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**BIOGRAPHY**

Kat specializes in health care litigation. She has over 15 years of experience as a litigator and transactional attorney serving businesses and individuals in various areas of law. Kat has litigated matters from inception to resolution, representing clients in mediations and as co-counsel in jury trials. Her experience includes areas such as breach of contract, business torts, personal injury, employment law, estate planning, and intellectual property. Kat represents managed care organizations in disputes with both contracted and non-contracted providers for breach of contract and other business torts involving payment under the Knox-Keene Act and pursuant to contracts with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). These disputes involve, but are not limited to, questions of medical necessity, receipt of proper and valid authorizations to trigger payment, and compliance with provider dispute resolution processes. Kat also assists in peer review matters related to credentialing and in administrative matters brought by the California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) and DHCS. As a Rotarian who does her best to exemplify service above self, Kat is grateful to be able to focus her passions, skills, and experience towards advising and representing health plans; particularly those who serve Medi-Cal recipients.

**EDUCATION**

- Juris Doctor, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 2006
  - Traynor's Honor Society
  - Dean's List
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, 1999
  - Pre-Law Concentration
  - Minors in Philosophy and Dance

**PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- California Lawyers Association
  - Litigation Section, Member
    - Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Member
  - Business Law Section, Member
    - Business Litigation Committee, Legislative Affairs, Vice Chair, 2024
    - Business Law Section Committees, Liaison, 2019–present
    - Business Litigation Committee, Co-Chair, 2020–2021
    - Business Litigation Committee, Co-Vice Chair, 2019–2020
- Sacramento County Bar Association
  - Health Care Law 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
    - Development Committee, Co-Chair, 2018–2020
    - Publicity and Community Relations Committee, Vice-Chair, 2017–2018
- Disability Inclusivity Bar Association of Sacramento
  - Co-Treasurer, 2024
- Sacramento Filipino American Lawyers Association
  - Member
- Rotary Club of West Sacramento
  - Member
    - Paul Harris Fellow
    - River City High School Interact Club, Advisor, 2019–2024
    - District 5180 Interact, Chair, 2022–2024
    - Newsletter Editor, 2020

**HONORS & AWARDS**

- Selected to 2019–2025 Northern California Super Lawyers
- Selected to 2019–2024 Super Lawyers Top Women Attorneys in Northern California
- Selected to 2017 Northern California Rising Stars

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Put Me In Your Business Contract! An Overview of Contract Terms That Protect Business Relationships and the Outcome of Disputes, California Lawyers Association (CLA), Business Law Section, August 2024
- Hot Topic in Business Litigation: Direct and Derivative Claims in Corporate Litigation, CLA, Business Law Section, Litigation Section, September 2021
- You're Fired! Thinking Through a Corporate Client's Firing of a Business Litigator, CLA, Annual Solo & Small Firm Summit, June 2021
- Everyone Needs an Expert: Effective and Ethical Use of Expert Witnesses, CLA, Annual Meeting, September 2020
- Business Litigation: 2019 Year in Review, CLA, Business Law Section, January 2020