



Karl A. Schmitz

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CAPABILITIES

Business Transactions

Compliance

Financing

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

Health Care Financial Restructuring

Hospital-Physician Integration

Managed Care

Mergers and Acquisitions

Real Estate

Reproductive Health

EDUCATION

University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., 2003

University of Southern California, B.A., 1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, 2003

Karl Schmitz is co-chair of the firm's business department. He has advised a wide variety of health care providers on business, general corporate and regulatory matters, including hospitals, individual physicians, physician groups, independent physician associations, health care consultants, management organizations and investors in health care businesses. A significant portion of his practice has focused on the merger and acquisition of health care businesses, including the purchase, sale and leasing of health care facilities, such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, ambulatory surgery centers and pharmacies. Karl also has extensive experience advising clients on consolidation and alignment strategies, including the formation of medical foundations and other organizational affiliations. He has represented for-profit and non-profit corporations, as well as county and local health care districts. He is also a member of the firm's Fraud & Abuse Practice Group.

Karl is also experienced in the formation of business entities, raising capital through private offerings and syndications, and other general corporate matters. He regularly advises clients on contractual matters, such as the development of professional service agreements, coverage agreements, medical directorships and consulting agreements. As such, his practice involves counseling clients on both federal and state regulatory matters such as anti-kickback and physician self-referral laws and state prohibitions against the corporate practice of medicine.

He received his B.A. in Environmental Studies from the University of Southern California in 1997. He received his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 2003 and was admitted to the California Bar that same year.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers, Health Care Law, 2022-2026
- Super Lawyers, Southern California, Rising Star, 2009-2012

Professional Affiliations

- American Health Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

News

- 35 HLB Attorneys Receive Recognition by Best Lawyers in America 2026
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Recognized in 2025 Legal 500 United States Rankings
- Thirty-One HLB Attorneys Have Been Named "Best Lawyers in America 2025" and "Ones to Watch"
- Legal 500 Ranks HLB as a Top Healthcare Service Provider in the United States for 2024
- Twenty-One HLB Attorneys Have Been Named "Best Lawyers in America 2024" and Five HLB Attorneys as "Ones to Watch"

Insights

- AB 692: California Bans Employers From Requiring Departing Employees to Repay Training Costs And Other Debts
- California Expands Oversight of Health Care Transactions Involving Private Equity Groups, Hedge Funds, Management Services Organizations and Certain Other Noticing Entities
- Update on BOI Reporting Rules: Supreme Court Lifts Injunction on Corporate Transparency Act but Enforcement Remains Paused
- What You Need to Know About the Corporate Transparency Act
- California's Emergency Regulations for Health Care Entity PreTransaction Notices Are Now Under Review by the Office of Administrative Law

Events

- Karl Schmitz and Kerry Sakimoto speak at CSHA's Annual Meeting
- HLB Webinar: A Brave New World – California's New Pre-Transaction Notice and Cost and Market Impact Review
- 19th Annual Healthcare Law Compliance Symposium
- BHC 2017 Annual Conference on Current Healthcare Developments