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Areas of Focus

- False Claims Act and Government Investigations
- Health Care Litigation
- Health Care
- Senior Housing and Care
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Medical Staff
- Workplace Investigations

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Stefan Chacon advises and represents a variety of healthcare clients in matters involving litigation, False Claims Act, fraud and abuse, compliance, risk management, government investigations, licensure, and medical staff issues. His clients include Federally Qualified Health Centers, hospitals, medical staffs, nursing homes and many other provider-side entities and individuals.

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. Stefan has experience at all levels of the litigation process, including civil and administrative trials and appeals.

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. He is also fluent in Spanish, and licensed to practice in California and New Mexico.

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.

Publications

"U.S. v. Inland Empire Health Plan Will Be Major Test for DOJ's FCA Theory Based on Expenditure of Medicaid Adult Expansion Funds," author, American Health Law Association (January 2026)

"FCA's Qui Tam Provisions on Shaky Ground After Zafirov," author Legal Alert (February 2025)

"Analysis: Three 2024 Cases That Could Affect Healthcare Fraud Enforcement," author Insights & Analysis (September 2024)

Presentations

"Healthcare Law Fundamentals," co-presenter, American Bar Association 24th Annual Conference (March 2023)

"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

ABA Health Law Section, Champion of Diversity (2025)

Super Lawyers, Health Care; Civil Litigation (2014-2015; 2017-2020)

Chambers and Partners USA, Healthcare

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)

California Society for Healthcare Attorneys, Member

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

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California