

Schedule

Registration and Breakfast**7:00 am**

Welcome and Introduction

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox

8:00 am

The Plague of Whistleblower Retaliation Claims and Lawsuits

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

8:10 – 9:00 am**Investigations: The Why's, How's, and What-Did-I-Get-Into's**

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.

Speakers:

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox
Susie Murphy, Counsel, Arent Fox

9:00 – 9:45 am**BREAK****9:45 – 10:00 am**

The Future of the Affordable Care Act

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

10:00 – 11:00 am

How Medical Staffs Should Approach Such High-Technology Wonders as Social Media and Texting

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:

Sarah Bruno, Partner, Arent Fox
Tom Jeffrey, Partner, Arent Fox
Steve Schnier, Counsel, Arent Fox

11:00 – 11:45 am**LUNCH PROVIDED****11:45 am – 12:15 pm**



A Challenge for Our Times: When Your Facility's Disruptive Behavior Problem Is Sexual Harassment

12:15 – 1:15 pm

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.

Speaker:

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

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)
Nick Mickas, M.D., Immediate Past Chief of Staff, John Muir Medical Center - Walnut Creek
Shelly O'Connell, MBA, CPMSM, Director, Medical Staff Administration, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland
A. Robert Singer, Esq., 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:

Debra Albin-Riley, Partner, Arent Fox
Susie Murphy, Counsel, Arent Fox

Also participating:

Lowell Brown, Partner, Arent Fox
Mark Phillips, Partner, Arent Fox
Steve Schnier, Counsel, Arent Fox
Diane Roldán, Associate, Arent Fox

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

Cocktail Reception and Networking

3:30 – 5:00 pm

