

Anna G. Thomas

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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Health Care Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions; Health Care/Life Sciences



Anna G. Thomas is member of the Health Care practice group in Buchalter's Sacramento office. Anna represents health care providers and managed care provider-based and specialized health plans. Anna counsels health care clients in business transactions, helping healthcare providers sell or acquire healthcare facilities and practices.

Anna also focuses her practice on Knox-Keene Act licensing and regulatory compliance for both full-service and specialized health plans offering vision, dental and mental health services. Anna understands the complexity of state laws and regulations relating to health care providers and health plan rights and obligations. Anna's experience with health plans includes initial licensing applications with the Department of Managed Health Care, regulatory approvals of mergers and acquisitions, service area expansion, third party administrator contracts drafting and negotiation, plan-to-plan arrangements, medical surveys, corrective action plans, and on-going regulatory compliance.

Further, Anna advises clients in various matters relating to health care facility licensing, change of ownership filings, and relocations.

Prior to private practice, Anna was a law clerk for the California's Health Benefit Exchange (Covered California) and the California Department of Public Health.

Anna was selected as one of Northern California's "Rising Stars" by *Super Lawyers Magazine* from 2019-2023. Most recently, Anna has been recognized as one of *Sacramento Magazine's* 2023 Top Lawyer in the field of Health Care.

Industry Experience

- Full-Service & Specialized (Vision, Dental and Psychological) Health Care Service Plans
- Risk Bearing Organizations (RBOs)
- Management Services Organization (MSOs)
- Physician Groups
- Surgery Centers
- Urgent Care Centers
- Medi-Spas
- Hospice
- Home Health Agencies
- Home Care Organizations

- Congregate Living Facilities
- Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Facilities
- Telehealth Providers
- Telehealth Platforms

Areas of Expertise

- Corporate Formation and Compliance
- Purchase and Sale of Stock and Assets
- Corporate Restructurings
- DMHC Health Plan Licensing Application
- DMHC Health Plan Notice of Material Modification and Amendment Filings
- Knox Keene Act Regulatory Compliance Filings in response to All Plan Letters or new regulations
- Managed Care Contracting
- Fraud and Abuse (Anti-Kickback, Anti-Referral)
- Licensure and CHOW of Health Care Facilities by the CDPH, CDSS, and DHCS
- Health Care Facility Regulatory Compliance
- Health Care Provider Agreements
- Physician Recruitment
- Health Information and Privacy (HIPAA)

Professional Affiliations

- California Society for Health Care Attorneys
- Sacramento Bar Association
- California Women Lawyers Association

Publications

- Organizing Corporations in California, Third Edition, Professional Corporations, Chapter 6, *Continuing Education of the Bar*, January 31, 2023
- New Patient Disclosure Requirement Effective January 1, 2023, *Buchalter Client Alert*, December 2, 2022
- Buchalter COVID-19 Client Alert: Health Plans are on the Hook for COVID Testing, Per the DMHC, *Buchalter Client Alert*, June 16, 2021

Education

Ms. Thomas earned her J.D. at University of California, Davis School of Law, where she was the recipient of the Dean's Merit Scholarship and earned a Public Service Law Program Certificate. Ms. Thomas received her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley. She also earned an Associate of Science degree in Physical Sciences and Math from American River College.

Bar Admissions

- California

Languages

- Russian