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John Puente brings more than 25 years of legal and public policy experience in service of managed care plans, medical groups, trade associations and other healthcare clients, both in the public and private sector. He specializes in providing legal counsel on administrative law, public policy, regulatory, compliance, licensing, Medicare and Medicaid issues.

John has held numerous positions at both public and private organizations. While General Counsel for the Medical Board of California, he advised the Board on physician licensure and disciplinary matters and served as Chair of the Corporate Practice of Medicine Working Group. As Chief of Licensing and Deputy Director for Plan and Provider Relations at the Department of Managed Health Care, he oversaw the licensure of full service and specialized health plans as well as led the review and ultimate approval of a significant health plan merger.

In the private sector, John has held several senior leadership positions. He was Deputy General Counsel and Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for a publically traded Fortune 500 health care company specializing in Medicaid, Medicare and Marketplace. He advised on all legal and regulatory matters including contracting, credentialing, licensing, HIPAA, surveys, transactions and regulatory matters. John was also Vice President and California Operations Director for a national venture capital funded healthcare and technology startup. During his tenure, the health plan quadrupled in enrollment, expanded its service area, and entered the small group market. Additionally, John was Vice President of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for the statewide trade association representing health plans in California. In this role, he was instrumental in guiding industry input during development of the timely access to care regulations as well as establishing links between the industry and the Department of Health Care Services as public program enrollment underwent significant growth.

John's experience in the public sector, combined with that in senior corporate leadership roles, provides him with the critical understanding and expertise necessary to successfully navigate business and regulatory complexities.

In addition to his professional work, John has long been involved in local community service. John is a Board Member of the Land Park Community Association, former Chair of the Sacramento Utility Rates Advisory Commission and former Chair of the Sacramento County Mental Health Board.

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

Land Park Community Association
American Health Lawyers Association
Voluntary Legal Services Program
California Society for Healthcare Attorneys

PRACTICES

Health Law
Corporate
Government Relations & Regulation
Governmental Advocacy
HIPAA
Managed Care
Medicare/Medi-Cal Compliance & Payments

INDUSTRIES

Healthcare
Hospitals, Health Facilities, Medical Staffs & Foundations
Medical Groups
Professional Societies & Associations

EDUCATION

St. Mary's College of California, B.A., 1993
Gonzaga University School of Law, J.D., 1996, *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

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