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Admissions

State Bar of California

Affiliations

American Bar Association

American Health Lawyers Association

California Society for Health Care Attorneys,
Education Committee

Los Angeles County Bar Association, Health
Law Section

Education

UCLA School of Law, J.D.

University of California, Los Angeles,
B.A., *cum laude*

PROFILE

Hope's leading-edge healthcare practice channels her recognized expertise in the business and laws of healthcare to focus on the underlying regulatory concerns that increasingly define the healthcare industry. She helps healthcare providers address the complex regulatory issues that arise in connection with mergers, acquisitions, reorganizations and related corporate transactions. Her experience includes complex Medicare disputes and healthcare payment and fraud and abuse matters.

Navigates Regulatory Compliance for Healthcare Providers

In the highly regulated, high-risk business of healthcare, Hope navigates regulatory compliance, licensure and certification, payment, enrollment and operational issues on behalf of her healthcare provider clients. She works with hospitals, long term acute care hospitals, laboratories, pharmacies, and other providers and suppliers, structuring corporate healthcare transactions to address critical business considerations driven by regulatory compliance matters. Her experience includes analyzing and evaluating due diligence findings and structuring and staging business transactions to address the myriad compliance challenges of healthcare providers and to minimize any delays or interruptions in operations or payment.

Attuned to Concerns of Privacy and Cybersecurity

Sensitive to the privacy and cybersecurity issues of the digital age, Hope frequently advises on state and federal requirements governing the protection, privacy and security of health information. She performs initial assessments and develops compliance and training programs and strategies for healthcare providers. She also regularly assists clients in investigating and analyzing potential breach events, developing and implementing mitigation strategies and understanding any applicable reporting requirements.

Proactively Tackling Disputes

Hope has handled complex Medicare disputes before the Provider Reimbursement Review Board and proactively advises clients on a wide range of healthcare payment and fraud and abuse matters.

Serving the Legal Community

Committed to nurturing the next generation of healthcare lawyers and contributing to the legal community, Hope was an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, where she taught a course on healthcare organizations, business planning and regulatory compliance for upper division law students. She currently serves as the Vice Chair of Publications of the Accreditation Certification and Affinity Group of the American Health Lawyers Association Regulation, Accreditation, and Payment practice group and previously served as a member of the Education Committee of the California Society for Healthcare Attorneys.

Before Nelson Hardiman

Launching her career at a U.S. law firm dedicated to the representation of healthcare providers and suppliers, Hope chaired its regulatory department and before that, chaired its HIPAA Compliance Committee.

Accolades

Hope was recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America in 2017 and 2019. She was

named a Rising Star in Southern California by Super Lawyers Magazine each year from 2006 through 2011.

Life Outside the Firm

When not practicing law, you can find Hope practicing yoga, lifting (sometimes heavy) weights, spending time outside or chauffeuring her kids around town. She especially likes cheering her kids on at their favorite sporting events.

EXPERIENCE

- **Administrative Litigation** Successfully appealed and obtained a dramatic reduction in penalties for a hospital following a self-reported privacy incident.
- **Hospital Bankruptcy & Sale** Lead regulatory counsel to a large health system in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case, the largest hospital bankruptcy in U.S. history. The matter has involved corporate and regulatory support for the system's day-to-day operations as well as extensive regulatory work on the sale of the system's six hospitals, including counsel regarding California attorney general conditions and approval process.
- **Hospital Certification** Worked collaboratively with CMS on behalf of a hospital to ensure the hospital could maintain its general acute care certification in the face of a question about whether it met the "primarily engaged" standard.
- **Hospital Operations** Helped California independent hospital system develop a toolkit to address various discharge challenges, including those involving unrepresented and homeless patients as well as payment for extended hospital stays.
- **Hospital Sale** Nelson Hardiman served as lead regulatory counsel for the \$235 million sale of two Verity Health System hospitals – O'Connor Hospital and Saint Louise Regional Hospital – to Santa Clara County.