



Matthew I. Lahana

Senior Counsel

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CAPABILITIES

False Claims Act
Fraud and Abuse, Stark, Anti-Kickback Counseling and Defense
Litigation, Mediation, Arbitration
Medical Staff Operations and Disputes

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, J.D., *Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice, Editor-in-Chief*, 2013
University of California, Irvine, B.A., *cum laude*, 2010

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, 2013

CLERKSHIPS

Los Angeles Superior Court, Complex Civil Litigation Program, Hon. William F. Highberger
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Target Crimes Division

“Although governmental entities can appear faceless and opaque, they are comprised of individuals, just like the hospitals and other providers that I represent. The ability to understand the human element involved in health care can often be as critical to resolving matters or counseling clients, as is understanding the law.”

A second-generation health care attorney, Matthew Lahana works closely with medical staff directors, skilled nursing administrators, and hospital leadership on a wide range of litigation and compliance matters. His government-side background and insights, along with a big-picture perspective, facilitate resolutions that not only efficiently resolve the issue at hand but also comport within his clients' broader interests and concerns.

Matt counsels and advocates for providers in investigations, audits, and litigation and provides regulatory guidance to help his clients clearly understand their obligations and steer clear of potential problems. His practice involves compliance counseling for surgical centers, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and adult day health centers. He also assists hospitals and other providers with fraud and abuse investigations.

A skilled litigator, Matt provides cost-effective appeals of Medi-Cal cost reports, CDPH licensure denials and revocations, and citations issued by CDPH and CMS. He has experience trying matters in state court, federal court, and before administrative tribunals, including the Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals. Matt has also represented clients in cases involving alleged violations of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) and False Advertising Law (“FAL”).

As a Deputy Attorney General in the California Department of Justice, Matt represented various state agencies in civil litigation involving health, education, and welfare matters. Consequently, he understands the approaches of government attorneys and investigators and has fostered productive relationships with them. He uses that experience to find solutions for his clients that are both creative and practical.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch, Health Care Law, 2021-2023

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- California Academy of Attorneys for Healthcare Professionals
- California Association of Medical Staff Services
- California Society of Healthcare Attorneys
- San Diego County Bar Association

News

- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Elevates Two Partners and Three Senior Counsel
- Twenty-Four HLB attorneys have been named “Best Lawyers in America 2023” and “Ones to Watch”
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Celebrates 35 Years!
- HLB Attorneys Author False Claims in Healthcare
- Nineteen HLB Attorneys Recognized in “Best Lawyers in America 2022” and “Ones to Watch,” Plus One Attorney Named “Lawyer of the Year”

Insights

- The Practitioner’s Toolbox: California Attorney General Opinions
- DMFEA Launches Operation SAFE to Investigate SNFs During COVID-19
- HHS Releases Revisions to National Practitioner Data Bank Guidebook