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### HONORS & AWARDS

- Selected to 2013–2025 Northern California Super Lawyers
- Selected to 2018–2025 Super Lawyers Top 100 Attorneys in Northern California
- Selected to 2017–2023 Super Lawyers Top 25 Attorneys in Sacramento
- Top Lawyers, Health Care Law, *Sactown Magazine*, 2024
- Top Lawyers, Health Care Law, *Sacramento Magazine*, 2015–2018, 2020–2023
- Best of the Bar, *Sacramento Business Journal*, 2014–2016, 2018

### BIOGRAPHY

Mike is a 25-year litigator who focuses on representing managed care health plans and health insurers. He represents some of the largest health plans in California in matters involving provider payment disputes, regulatory enforcement, civil litigation, arbitrations, writ proceedings, and Medi-Cal rate disputes. Mike also advises health plans on a wide range of issues including the ACA, Knox-Keene Act compliance, Medi-Cal program changes, provider contracts, out-of-network payment obligations, and the actuarial Medicaid rate-setting process.

Mike is well versed in administrative law and procedure, having handled matters before state agencies including the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC), and the California Department of Insurance (CDI). He also has experience in all phases of litigation and he has argued successfully in state and federal courts. Mike has appeared before the California Supreme Court, state appellate courts, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals as counsel for amicus curiae.

Mike is a frequent speaker on topics such as managed care litigation, the ACA, and state and federal Medicaid law.

### EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, 1999
  - With Great Distinction
  - Order of the Coif
  - Staff Writer, *McGeorge Law Review*
  - Chief Editor/Founder, *California Initiative Review*
  - Governmental Affairs Certificate
- Bachelor of Science, Finance, Syracuse University, 1989

### PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- California Lawyers Association
  - Litigation Section, Member
- Sacramento County Bar Association
  - Health Care Law Section, Member
  - Administrative Law Section, Member
  - Civil Litigation Section, Member
  - Barristers' Club, Board Member, 2002–2004
- 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
- McGeorge School of Law, Capital Center Advisory Board
  - Board Member, 2013–2019
- McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento Legal Employers Diversity Collective
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Skills Identification Subcommittee, Member, 2020–2022
- Syracuse University Alumni Club of Northern California (Sacramento)
  - Founder/President, 2005–2007
- Sigma Chi Bar Association
  - Member, 2010–present
- United States Army Reservist, 1993–2001
  - "Soldier of the Year" for the U.S. Army 353rd Civil Affairs Command, 1995
- East Sacramento Little League
  - President, 2010–2013
  - Board Member, 2008–2015
  - Team Manager/Coach, 2006–2014

## PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) Conferences
  - Protecting Health Plans from Growing Risks, 38th Annual Conference, October 2024
  - Recent Legal Developments in Health Care Policy, 36th Annual Conference, October 2022
  - Legal Developments in Managed Care, 35th Annual Conference, October 2021
  - Legal and Regulatory Trends in Managed Care, 34th Annual Conference, October 2019
  - Lawsuit Challenging ACA Tax on State Medicaid Programs (*Texas v. U.S.*), 33rd Annual Conference, October 2018
  - Evolving Regulatory Structure and Issues for California's Health Plans and Insurers – Department of Health Care Services and Covered California, 31st Annual Conference, October 2016
  - The ACA and the Courts (sort of): What's Around the Corner? The Potential Litigation Consequences of Increased Membership, 29th Annual Conference, October 2014
  - Medi-Cal Rate-Setting: Sounding Off on Actuarial Soundness, 28th Annual Conference, October 2013
  - Litigation, Regulation, and Legislation: Pieces of the Medi-Cal Managed Care Puzzle, 24th Annual Conference, October 2009
  - Medi-Cal Rates: The Politics of Numbers, 23rd Annual Conference, October 2008
- CAHP Meetings and Seminars
  - The Federal Medicaid Landscape, March 2025
  - State and Federal Rules re: Payment of Claims, State Programs Committee Meeting, October 2023
  - *County of Santa Clara v. Superior Court*, State Programs Committee Meeting, April 2023
  - Regulatory Investigation/Enforcement, Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting, October 2022
  - Legal Update, State Programs Committee Meeting, February 2020
  - Legal Update, State Programs Committee Meeting, October 2019
  - Independent Medical Review & Grievances, Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting, January 2019
  - New Federal Definition of "Employer" and the Expansion of Association Health Plans: Much Ado About Nothing?, Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting, August 2018
  - Post-Stabilization Ruling, State Programs Committee Meeting, October 2017
  - Out-of-Network Payment Disputes, The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly, 2016 Seminar Series, Out-of-Network Charges, May 2016
  - Proposed Federal Regulations: Medicaid Managed Care, State Programs Committee Meeting, August 2015
  - Medi-Cal and Provider Payments: Litigation Update, 2010 Seminar Series, Health Plans and Our Legal Obligations, March 2010
- DSR Health Law Education Series
  - Medi-Cal Targeted Rate Increases for Providers, State Bar Approved MCLE, April 2024
  - Medicaid Managed Care Rate-Setting, State Bar Approved MCLE, January 2024
- Local Health Plans of California (LHPC) Institute
  - Common Legal & Practical Issues in Medi-Cal Provider Contracting: The Lessons of Litigation, May 2021
- Other
  - Mandated Reporter Training: Legal Overview, Presented to Local Initiative, May 2023
  - Prohibition on Corporate Practice of Medicine, Presented to Local Initiative, January 2020
  - State Health Reform Update: What Will the New Governor Do?, California Society of Healthcare Attorneys, Annual Meeting & Spring Seminar, April 2019
  - Compliance and the Attorney-Client Privilege, Presented to Health Plan, January 2018
  - Medi-Cal 101: Where We've Been and Where We're Going, Sacramento County Bar Association, Health Care Law Section, May 2014