

# Tom Curtis

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For more than 40 years, Tom Curtis has represented clients in the healthcare sector on a wide range of issues including, medical staff peer review proceedings, licensing proceedings, writ proceedings, State and Federal Court civil litigation, and related appellate proceedings. Tom represents hospitals, health systems, health plans, medical staffs, medical groups, ambulatory surgery centers, and other healthcare providers on regulatory and compliance issues and the development of long range plans.

Tom is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. This recognition is limited to one third of one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction. Members are nominated by Fellows in their jurisdiction and elected by the Board of the American Bar Foundation. Tom has repeatedly been recognized as a Super Lawyer in healthcare law. He has served on the teaching faculty for The Joint Commission and as Editor-In-Chief of the California Physician's Legal Handbook.

He was individually recognized for Healthcare in California by *Chambers USA* in 2021-2022, and he is an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell attorney. He is also a frequent lecturer and author on current health law issues.

## INSIGHTS

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### PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "Physician Integration - Whether it be Clinical or Otherwise: Perhaps it is Time to Focus on the Physicians," *South Florida Hospital News and Healthcare Report*, 01.01.2022

Co-Author, "Behaviors that Undermine a Culture of Safety, Policies and Procedures for Medical Staffs and Medical Groups," *California Public Protection and Physician Health Guidelines*, 03.2017

Editor-in-Chief, "California Physician's Legal Handbook," *California Medical Association*, 2007-2008

Editor, "Treatise on Health Care Law, Chapter Six, "The Medical Staff"," *Matthew Bender Publishing Company*, 1991-1995

## HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

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Chosen for individual recognition for Healthcare in California by *Chambers USA*, 2021-2022  
American Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell  
Selected to the Southern California Super Lawyers list, 2004-2006, 2008-2013

## COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

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American Bar Association, Chair, Health Law Section's Physician Interest Group (2008-2010)  
American Health Lawyers Association, Member  
American Society of Medical Association Counsel, Member  
California Academy of Attorneys for Healthcare Professionals, Member  
California Public Protection & Physician Health, Inc., Advisory Attorney to the California Physician Wellbeing Committees  
California Society for Healthcare Attorneys, Member  
La Canada-Flintridge City Council Member (1980-1985); Mayor Pro Tem, La Canada-Flintridge (1984); Mayor, La Canada-Flintridge (1985)

## PRACTICES

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Health Law  
Peer Review  
Ambulatory Surgery Centers  
EMTALA  
Healthcare Fraud & Abuse  
Litigation

## INDUSTRIES

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Healthcare  
Hospitals, Health Facilities, Medical Staffs & Foundations  
Medical Groups

## EDUCATION

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Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1974  
Santa Clara University, B.S., 1971, *Ryland Prize*, 1968-1971; *Foch Medal*, 1968-1971

## ADMISSIONS

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California  
U.S. Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Central District of California  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of California  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of California