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Practice encompasses general healthcare and hospital law with extensive experience in matters relating to physician discipline, including judicial review hearings and related litigation. Specifically:

- Prepare and present cases for medical staff peer review hearings, including review of medical records, drafting charges, interviewing and preparing witnesses and expert witnesses, drafting opening arguments, closing statements and appellate briefs resulting in:
 - Sixteen findings in favor of the medical staff
 - Three favorable settlements
- Prepared and successfully argued numerous writ of mandate actions.
- Provide general legal services to hospitals, hospital medical staffs, medical groups, IPAs, management service organizations, and physicians:
 - Advise clients on issues related to medical staff bylaws, peer review, consent issues, subpoenas for medical records and peer review documents, exclusive contracts, closed units, and call panels.
- Review and revise physician contracts for hospitals and medical groups.
- Advise hospital and physician clients regarding compliance with federal and state laws related to Stark Phase I and II, anti-kickback, false claims, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, EMTALA, and Medi-Cal and Medicare reimbursement matters.
- Represent diverse clients in complex healthcare-related litigation and arbitration.
- Nursing - Ms. Suda worked for over 20 years as a critical care registered nurse at several Los Angeles and Ventura County hospitals.

HEARING OFFICER INFORMATION

- Available to work in all California counties
- Law Firm Affiliation: Christensen & Auer (1999 - Present)
- Licensed to practice in California since 1998 (State Bar #199378)
- Practicing health law since 1999 (13 years)
- Attended the CSHA Hearing Officer Training Program on June 2, 2012

- Completed hearing in which I served as lead counsel: 18
- Hearings (completed or not) in which I served as lead counsel: 21
- Completed hearings in which I served as hearing officer: 0
- Hearings (completed or not) in which I served as hearing officer: 0

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR, Pepperdine University School of Law, 1998, Cum Laude

- Deans List: Spring 1997 and Fall 1997
- CALI Excellence for Future Award for Negotiation and Settlement Advocacy

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, California State University, Northridge, 1990, With Honors

- Major: Health Science (Nursing Services)
- GPA: 3.65
- Deans List

DIPLOMA FOR REGISTERED NURSE, Christ Hospital School of Nursing, 1979

- Most Outstanding in Personal and Professional Growth

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Hospital and Medical Staff Presentations

Member: California Society for Healthcare Attorneys; Los Angeles County Bar Association

COUNSEL IN KEY HEALTHCARE APPELLATE JUDICIAL DECISIONS

Mileikowsky v. Tenet HealthSystem, et al

California Court of Appeal (2005)

El-Attar v. Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center

California Court of Appeal (2011)

Accepted for review by the California Supreme Court (11/30/2011)

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