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Lisa's practice focuses on health care regulatory, reimbursement, administrative law, and fraud and abuse issues. She represents health care providers nationwide in administrative appeals and litigation involving the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Lisa has successfully represented clients in numerous contract disputes with private payors. She is a recognized expert in billing compliance and fraud and abuse issues. She advises clients on self-audits, refunds, and voluntary reporting and defends providers in government audits and investigations. She also assists health care clients with business transactions, changes of ownership, and survey and license issues. Before joining Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, Lisa worked for the U.S. Government Accountability Office, where she audited federal programs including Medicare.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Successfully represented the Washington State Hospital Association in challenging the lawfulness of the Department of Health's implementation of the hospital assessment authorized by RCW 70.170.060. *Washington State Hospital Association v. Department of Health*, King County Superior Court, Cause No. 05-2-31816-3SEA.
- Obtained multi-million judgment in favor of Oregon hospitals in dispute with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services over the federal government's interpretation of the Medicare disproportionate share hospital ("DSH") statute. *See Portland Adventist Medical Center, et al. v. Thompson*, 399 F.3d 1091 (9th Cir. 2005).
- Obtained settlement, after initiating litigation on behalf of Oregon's Association of Hospitals and Health Systems and State Medicaid patients, challenging cuts under the Oregon Medicaid program to inpatient and outpatient hospital rates. *See OAHHS, et al. v. Oregon Department of Human Services, et al.*, 3-03-00326-KI (D. Or. 2003); *OAHHS, et al. v. Oregon Department of Human Services* (Or. Ct. App. Nos A120961, A120962).
- Obtained settlement of \$9.18 million from Washington State after challenging the payment methodology used by DSHS to pay distinct part psychiatric units for inpatient psychiatric services provided to MI and General Assistance-Unemployable patients. *See Providence St. Peter Hospital, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services*, Thurston County Superior Court, Cause No. 00-2-00946-9.

- Represented hospitals in challenging DSHS' and the Department of Health's exhaustion of Trauma Fund program funds before the end of the 2001-03 biennium, reaching settlement with the State in 2002. *See Harborview Medical Center, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al.*, King County Superior Court Cause Nos. 02-2-16670-9SEA and 02-2-16002-6SEA.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

List examples of cases or transactions here

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Washington State Bar Association
- Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys,
President (2006-07)
- Healthcare Financial Management Association
- American Health Lawyers Association

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Co-author, *"Medicare DSH Statute's Medicaid Proxy: A Litigious Past, Present, and Likely Future,"* American Health Lawyers Association, Health Lawyer News (June 2004)

"Medicare/Medicaid: Primer and Update," Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys, 2005

"From Bright Spot to Hot Spot: Stark and Physician Fraud and Abuse Issues in 2005," DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar - Medical Liability and Healthcare Law Seminar, San Diego, 2005

"A Healthcare Update: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly," Healthcare Financial Management Association (Washington and Alaska chapter, Oregon chapter), 2004

EDUCATION

University of Washington School of Law,
J.D., *cum laude*, Honors: Order of the Coif,
Order of the Barristers,
recipient of the 1999 Judge Eugene Wright Award
Executive Articles Editor, Washington
Law Review

Pomona College, B.A., *cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar Association
Oregon State Bar Association