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Gregory Jones is an attorney in the firm's Health Care Litigation practice. He is a distinguished litigator with more than 16 years of experience defending clients in a variety of health care litigation matters. Greg represents a broad range of health care companies, including health systems, hospitals, medical providers, physicians, and physician groups, in lawsuits and arbitrations involving a wide array of disputes, including claims for unfair competition and business practices, health insurance fraud, antitrust, breach of contract, false advertising, and other business torts.

He also defends clients in *qui tam* actions brought under the Federal False Claims Act, the California False Claims Act and the California Insurance Frauds Prevention Act. Based in the firm's Los Angeles office, Greg has litigated and tried cases in federal and state courts throughout the country, including California, New York, Texas, Nevada, Oregon, Colorado, Virginia, Washington, D.C., New Mexico and Delaware.

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., *cum laude*, 2003)
- University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2000)

Bar Admissions

- California

Memberships

- American Health Law Association
- California Society for Healthcare Attorney
- Justice in Aging, board member

Recognition

- Named "Future Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-2026
- *The Legal 500*, 2019
- *Benchmark Litigation Under 40 Hotlist*, 2017-2018

Capabilities

- Health Care Litigation
- Health Care
- False Claims Act Defense
- Antitrust
- Government Investigations

- *Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2014*

Matters

Health Care Litigation

- Defended a medical group in an antitrust action brought by a competing hospital and medical group for an alleged conspiracy to monopolize the healthcare markets in Solano County. Defended a hospital system in an arbitration brought by a construction project management vendor alleging breach of contract and tortious interference. Defended a hospital system, medical foundation, and independent physician association in an unfair competition and breach of contract action brought by a competing independent physician association.
- Defended an academic hospital in a medical malpractice class action relating to the treatment of pediatric cancer patients between 1977 and 1997.
- Defended a hospital system and affiliated company in a \$20 million joint venture capital funding dispute.
- Represented multiple hospitals subpoenaed in two antitrust actions brought against a hospital system for allegedly forcing insurers to enter into payor arrangements containing anticompetitive terms.
- Defended a group of ambulatory surgery centers in an antitrust action brought by a competitor for allegedly conspiring with two health plans to exclude the plaintiffs from the local geographic market.
- Defended a hospital against an emergency injunction motion seeking to extend a medical supply agreement the termination of which would have allegedly caused the plaintiff to forfeit a deal to purchase the company.
- Defended a physician group and management services organization in a putative class action brought under California Business and Professions Code Section 17200 for alleged violations of the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, the corporate practice of medicine, fraud, and other theories; won a landmark published appellate decision concerning the application of the abstention doctrine to policy issues delegated to the expertise of a state health agency (*Hambrick v. Healthcare Partners Medical Group*, 238 Cal. App. 4th 124 (2015)).
- Defended a hospital in an arbitration brought by a relocated physician claiming fraudulent inducement.
- Defended a healthcare company accused of firing its CEO physician in retaliation for forcing the company to self-report a potential Stark violation.

False Claims Act Defense

- Defended a critical access hospital, a regional management organization, and their parent company in a *qui tam* action brought under the Federal False Claims Act (FCA) brought by a cardiologist alleging that the hospital fraudulently billed the federal government for unnecessary hospital admissions.
- Defended a mental health facility in a *qui tam* action brought under the Federal FCA for alleged violations of state staffing, licensure, and supervision regulations.
- Defended a physician and radiology center in a *qui tam* action brought by an insurance company under California's Insurance Frauds Prevention Act (IFPA) for health insurance fraud based on alleged violations of California's anti-kickback and self-referral laws.
- Defended a dialysis provider in a *qui tam* lawsuit brought under the FCA involving

alleged false billing practices and violations of the Federal Anti-Kickback Statute arising out of the administration of a pharmaceutical.

- Defended two hospitals in a *qui tam* action brought under the IFPA related to spinal surgical procedures that allegedly involved counterfeit medical hardware.
- Defended a group of special education schools in a *qui tam* action brought under the California FCA for alleged billing violations.

Publications

October 4, 2024

Federal District Court Rules Qui Tam Whistleblower Enforcement of False Claims Act Unconstitutional

December 13, 2023

Michigan's Biggest Decisions Of 2023

Quoted, Law360

SCOTUS Rejects Defense-Friendly Scierter Standard In Schutte Opinion

April 24, 2023

SCOTUS Appears Poised To Reject Defense-Friendly Safeco Scierter Standard In FCA Cases

April 7, 2023

Nursing Home Providers Suffer Blow as District Court Denies Motion to Dismiss in "Worthless Services" FCA Action Based on Allegations of Substandard Care