

# Stefan R. Chacon

## Counsel

Stefan Chacon represents clients in matters involving health care fraud and abuse, qui-tam actions, compliance, government investigations, licensure, and commercial and civil litigation. He has successfully advised and counseled various clientele, including hospitals, nursing homes, Federally Qualified Health Centers, family medical practices, and dental offices.

In addition to his strong health care practice, Stefan maintains an active commercial litigation practice. He is adept in guiding clients through disputes ranging in size that involve contracts, business torts, government investigations, employment, and corporate governance.

Prior to practicing law, Stefan served in the Peace Corps in Ecuador, where he worked in small business development and microfinance. This experience plays into his legal career as he is detail-oriented, resourceful, efficient, and constructs creative strategies for his clients.

Stefan is affiliated with several professional organizations and regularly presents his expertise at webinars and conferences.

### Representative Work

Represented several healthcare facilities in complex False Claims Act litigation.

Tried multimillion-dollar land dispute case.

Represented multiple healthcare entities with state and federal government investigations, including investigations involving whistleblower complaints, and allegations of false claims.

Represented a variety of different healthcare providers, from primary care physicians to nursing homes, in administrative proceedings before regulatory agencies.

Represented numerous healthcare and other licensees in proceedings before licensing and disciplinary boards, including evidentiary hearings and trials.

### Presentations

### Sacramento

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### Practices/Industries

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Health Care Litigation

Health Care

Senior Housing and Care

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

"Risks to PPE Supply Chain and Provider Safety During a Public Health Crisis," American Bar Association Washington Health Law Summit 2020 (December 2020)

"Impacts and Response to the Pandemic in Indian Country," New Mexico State Bar Health Law Section Annual Symposium (October 2020)

"Trends in Litigation and Risk Management in the COVID Era," New Mexico Health Care Association Annual Convention (August 2020)

"Real Life Ethics of Diversity and Inclusion," American Bar Association Health Law Roundtable (January 2020)

"The False Claims Act Today," Federal Bar Association Qui Tam Section CLE Luncheon (September 2019)

"Hot Legal Topics in Long Term Care-Medicaid Fraud Enforcement and 60-Day Repayment Rule," New Mexico Health Care Association Annual Convention (August 2019)

"Telemedicine Emerging Issues," American Bar Association Health Law Section's 20th Annual Conference on Emerging Issues in Healthcare Law (March 2019)

"Trends in False Claims Act Litigation," New Mexico State Bar Health Law Section Annual Symposium (October 2018)

"Statistical Sampling in False Claims Litigation," Legal Education Institute (January 2018)

"The False Claims Act Post-Escobar," New Mexico State Bar Health Law Section Annual Symposium (October 2017)

"Compliance Plans for FQHC's," New Mexico Primary Care Association Annual Meeting (May 2016)

## **Honors & Awards**

*SuperLawyers*, Southwest Rising Star (2018-2020)

## **Community Involvement**

United States Peace Corps, Volunteer (2003-2006)

Catholic Charities of America, Volunteer

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Bar Association, Health Law Section, Chair of Litigation and Risk Management Interest Group

Taos Health Law Roundtable, Chair and Co-Founder

New Mexico State Bar, Health Law Section, Former Chair

American Bar Association, Health Law Section, Former Vice-Chair of Coordinating Committee on Diversity

(2013-2019)

New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association, Board of Directors (2010 – 2015)

### **Judicial Clerkships**

Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Justice Richard C. Bosson, New Mexico Supreme Court

Judicial Extern for the Honorable Chief Justice Edward L. Chavez, New Mexico Supreme Court

### **Academic Distinctions**

Hispanic Law Student Association, President

Moot Court Board, Member by Qualification

Mock Trial Board, Member by Qualification

### **Education**

J.D., The George Washington University Law School (2009)

B.S., University of LaVerne (2003)

### **Admissions and Courts**

California

New Mexico

U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

### **Languages**

Spanish