



## → Richard Rifenbark

### Partner

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Richard (Rick) Rifenbark is a partner in the Corporate Practice Group in the firm's Century City office. He is also a member of the firm's Healthcare team.

### Areas of Practice

Rick's practice consists of a blend of healthcare regulatory compliance and transactions. He regularly advises healthcare companies such as hospitals, medical groups, laboratories, and pharmacies, on healthcare fraud and abuse laws and other regulatory issues, including the federal anti-kickback statute, stark physician self-referral law, false claims act, state licensing issues, corporate practice of medicine doctrines, and state fraud and abuse laws. Rick also negotiates and drafts transactional agreements, including merger and acquisition, affiliation, professional services, and management agreements. Having practiced healthcare law in California for over 20 years, he has significant experience with California's healthcare regulatory landscape.

### Honors

Southern California Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2024-2025

Leading Lawyer, California Healthcare, *Chambers USA*, 2021-2025

Best Lawyer in America, Healthcare, *Best Lawyers*, 2019-2022, 2025-2026

Healthcare, *Legal 500*, 2015

Healthcare Information Technology, *Legal 500*, 2012

Southern California Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2010, 2011

### Experience

Rick's experience includes:

- Advising clients regarding California's prohibition on the corporate practice of medicine, anti-kickback laws, and self-referral prohibitions
- Conducting healthcare compliance audits and internal investigations involving Stark and the anti-kickback statute
- Drafting various types of agreements between hospitals and physicians
- Acquisitions of hospitals and medical groups

- Conducting healthcare regulatory due diligence
- Preparation of OIG advisory opinions
- Transactions and regulatory reviews involving substance abuse disorder facilities
- Counseling regarding telehealth practice structures and compliance with state licensing requirements, fee splitting laws, and state prohibitions on the corporate practice of medicine
- Advising clients regarding Medicare, Medicaid, and state licensure requirements upon changes of ownership
- Testifying in a jury trial regarding California fraud and abuse statutes

## Articles

### Healthcare Law Blog Posts

- "Navigating Healthcare Workforce Shortages: Evolving Scope-of-Practice and Staffing Regulations," November 14, 2025
- "AB 1501 Becomes Law: How It Will Reshape California PA Practice," October 16, 2025
- "California Enacts SB 351: New Law Aimed at Limiting Private Equity Influence on Healthcare Businesses," October 8, 2025
- "Pulse Check: How is Your California Practice Leveraging '103 NPs' – and Preparing for the Arrival of '104 NPs' in 2026?," July 18, 2025
- "The Corporate Transparency Act: A Reporting Guide for Medical Groups and MSOs," January 29, 2024
- "New Marketing Possibilities for Vendors Contracted with Medicare Providers and Suppliers Following OIG's Favorable Advisory Opinion on Limited Referral Bonuses," January 17, 2024
- "CMS Issues Interprofessional Consultation Guidance," January 25, 2023
- "Who is a Manager or Supervisor Excluded from California's Healthcare Worker Retention Payment Program?," December 16, 2022

## Speaking Engagements

"UCLA Health Law Society's Big Law Panel," February 24, 2025

## Events

21st Annual Healthcare Law Compliance Symposium  
False Claims Act and Stark Update  
Los Angeles, CA, 10.30.2024

## Memberships

- Board of Directors, Saban Community Clinic

- Former Co-Chair, Health Law Committee of the California Lawyers Association
- American Health Law Association
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Health Law Section

## Practices

Corporate

Healthcare

## Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, 2001, *California Law Review*

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1998, Phi Beta Kappa

## Admissions

California