



Health Care Partner Kenneth Yood Joins Fulbright's Los Angeles Office

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LOS ANGELES – Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. has added another partner to its leading interdisciplinary national health law practice. Kenneth Yood, who is recognized for his work in health care compliance matters, comes to Fulbright's Los Angeles office from Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, L.L.P.

"We are pleased Ken has joined our team," said Peter Mason, the head of Fulbright's Los Angeles office. "Ken brings knowledge and vast experience representing the full spectrum of clients in the health care industry. His compliance and government investigations work will enhance what we offer the clients who look to our thriving and respected health care practice."

Yood represents a wide range of health care providers and health care companies. He has experience in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and certification, state licensing, and federal regulatory compliance. Additionally, Yood has counseled clients on physician referral law limitations, state and federal fraud and abuse issues, as well as state and federal false claims and program fraud matters.

Yood's experience matches up well with Fulbright, which includes a robust practice representing clients in health care transactions, as well as in medical malpractice and professional liability matters, torts, commercial litigation, and administrative and regulatory matters.

"For more than half a century, Fulbright's attorneys have ensured continued success and compliance with the law with every change the health care industry makes in response to the competitive market forces," said Mark Kadzielski, the head of Fulbright's health law practice in California. "Ken brings terrific experience to our team. He is an impressive health care lawyer, who will help our team provide the very best counsel and service to our clients."

Fulbright's health care practice received the highest possible national ranking among law firms in 2005 from Chambers & Partners *USA Directory*. In 2006, the *Chambers USA Directory* described the firm's healthcare practice as having "a great deal of expertise and by virtue of its size and depth, it has every area well covered." In California, the publication described Fulbright's lawyers as "responsive, thorough and efficient."

Yood has helped clients operate and establish health care compliance programs. He also has developed corporate compliance programs designed to identify Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and certification issues, licensing and federal regulatory compliance matters, fraud abuse issues, as well as other regulatory compliance matters. Additionally, Yood has assisted clients in both internal and external investigation of health care facilities and has experience in advising clients on disclosure and reporting obligations and strategies under the various federal and state false claims laws.

“It’s an honor to become a part of Fulbright’s high-caliber national health care practice,” Yood said. “I am excited about bringing my unique experience to a firm with a vast health care practice that works from an expansive, national platform. Fulbright & Jaworski impressed me with not only the high quality of its lawyers, but its history in the health care industry that dates back almost as long as the firm has been in existence.”

Chambers USA considers Yood as one of “America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.” He received his J.D. from the University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, an M.A. in public health from Harvard University. He is admitted to the State Bars of California, New York and Massachusetts.

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