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CAPABILITIES

Administrative Law

Business Transactions

Digital Health

Financing

Health Care Financial

Restructuring

Health Information Privacy
and Security

Managed Care

Mergers and Acquisitions

Provider and Supplier
Operations

Real Estate

Reproductive Health

EDUCATION

University of Natal, Faculty of
Law, LL.B., *cum laude*, 1976

University of Natal, B.A.,
1974

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, 1980

“The health care industry operates in a complex and challenging economic and legal environment, subject to constant attention from policymakers and regulators. The ability to anticipate and adapt to change is critical.”

Paul Smith is a seasoned business, transactional, and compliance counselor who focuses on what's important to his clients. These include health care providers, health information technology companies, health information exchanges, and suppliers of services to health care providers. With decades of industry experience, the foresight to anticipate and address emerging issues, and a practical approach to solving problems, Paul counsels on:

- Business transactions
- Taxable and tax-exempt capital financing, including public debt offerings and private placements
- Provider and commercial contracting
- Regulatory compliance
- Formation and operation of health information exchanges and online provider services
- Health information privacy and security compliance and incident remediation

Recognition

- Best Lawyers, Health Care Lawyer of the Year, San Francisco, 2016 and 2020; Health Care Law (Corporate), 2008-2023
- Super Lawyers, Northern California, 2010-2012, 2016-2018

Professional Affiliations

- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Healthcare Financial Management Association
- Medical Group Management Association

Community

- Lifehouse Agency (nonprofit provider of services to people with developmental disabilities)

News

- Twenty-Four HLB attorneys have been named “Best Lawyers in America 2023” and “Ones to Watch”
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Celebrates 35 Years!
- Nineteen HLB Attorneys Recognized in “Best Lawyers in America 2022” and “Ones to Watch,” Plus One Attorney Named “Lawyer of the Year”
- Best Lawyers in America Recognizes 15 HLB Attorneys; One Attorney Named “Lawyer of the Year”
- 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
- Best Lawyers in America Recognizes 13 HLB Attorneys and Two Attorneys Named “Lawyer of the Year”
- Top Patent Litigator Drew Woodmansee Joins Hooper, Lundy & Bookman as Head of IP Practice
- 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
- HLB Attorneys Paul Smith and Andrea Frey Receive Burton Award

Insights

- HHS Issues Guidance Regarding Informed Consent and Patient Privacy in Medical Training Settings
- HHS Releases Long-Awaited Proposed Rule Regarding Appropriate Disincentives for Health Care Providers that Engage in Information Blocking
- California Proposes Regulations for Health Care Entity Pre-Transaction Notices
- Scrutiny of Online Tracking Technologies Continues
- HHS Proposes to Amend HIPAA to Strengthen Privacy of Reproductive Health Information Post-Dobbs
- California Data Exchange Framework open for providers and healthcare entities to sign data sharing agreement
- California Statutory Amendment Provides Anti-Kickback Carve Out for Healthcare Provider Directory and Marketing Services
- Effective Immediately: California’s New Health Facility Breach Reporting Regulations
- HIPAA Proposed Rule – Removing Barriers to Care Coordination
- California Clarifies Electronic Signature Law Effective Jan. 1, 2021
- California Assembly Bill 5 and Health Care Workers
- CMS Overhauls Medicare ACOs
- California Governor Signs Far-Reaching Consumer Privacy Legislation
- HHS Updates Rules on Confidentiality of Substance Abuse Records
- Managing Substance Use Disorder Information in ACOs and HIEs under Revised Part 2 Regs
- Approaching Compliance Date for New IRS Safe Harbors for Private Use of Facilities Financed with Tax-Exempt Debt
- Federal Agencies Issue Revised Common Rule
- The Price of Delaying HIPAA Compliance
- HHS Issues Revised Rule on Confidentiality of Substance Abuse Record

Events

- Paul Smith speaks at California Association of Health Facilities Independent Owner Symposium
- Webinar: AB 5 and Beyond – New Rules for Contracting with California Health Care Professionals in 2020

- The 2016 Conference on Health Reform