

# Schedule

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**Registration and Breakfast****7:00 am**

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**Welcome and Introduction**

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox

**8:00 am**

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**The Plague of Whistleblower Retaliation Claims and Lawsuits****8:10 – 9:00 am**

*Whistleblower claims are everywhere these days, and California Appellate Courts are making precedent-setting decisions about them. This presentation will address how to prepare for whistleblower retaliation claims and related lawsuits, how to respond when they arise, and what the courts are saying about them right now.*

**Speakers:**

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox  
Debra Albin-Riley, Partner, Arent Fox  
Diane Roldán, Associate, Arent Fox

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**Investigations: The Why's, How's, and What-Did-I-Get-Into's****9:00 – 9:45 am**

*Commencing a peer review investigation is a significant event with potentially serious consequences that are often not well understood. Learn more about the world of investigations and how to effectively handle them.*

**Speaker:**

Sarah Benator, Counsel, Arent Fox

**BREAK****9:45 – 10:00 am****A Challenge for Our Times: When Your Facility's Disruptive Behavior Problem Is Sexual Harassment****10:00 – 11:00 am**

*Question: What problem could be more trying for a medical staff than disruptive behavior? Answer: When the disruptive behavior is sexual harassment. Navigating the resulting legal, political and cultural minefield requires a clear grasp of the legal principles applying to both problems. We will share innovative approaches not only to dealing with these challenges when they arise, but also to preventing them in the first place.*

**Speakers:**

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox  
Mark Phillips, Partner, Arent Fox

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**How Medical Staffs Should Approach Such High-Technology Wonders as Social media, Texting and Telemedicine****11:00 – 11:45 am**

*Twitter? Texting? Facebook? Snapchat? What do these have to do with peer review and the law? Social media plays an increasing role in our day-to-day lives and sometimes social media also has a role in medical staff matters. We will address what we can learn from recent developments and how to avoid potential pitfalls.*

**Speakers:**

Tom Jeffry, Partner, Arent Fox  
Steve Schnier, Counsel, Arent Fox

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**LUNCH PROVIDED****11:45 am – 12:15 pm**

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**The Future of the Affordable Care Act**

**12:15 – 1:15 pm**

*Our annual breakdown of Congressional action on the future of the Affordable Care Act, with Stanford's always-popular Dr. Lanhee Chen presenting and answering your questions.*

**Speaker:**

Lanhee Chen Ph.D., Counsel, Arent Fox

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**PANEL DISCUSSION: How to Effectively Handle Hearings and How They Have Changed Over the Years**

**1:15 – 2:00 pm**

*Nobody enjoys peer review hearings. This panel will address how to effectively handle hearings, outline how they have changed over the years, and how to minimize the pain, burden and expense involved. Our panel will show the different perspectives on the hearing process from the viewpoint of physicians, hearing officers and attorneys.*

**Speakers:**

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox (moderator)  
Howard Davis MD MBA, Chief Medical Officer, Providence Tarzana Medical Center  
Suzanne van Hall, hearing officer

**BREAK**

**2:00 – 2:15 pm**

**Case Studies**

**2:15 – 3:00 pm**

*Our always popular case studies will focus on retaliation and sexual harassment topics, among others.*

**Moderated by:**

Sarah Benator, Counsel, Arent Fox  
Susie Murphy, Counsel, Arent Fox

**Also participating:**

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox  
Debra Albin-Riley, Partner, Arent Fox  
Mark Phillips, Partner, Arent Fox  
Steve Schnier, Counsel, Arent Fox  
Diane Roldán, Associate, Arent Fox  
Louisa Kirakosian, Attorney, Arent Fox

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**Ask Us Anything!**

**3:00 – 3:30 pm**

*The entire team will be available to answer any questions any audience member has about peer review law. We promise not to "Plead the Fifth".*

**Speakers:**

The Entire Arent Fox Team

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**Cocktail Reception and Networking**

**3:30 – 5:00 pm**

