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Steve Simas specializes in administrative, government, healthcare, and employment law. He has represented clients before state and local government agencies since 1990, and has tried over 150 contested adjudicatory hearings in administrative matters under the California Administrative Procedure Act, in Superior Court and in Federal Court.

Mr. Simas represents and counsels physicians, physical therapists, nurses, veterinarians, engineers, real estate brokers, contractors, attorneys, and most other professionals who are regulated and licensed by the State of California. Since 1990, he has represented a variety of healthcare providers, including physicians, in the areas of licensing and regulatory disputes, medical staff credentialing, health plan provider member disputes and employment disputes.

Professional Affiliations

California Society for Healthcare Attorneys | California Academy of Attorneys for Healthcare Professionals | American Veterinary Medical Legal Association | Sacramento County Bar Association, Administrative Law Section | San Luis Obispo County Bar Association
Council on Litigation Management

Education

Juris Doctorate, University of California, Davis, 1990
BS, Business Administration, California Polytechnic State University, 1987

Admitted

California State Bar | Supreme Court of the United States | United States Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit | United States District Court, Eastern and Central Districts of California

Experience

2002-Present Founder, President and Managing Attorney of Simas & Associates, Ltd., government, administrative and healthcare law firm
2000-2002 Nossaman LLP – represented healthcare professionals and organizations in administrative hearings, arbitrations in state and federal court
1999-2000 Office of the California Attorney General – served as Deputy Attorney General
& 1993-1996 representing state agencies and personnel in employment discrimination litigation, public contracts litigation and administrative licensing matters
1997-1999 Legal Counsel to Public Employment Relations Board
1996-1997 California State Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment –Chief Consultant
1992-1993 Holderness and Associates, representing clients in administrative and civil litigation, public contracts disputes, and appeals
1989-1992 Private practice – law clerk and associate attorney at Turner and Sullivan, one of Sacramento’s original government administrative law firms.

Specific Experience in Healthcare Law

Upon graduation from law school, Steve Simas joined the Sacramento healthcare and administrative law firm Turner and Sullivan. Mr. Simas began representing physicians and other licensed healthcare professionals and continues to do so to this day. In 1996, Mr. Simas argued before the California Supreme Court in a notable decision entitled *Paris v. Zolin* (1996) 12 Cal.4th 839) which involved the enforcements of subpoenas in administrative licensing hearings. Focusing on both administrative adjudication by state licensing boards and other healthcare tribunals, Mr. Simas also has over 20 years experience in both prosecuting and defending petitions for writ of mandate involving legal challenges to the final decision of an administrative agency or body. Since leaving the Attorney General's Office in 2001, his practice has focused extensively on healthcare law in a number of areas. In 2001, he joined Nossaman LLP where he practiced for two years before founding Simas & Associates, Ltd. Steve has represented hundreds of healthcare professionals, including physicians, in a variety of legal matters ranging from investigations by the Medical Board of California, Medicare and Medi-Cal, contested disciplinary actions brought by the Medical Board of California and other healthcare licensing agencies, and in medical staff privileges hearings, and disputes with health insurers regarding provider status. Steve is currently a member of the California Society for Healthcare Attorneys and has completed the June 2, 2012 Hearing Officer Training.

Specific Experience in Medical Staff Hearings

Steve Simas has been involved in medical staff hearings since 1990, representing physicians before the Medical Board and in medical staff hearings since returning to private practice in 2001. He has served as the physician's counsel numerous times, including in medical staff hearings that were tried to conclusion, and has settled and resolved a number of medical staff cases throughout Northern and Central California. Finally, Steve has represented physicians in challenging the final determination of the medical staff by filing petitions for writ of mandate in the Superior Court.

Other Relevant Experience

Steve Simas has defended healthcare professionals in administrative hearings since 1990, which has given him extensive experience in presenting medical evidence, utilizing experts, and developing knowledge of the delivery of healthcare services. In addition, Steve represents the California Physical Therapy Association and the California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association in regulatory issues involving scope of practice, the delivery of healthcare services and related issues. In fact, Steve served as expert witness in Unites States District Court regarding the scope of practice of chiropractors, and testified as an expert in Orange County Superior Court regarding the scope of physical therapy practice. In addition, Steve serves as a Hearing Officer and presides over contested administrative hearings before the San Luis Obispo County Civil Service Commission and has presided over proceedings in the Sacramento Superior Court as a temporary judge in the Small Claims and Traffic Court Divisions.

Steve is available to serve as a Hearing Officer statewide and Simas & Associates has offices located in Sacramento and San Luis Obispo, California. A more thorough description of Steve Simas's experience can be located on the Simas & Associates website: www.simasgovlaw.com.

References

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