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Areas of Focus

- Health Care
- Senior Housing and Care
- Health Privacy



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Joyce focuses her practice on leading clients through health care regulatory compliance matters. Her extensive background at health organizations like Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Stanford Health Care uniquely position her to mitigate legal risks for clients. Joyce specializes in HIPAA and California privacy and security compliance, such as conducting internal HIPAA audits, advising on the design of software development in relation to monitoring access to electronic medical records (EMRs), authoring policies and procedures for hospitals, managing high-profile patients, integrating wearable technologies into EMRs, reviewing IRB protocols for clinical research agreements between academic medical centers and partners, and more.

Publications

“Collecting Consumer Information: What You Can Learn From California’s Privacy Protection Initiatives,”
American Seniors Housing Association (February 2022)

“Skilled Nursing Facility Weekend Staffing Level and Staff Turnover Rates Made Public by CMS,” Senior
Housing and Care Law Alert (February 2022)

“California Privacy Rights Act – What’s Next?,” Senior
Housing and Care Law Alert (September 2021)

Presentations

“Protecting Privacy in Assisted Living – Navigating the Complexities,” California Assisted Living Association
Spring Conference and Expo (June 2024)

“Business is Disrupted: Getting Ahead of Privacy Issues,” Hanson Bridgett Business Disruption Strategies Webinar (April 2020)

Honors & Awards

California Lawyers Association, Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Legal Services Award (2019–2023)

Chambers and Partners USA, Health Care

Education

J.D., Loyola Law School Los Angeles (2015)

M.Ed., George Mason University (2012)

B.S, B.A, University of California, San Diego (2010)

Admissions and Courts

California