



HEALTH
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HONORS & AWARDS

- Selected to 2020–2025
Northern California Rising Stars

PRESENTATIONS

- Ethical Considerations and Concerns
in the Use of Technology and eDiscovery,
DSR Health Law Education Series, State
Bar Approved MCLE, December 2021

BIOGRAPHY

Meredith is an attorney specializing in health care litigation. Her clients include national and regional health plans (including full service and specialty plans), commercial, Medicare Advantage, Covered California, and Medicaid health plans. Meredith works on cases in state and federal court, arbitration, and she has briefed health care matters for the California Supreme Court and California Courts of Appeal as counsel for amicus curiae. She represents her clients in payment disputes with hospital systems and other providers involving reasonable value for medically necessary services, payment rates under the Knox-Keene Act, and contract disputes. Meredith's experience includes defending health plans in disputes involving investigations and enforcement actions brought by California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC). Meredith also provides advice and counsel relating to compliance with the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA).

Prior to joining DSR, Meredith was part of a team that represented providers in, among other things, payor-provider negotiations, regulatory proceedings, and administrative appeals. Previously, Meredith volunteered as an attorney for the DMHC Help Center where she resolved complex issues between consumers and health plans. She also worked to ensure accreditation and compliance for a large academic medical center, to transition hospital operations into a new infrastructure.

In addition to her law degree, Meredith has a Master of Health Administration degree. This specialized education, coupled with her time working for a hospital system, has given her a deep understanding of the health care business landscape and the opportunities and challenges facing today's health care entities.

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, 2013
 - Magna Cum Laude
 - Article Editor, *The Ohio State University Law Journal*
 - Order of the Coif
- Master of Health Administration, The Ohio State University College of Public Health, 2015
 - Summa Cum Laude
- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Dartmouth College, 2005

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- California Lawyers Association
 - Litigation Section, Member
- Sacramento County Bar Association
 - Health Care Law Section, Member
 - Civil Litigation Section, Member
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys
 - Member
- American Health Law Association
 - Health Care Liability and Litigation Practice Group, Member
 - Payers, Plans, and Managed Care Practice Group, Member
- Women Lawyers of Sacramento
 - Member
- Golden Valley Charter School Board
 - Board Vice Chair, 2023–present
 - Board Member, 2022–2023