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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Dispute Resolution; Litigation; Health Care Law; Telehealth



Karen George is a member of the Firm's Litigation and Health Care Practice Groups in the Orange County Office. Ms. George focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation disputes, with a particular emphasis on health care clients. Ms. George represents a diverse array of health care clients, including hospital systems, physician groups, billing companies, pharmacies, emergency transportation providers, ambulatory surgery centers, urgent care centers, telehealth companies, and outpatient clinics.

Ms. George has particular insight into the issues surrounding managed care contracting and routinely represents health care providers in large exposure reimbursement disputes and litigation with managed care companies, health insurers, third-party administrators, Medicare Advantage plans, and employer-sponsored health plans. Ms. George regularly handles out-of-network reimbursement disputes, federal preemption issues, coverage disputes, coordination of benefits issues, and recoupment demands. Ms. George routinely defends providers against both private and government payor audits, as well as in False Claims Act cases brought by Federal and State agencies

Ms. George also advises health care providers on compliance and reimbursement issues presented by telehealth and telemedicine.

Publications

- No Surprises Act: No Surprise. More Information Yet to Come., *ICD10monitor*, September 26, 2022
- DMHC Reverses Course – No Surprises Act Does Not Apply to Out-of-Network Emergency Services Governed by the Knox-Keene Act, *Buchalter Client Alert*, March 24, 2022
- An Unanticipated and Significant Victory for Providers: HHS Withdraws Unfavorable Rule that Favored Payers Over Emergency Providers Under the No Surprises Act, *Buchalter Client Alert*, March 2, 2022
- A Big Win for Providers: Federal Court Strikes Unfavorable Rule on Provider-Payor Disputes Under the No Surprises Act, *Buchalter Client Alert*, February 25, 2022
- Malpractice Liability Considerations for Telehealth, *Buchalter Client Alert*, October 21, 2020
- Buchalter Client Alert COVID-19: Hastening Telehealth Provision of Medical Services Across State Lines, *Buchalter Client Alert*, April 30, 2020
- Managing Problematic Hospital-Based Physicians in Light of Economy v. Sutter East Bay Hospitals, *Buchalter Health Care Newsletter*, July 11, 2019
- Ruling Ends Physician Termination Sans Peer Review Process, *The Daily Journal*, May 13, 2019
- California Appellate Court Decision Impacts Ability to Terminate Hospital-Based Physicians, *Buchalter Client Alert*, April 17, 2019

Presentations

- Speaker, "Tales from the Trenches: Third Party Payor Disputes ," National Society of Certified Healthcare Business Consultants, June 14, 2023
- Speakers, "Post NSA: It's a Brave New World," EDPMA Solutions Summit, April 19, 2023
- Speaker, "NSA updates," Independent Emergency Physicians Consortium, November 28, 2022
- Presenter, "No Surprises Act: The IDR Process and Tools for Negotiation," National Society of Certified Healthcare Business Consultants, October 26, 2022
- Presenter, "Behavioral and Mental Health Summit," NSCHBC'S Behavioral and Mental Health Virtual Summit, October 20, 2022

Education

Ms. George received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center where she represented domestic violence victims in Temporary and Civil Protection Orders through Georgetown Law's Domestic Violence Clinic. Ms. George earned her B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior, and Criminology, Law and Society, *cum laude*, from the University of California, Irvine.

Bar Admissions

- California
- Illinois

Community

- Women in Health Administration of Southern California
- Healthcare Financial Management Association, Revenue Cycle & Managed Care Committee