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About Nicholas

Nicholas Levenhagen is a litigation lawyer specializing in high-stakes healthcare disputes. He has experience litigating a variety of complex matters, including issues involving provider reimbursement, medical necessity determinations, durable medical equipment policies, unfair competition laws, elder abuse and disability discrimination claims.

Prior to joining the firm, Nicholas was lead senior counsel with a California state agency, leading investigations of healthcare entities and conducting other market oversight activities. He previously served as litigation counsel for the healthcare practice of a large nonprofit agency, representing consumers in federal and state class actions, as well as writ proceedings challenging state and county health coverage policies. In this role, Nicholas also advised California state agencies on a range of healthcare policy guidance and agreements, including All Plan Letters, All County Letters and Managed Care Plan Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs).

After graduating from Boston University School of Law, Nicholas began his career by representing Holocaust survivors in health, housing and other matters at an esteemed nonprofit law firm in Los Angeles, California.

Experience

- Negotiated favorable settlements in federal and state class action lawsuits involving disability discrimination, unfair competition and elder abuse claims brought against government agencies and contractors, resulting in policy changes and over US\$12 million in payments.
- Led writ action against the California Department of Health Care Services, resulting in the elimination of an unlawful regulatory restriction and US\$36 million in the state budget for healthcare services.
- Successfully negotiated the adoption of a new policy by the California Department of Health Care Services requiring Medicaid coverage of assistive robotic arms and streamlining prior authorization requirements for dual eligibles requesting coverage of durable medical equipment.
- Chaired a probate bench trial in Los Angeles Superior Court, obtaining a favorable judgment.

Credentials

Education

- Boston University School of Law, J.D., 2012
- Hamline University, B.A., 2009

Admissions

- California, 2012

Courts

- U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist. of California

Memberships & Affiliations

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, California Lawyers Association
 - Antitrust and Consumer Protection Section
 - Public Law Section
- Board Member, Legal Aid Association of California, 2015-2022
- Lecturer in Law, UCLA School of Law, 2014-2019

Expertise

Services

- Litigation

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "California Transactional Trends under California's Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA) and Beyond," Los Angeles County Bar Association Health Law Roundtable, May 15, 2025. —
- Co-presenter, "OHCA Program Updates," Health Industry Collaboration Effort Conference, December 10, 2024.
- Co-presenter, "Access to Hospital Care During COVID-19," California Department of Aging and Stakeholders, July 13, 2020.

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