights

- Important Changes to SNF Disclosure Requirements for Medicare Certification, New 855A SNF Attachment Form, and Off-Cycle Revalidations
- California Signs into Law Legislative Package Expanding Access and Protections for Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Health Care
- Finalizing the Path to Independent Practice Authority for Nurse Practitioners in California
- California's Legislative Response to Dobbs and Its Implications for Medical Staffs
- Update: CMS and OSHA Release Federal Vaccine Mandates
- Examining a Hearing Officer's Risk of Bias from Alleged Financial Conflict in Peer Review Proceedings: The California Supreme Court's Ruling in Natarajan v. Dignity Health (Aug. 12, 2021, S259364)
- IP's Role in Covid-19 Tests, Treatments, and Vaccines
- California Appellate Decision Limits Hospital's Options For Exclusive Contracts
- Health Law Perspectives Medical Staff Special Edition, May 2018

## Events

- Catherine Wicker is Speaking at HCCA's Orange County Regional Healthcare Compliance Conference
- Catherine Wicker and Emily Brinkman are speaking at CAMSS 53rd Annual Education Forum
- Jennifer Hansen and Catherine Wicker are speaking at CAMSS Desert Chapter Annual Legal Conference
- Jennifer Hansen and Catherine Wicker Co-Presented at CAMSS Desert Chapter's Virtual Conference
- Kelly Carroll and Catherine Wicker to Attend LCLD Pathfinder Spring Meeting
- HLB Webinar – Minutes Matter: Practical Pointers for Drafting Medical Staff Records
- California Association Medical Staff Services Virtual 2022 Annual Meeting
- Med Staff Webinar: Navigating Legal Obligations After Submitting A Report
- COVID-19 and Legal Changes to AHP and Medical Resident Practice: Challenges in Redeploying Existing Healthcare Workforce During the State of Emergency and Beyond
- HLB 2019 Managed Care Update Seminar
- HLB 2019 Medical Staff Update Seminar