

**SARA E. HERSH
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Curriculum Vitae

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Attorney
 - Nelson Hardiman LLP, Los Angeles, California, Partner (2015-present)
 - Bonne Bridges Mueller O'Keefe Nichols, Los Angeles, California (1989-2000, 2004-2015)
 - Bond Curtis, Pasadena, California (2000-2004)

Sara has over thirty years of experience specializing in the defense of health care providers such as physicians, dentists, oral surgeons, nurses, mental health and ancillary health care providers in all phases of civil litigation from complaint through binding arbitration or trial (bench trials and jury trials in Superior Courts and administrative tribunals, including the Office of Administrative Hearings.) Approximately half of these matters have been in defense of malpractice claims and half in professional licensing matters. She has been named a “Super Lawyer” in healthcare and “Top Woman Attorney” for 2019 by Thomson Reuters Southern California.

Sara represents medical staffs of hospitals and hospital systems, provides legal counsel in matters involving medical staff governance, staff privileges, medical staff bylaws/rules, policies and procedures, corrective actions and fair hearings. She provides guidance regarding mandatory reporting to NPDB and licensing boards.

- Occupational Therapist in New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, California (1976-1986)

Sara worked as a registered occupational therapist responsible for daily treatment of physically and emotionally handicapped children and adults in hospitals, out-patient centers, public and private school settings. She established and directed a department of occupational therapy in a Los Angeles acute care hospital. She supervised a staff of therapists, therapy assistants and support personnel. Sara developed and implemented policies and procedures in compliance with internal, state and federal guidelines, and instituted programs and budgets for inpatient and outpatient departmental services.

HEARING OFFICER INFORMATION

- Available to work in California
- Attended CSHA Hearing Officer Training Program in 2017 and 2019 (update course)
- Completed several peer review hearings at community hospitals and academic medical centers, as lead counsel.

EDUCATION

- J.D., California Western School of Law, San Diego, California
- B.S., Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts, cum laude

ADMISSIONS (1989)

- State Bar of California #143652
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- California Academy of Attorneys for Health Care Practitioners (past secretary)
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys (publications committee 2019)
- American Health Lawyers Association

REFERENCES FOR PEER REVIEW HEARING OFFICER:

- Carlo Coppo (760) 918.0500
- Bob Sullivan (916) 442.8888