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Paul Gomez represents health care and behavioral health care providers and investors in some of their most significant acquisitions, joint ventures and affiliations, as well as with respect to their day-to-day operations. He combines his understanding of the major developments driving health care and behavioral health care transactions and affiliations with his knowledge of key legal requirements to help clients reach their respective patient care and business goals in a practical and efficient manner.

Paul's health care/behavioral health care M&A and regulatory practice is centered around:

- Behavioral health treatment centers
- Complex hospital/physician integration models, acquisitions, joint ventures and affiliations
- Physician practice acquisitions (Led and completed over 250 physician practice acquisitions/sales)
- Private equity health care M&A
- Friendly PC/MSO Arrangements and related regulatory matters
- Formation and expansion of license-exempt medical foundation clinics
- Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs)
- Urgent Care Clinics
- Direct-to-employer ACOs

Paul has been a member of the American Health Law Association for over 20 years.

Education

- Albany Law School (J.D., 2001)
 - Matthew Bender Prize for "Highest Achievement in Trusts and Estates," Albany Law Review, Veterans Legal Aid
- Claremont McKenna College (B.A., 1995)
 - Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Bar Admissions

- California, 2005

Capabilities

- Behavioral Health
- Value-Based Innovation & Clinical Integration
- Health Care Compliance
- Health Care
- Hospitals & Health Systems
- Health Care Mergers & Acquisitions
- Ambulatory Surgery Centers

- New York, 2002

Court Admissions

- State of California
- State of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

Memberships

- American Health Law Association, 2002-present
 - Hospitals and Health Systems member
 - Business Law and Governance member
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys, 2004-present
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, 2004-present
 - Healthcare Law Section
 - Executive Committee
 - Former Chair

Recognition

- 14th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards, Healthcare/Life Sciences Deal of the Year (\$50MM to \$100MM), Restructuring of Elements Behavioral Health
- 11th Annual Americas M&A Atlas Awards, USA Restructuring Deal of the Year, Middle Markets, Nominee Winner: Elements Behavioral Health Restructuring and Sale of Assets
- Recognized by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* as a Leader in Healthcare and Trusted Advisor, 2018
- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Healthcare, California, 2015-2025
- Selected for inclusion in *Southern California Super Lawyers* Healthcare and Business, 2017-2021
- The Legal 500 United States - M&A (Middle Market category), 2015-2016
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Health Care Law, 2021-2026

Matters

- Formed new 1206(l) license-exempt medical foundation clinic for large health system in Southern California.
- Formed new 1206(l) license-exempt medical foundation clinic in connection with a children's hospital in San Diego.
- Formed a new 1206(l) license-exempt medical foundation clinic for an additional children's hospital in Southern California.
- Formed a new 1206(l) license-exempt medical foundation clinic for a formerly independent hospital in Central California.
- Formed a new 1206(l) license-exempt medical foundation clinic focused on pediatrics for a major academic medical center in Northern California.
- Formed a new 1206(g) license-exempt medical foundation clinic for a formerly independent hospital and cancer care center in Southern California that is now part of a larger health system.
- Advised on operations, regulatory issues, acquisitions and expansions of multiple

license-exempt medical foundation clinics across the state of California.

- Advising on ongoing operations, regulatory issues, acquisitions and expansions of license-exempt medical foundation clinic operations in California for one of the largest health systems in the country.
- Represented Dignity Health and led the structuring of an affiliation related to re-opening and management of L.A. Surge Hospital (COVID-19 inpatients) in a unique arrangement involving another large health system, the State of California and Los Angeles County.
- Led the healthcare transactional side of the \$65 million sale of national behavioral healthcare provider Elements Behavioral Health to a private equity buyer in a highly complex transaction within the context of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy. This transaction received two national M&A Deal of the Year awards.
- Represented private equity buyer in its multi-million dollar acquisition of a large fertility practice, related ASC and laboratory.
- Advised major Hollywood movie and television studio in negotiation and entrance into multiple COVID-19 testing and related services agreements to enable re-opening of movie and television production across the United States and in Canada.
- Represented Silicon Valley TMS in a sale of multiple psychiatric clinics in Northern California to Refresh Mental Health, sponsored by Lindsay Goldberg.
- Represented CommonSpirit Health in its affiliation with Concert Health to collaborate on expanding availability of remote mental health services to patients in California and potentially across the country.
- Represented joint venture comprised of two large health systems in corporate restructuring to facilitate greater development and expansion of cancer treatment centers.
- Represented a California licensed health clinic in its acquisition of several physician practices to further improve access to comprehensive health care.
- Represented private equity-backed dermatology practice in its acquisition of multiple dermatology practices and related ASCs.
- Represented client in formation of new company and related contracts to manage, own and operate residential substance use disorder and detox treatment programs.
- Represented private equity-backed national behavioral health provider in acquisition and development of residential and outpatient substance use disorder and mental health treatment programs in multiple states.
- Represented MemorialCare Health System in formation of first-of-its kind direct to employer ACO to serve the healthcare needs of employees (and their dependents) of The Boeing Company in Southern California.
- Represented private equity client in acquisition of an adolescent, residential substance abuse and eating disorder treatment center in California.
- Represented a national eating disorder treatment provider in its acquisition of multiple eating disorder treatment facilities and programs in California.
- Represented a nonprofit, tax-exempt medical center in California in its formation of a new, license exempt medical foundation clinic and affiliation with a new, multi-specialty medical group.
- Represented large, nonprofit, tax-exempt health system in its investment in a joint venture ambulatory surgery center with a national, for-profit surgery center provider in California.

