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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

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

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