



Ruby W. Wood

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CAPABILITIES

Health Information Privacy
and Security

Litigation, Mediation,
Arbitration

Medical Education

Medical Staff Operations and
Disputes

Reproductive Health

EDUCATION

Santa Clara University School
of Law, J.D.

University of Hawai'i at Hilo,
B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, 2003

"When it comes to Medical Staff issues, patient care and fair procedure must always be considered. I genuinely enjoy working with my clients to find solutions that put patients first and recognize the unique aspects of each client."

Ruby Wood counsels multi-institutional health systems, academic health centers, hospitals, medical staffs, and medical groups in a variety of matters. Her practice focuses on Medical Staff legal issues including governance, credentialing, internal investigations and hearings, reporting requirements and information sharing, return to practice assessments, Hospital Administration and Medical Staff interactions, and litigation matters.

Her work includes advising clients on their dealings with the state licensing boards, The Joint Commission and other regulatory compliance; peer review matters; internal investigations, including clinical competency issues, behavior concerns and allegations of harassment; formal hearings and arbitrations; HIPAA issues; exclusive contracting and closed departments; and the application of the protections afforded to medical staffs under state and federal law (with an emphasis on California Evidence Code section 1157 protection). Her practice also includes matters related to representation in connection with healthcare litigation encompassing medical staff issues, including writ proceedings, subpoena responses, retaliation claims and related allegations.

Ruby also advises clients on compliance issues and fair procedure considerations in connection with medical staff practices and procedures, including investigations and risk assessment. She has served as lead counsel in numerous medical staff hearings and litigation matters and appears in federal and state court and in arbitration on behalf of her clients.

Much of Ruby's practice involves highly sensitive issues of credentialing, privileging, and peer review disciplinary actions within healthcare provider organizations. She works to allow her clients to deliver the care patients need within the realities of a highly complex, imperfect system. Ruby's objective is to arrive at effective, pragmatic solutions. This requires an awareness of both the big picture, as well as the minute details that constitute it. She evaluates each situation, determines the feasibility of various outcomes and the path to

an optimum resolution, and then helps her clients navigate to it.

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys
- California Association of Medical Staff Services

News

- Ruby Wood, Catherine Srithong Wicker and Erin Sclar Published in CHLN's, "Implementing AB 890 and NP Independent Practice Authority in California"
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Celebrates 35 Years!
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Elevates Eight Partners
- 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

Insights

- Urgent Update: Joint Commission Approves Three Year Appointments
- SB 425 adds Section 805.8 to the California Business & Professions Code Requiring Reporting of Allegations of Sexual Abuse or Sexual Misconduct in Certain Circumstances
- Health Law Perspectives, February 2019
- HHS Releases Revisions to National Practitioner Data Bank Guidebook
- Late Career Practitioner Policies and the Role of Wellbeing Committees in Credentialing Procedures

Events

- HLB Webinar – Minutes Matter: Practical Pointers for Drafting Medical Staff Records
- Sharing Peer Review Information – Practical Approaches to Protect Confidentiality and Immunity Protections
- California Association Medical Staff Services Virtual 2022 Annual Meeting
- California Association Medical Staff Services Virtual 2022 Annual Meeting
- Med Staff Webinar: Navigating Legal Obligations After Submitting A Report