Publications

April 30, 2026

California Attorney General and California Medical Association Advocate for Competing Interpretations of Corporate Practice of Medicine Laws That May Reshape PC/MSO Structures

March 5, 2026

Top Issues in Behavioral Health 2026 Newsletter

October 15, 2025

Governor Newsom Embraces Tighter Requirements on Private Equity and Hedge Fund Investments in California Health Care By Signing AB 1415 and SB 351

September 18, 2025

California Bills Expanding OHCA Requirements, Impacting Private Equity Investment in Health Care and MSOs Heads to Governor Newsom's Desk

August 26, 2025

California Legislature Advances Bills Impacting Private Equity and Management Services Organizations

May 28, 2025

AB 1415 Passed by California Assembly with Amendments

May 20, 2025

Autism Investor Summit – Which Way Are the Autism Investment Winds Blowing
Featured, Behavioral Health Business

February 25, 2025

California Bill Seeks to Expand Scope of OHCA's Review to Private Equity, Management Service Organizations and Others

February 18, 2025

Top Issues in Behavioral Health 2025 Newsletter

February 14, 2025

California Reintroduces Legislation to Restrict Private Equity Management of Health Care Providers

September 30, 2024

Governor Newsom Vetoes AB 3129, Addressing Private Equity in California Health Care Transactions

September 4, 2024

California Senate Passes Bill to Clamp Down on Private-Equity Healthcare Deals
Quoted, WSJ PRO

September 4, 2024

California Legislators Pass AB 3129 to Require Notice and Consent for Private

Equity and Hedge Fund Investments in Health Care

July 9, 2024

California Considers Revisions to Legislation on Health Care Investments and Regulations on OHCA Review

June 14, 2024

Healthcare M&A 2024 – A Chambers Global Practice Guide

Contributor, Chambers and Partners

May 14, 2024

New State Laws Could Complicate Behavioral Health Dealmaking

Quoted, Behavioral Health Business

April 25, 2024

FTC Noncompete Ban Presents Several Trade-Offs For Behavioral Health

Quoted, Behavioral Health Business

April 18, 2024

States Aim to Combat Private-Equity Healthcare Takeovers

Quoted, Wall Street Journal Pro

April 1, 2024

California's AB 3129 Continues National Trend of Scrutinizing Private Equity Investments in the Health Care Industry

March 20, 2024

A Market in Transition: Autism Therapy Provider M&A

Co-Author, The National Law Review

March 19, 2024

Behavioral Health M&A 2024 Legal Trends

Co-Author, The National Law Review

March 8, 2024

Top Issues in Behavioral Health Newsletter 2024

January 4, 2024

California Health Care Transactions: Finalized Regulations Addressing Notice and Review Requirements from the Office of Health Care Affordability

November 30, 2023

Office of Health Care Affordability Publishes Near-Final Regulations on Health Care Transaction Notice Requirements

October 20, 2023

Legal, Regulatory Uncertainty Could Slow Down Behavioral Health Dealmaking

Quoted, Behavioral Health Business

October 17, 2023

Office of Health Care Affordability Appears to Both Limit and Expand Scope of Health Care Transaction Notice Requirements in Latest Draft Regulations

August 2, 2023

California Regulators Publish Highly Anticipated Draft Regulations on Mandatory

Pre-Transaction Notices for Health Care Entities

June 26, 2023

States look to crack down on health care mergers

Quoted, Axios

June 13, 2023

How California's New Legislation Could Affect Healthcare M&A Activity

Quoted, MedCity News

June 6, 2023

New California Legislation and Law May Have Serious Impact on Certain Health Care Deals

March 2, 2023

Polsinelli Top Issues in Behavioral Health 2023 Newsletter

September 30, 2022

Analyzing Key Developments in the Behavioral Health Space (Autism Services, Addiction Treatment, and Mental Health)

Speaker, Provident Healthcare Dealcast

May 2021

California Bill SB 642 Will Not Move Forward This Year

November 2018

Senate Bill 1152: California's Hospital Discharge Policy for Homeless Patients and How It May Affect Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers