

## MVP: Hooper Lundy's Mark E. Reagan

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*Law360 (September 14, 2022, 2:02 PM EDT)* -- Mark E. Reagan of Hooper Lundy & Bookman PC has represented the California Association of Health Facilities on large-scale projects concerning COVID-19 pandemic management and Medicaid reimbursement, including guiding the nonprofit in litigation over quality health care for individuals who are unable to advocate for themselves, earning him a spot among Law360's 2022 Health Care MVPs.

### **WHAT MOTIVATES HIM:**

The health care partner said he's largely driven by a desire to improve Americans' access to the health care industry. Reagan has represented CAHF since 1990, and since 2016 has worked with them to enable individuals without decision-making capacity to receive quality nursing services. Over the last few years, he has worked with the association and the California Legislature to develop a legal framework for these individuals to receive needed care, working with hospitals and medical associations on various due process safeguards, as well as helping to establish the Office of Patient Representation in the Golden State.

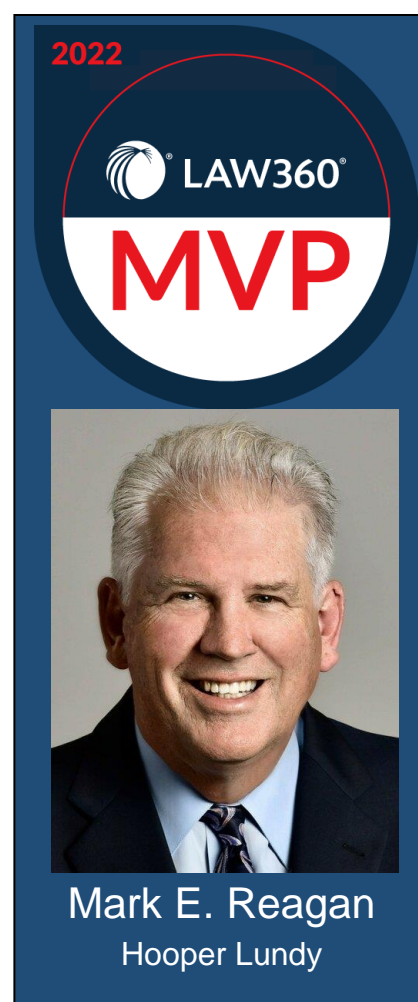
"There is a lot of work to be done around the notion of access to care by all Americans, including ensuring that the system is designed in a way to preserve health equity for everyone regardless of wealth and race," Reagan said.

### **HIS BIGGEST CHALLENGE IN THE PAST YEAR:**

According to the health care law pro, some of the biggest challenges in his recent work have come from "dancing through" multiple forums, "negotiations with administrative agencies, work with the Legislature" and "working within the court system."

He said he wants to ensure that the government understands the needs of both residents and providers amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"People can't get served by health care providers unless those health care providers are capable of actually providing that service," Reagan said.



#### **WHY HE'S A HEALTH CARE ATTORNEY:**

Reagan said he's been interested in the industry since he was in law school and had the opportunity to be exposed to health law. According to the Hooper Lundy partner, his practice area provides "meaningful work," and that's "something that was really important" to him.

According to Reagan, there are three aspects that attract him to health care law.

"Number one [is that it's a] really dynamic practice," Reagan said. "It is ever-changing, and that is really what I believe to be true and has clearly been true throughout my career. Number two is it's America's biggest business, and it is one that has a lot of important elements with enormous financial resources in play. And third, it touches all of us. It touches all of our families. It touches our friends. It touches our community."

#### **HIS ADVICE FOR JUNIOR ATTORNEYS:**

Reagan said junior attorneys in his field "can advance as quickly as you can show that you are up to it." According to the health care law veteran, the "dynamic and transformative nature of the practice" enables junior attorneys to become experts in various aspects of health care much sooner than other sectors of the economy "that are more stable in nature."

Reagan added that he's a "firm believer" that the most successful health care attorneys are "the people who are really passionate about this work."

"It's about being curious," Reagan said. "It's about being proactive. It's about thinking beyond the four corners of each assignment that you might have and thinking about what it is that could bring additional value to the work that we're all doing."

— *As told to Jasmin Jackson.*

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