

Overview

Steptoe & Johnson's Long-Term Care Team is made up of attorneys, legal assistants, and legal nurse consultants from the firm's litigation, business, and labor groups. Team members represent owners, operators, and developers of all types of long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home health agencies, and continuing care retirement communities.

Our services include patient care liability defense; labor and employment representation, including wrongful termination, counseling, and workers' compensation; and regulatory compliance, including assistance with development of plans of correction and appeals of regulatory citations. Our team is fully prepared to represent long-term care providers of any size with all their needs in the litigation-intensive health care field.

Recognitions

- Top ranked by The Best Lawyers in America®
- Supported by team of 100 litigators and 35 paralegals
- Specialized mass document review and e-discovery teams
- More than 100 years of experience
- Industry-specific training available to clients to help reduce risk

Representative Experience

- Defended multiple long-term care facilities in claims involving medical negligence (including wound development, infection, falls, understaffing, and malnutrition), and punitive conduct
- Successfully litigated hundreds of wrongful death cases
- Won summary judgment on behalf of long-term care facility in claims alleging medical negligence
- Won arbitrations for long-term care groups involving disputes with unions
- Successfully compelled arbitration of patient care claims in state and federal court
- Defended operator of long-term care facilities in claims of medically resistant staph infections

- Assisted in the sale of assets of a substantial independent and assisted living facility and related nursing home, which necessitated the defeasance of publicly held tax-exempt indebtedness
- Represented a nursing facility in litigation to prevent re-zoning of nearby agricultural land for industrial use

Areas of focus

LITIGATION

- Patient care liability
- Labor and employment

CORPORATE AND TRANSACTIONAL ISSUES

- Solve governance, management, and contractual issues
- Assist in the acquisition and sale of assets, private physician practices, and hospital networks

MEDICAL STAFF CREDENTIALING AND BYLAWS

- Physician credentialing and privileges
- Physician professional disciplinary actions

MEDICAL/ETHICAL ISSUES

- Counsel on ethical issues related to informed consent, drafting policies, actions and procedures, and confidentiality
- Advance directives, do-not-resuscitate issues, and withdrawal of life-support systems

FINANCING

- Public and private funding and tax-exempt bonds, and related tax issues

REGULATORY MATTERS

- Affordable Care Act and HIPAA
- Certificate of Need and Rate Making
- Medicare fraud/audits and correction of survey deficiencies



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