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## Admissions

State Bar of California

United States District Court – Central District,  
California

## Affiliations

American Health Lawyers Association

Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los  
Angeles (Past Board of Governors)

National Filipino American Lawyers  
Association, Advocacy Committee member  
(Past Board of Governors)

Philippine American Bar Association of Los  
Angeles (Past President and current Advisory  
Board member)

## Education

Loyola Law School-Los Angeles, J.D., *cum  
laude*  
Loyola Marymount University, B.S. and B.A.,  
*cum laude*

## PROFILE

Arnold Pamplona brings to his healthcare litigation practice the experience of a transactional attorney with a background in corporate and regulatory matters advising on mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, affiliations and dispositions of leading companies in the healthcare industry. Having played a key role in large hospital mergers and sales, Arnold is well versed in the underlying regulatory issues that often emerge in complex healthcare litigation.

### Litigation Strengths Enhanced by Healthcare Industry Experience

With his transactional experience informing his litigation practice, Arnold has extensive experience representing healthcare providers in all aspects of civil and administrative litigation, including False Claims Act matters, shareholder derivative actions and contract disputes.

### A Well-Rounded Healthcare Practice

Arnold also counsels healthcare providers and affiliated entities regarding Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement regulations, state and federal licensing requirements, laws governing healthcare fraud and abuse and general healthcare compliance matters. He regularly advises clients on physician-compensation issues in light of the Stark Law and the federal Anti-Kickback Statute.

### Accolades

Arnold was named to the Southern California Rising Stars list by *Super Lawyers Magazine* from 2011 – 2016. He also was named Pro Bono Champion in 2012 by the American Health Lawyers Association.

### Life Outside the Firm

Outside the firm, Arnold applies his resoluteness in the courtroom to the sharp corners and turns of the racing circuit, where he competes in RallyCross as a member of the Sports Car Club of America. When he is not running after his children, he also competes in the occasional triathlon and enjoys CrossFit.

## EXPERIENCE

- **Complex Business Litigation** Was an integral member of a Nelson Hardiman team that represented a national health system in a contract dispute with another health system and its management company involving an unsuccessful purchase of five financially distressed nonprofit hospitals. The case settled favorably for Nelson Hardiman's client on the day before trial.
- **False Claims Act Litigation** Advises a national health system in False Claims Act litigation filed by a whistleblower alleging that the health system submitted false Medicare claims for inpatient admissions that should have been billed as observation care (known as "short stay" claims) and/or sued false diagnoses to increase reimbursement. This complex case, involving hundreds of thousands of documents, is in the discovery stage with trial currently set for November 2018.
- **Fraud and Abuse** Advised a large nonprofit hospital corporation in its comprehensive internal Stark Law review and self-disclosure of certain physician-compensation arrangements. The review encompassed over 2000 arrangements. Provided significant written analysis of health care fraud and abuse issues and assisted in the drafting of self-disclosure documents.
- **Hospital Contracting** Served as a de facto member of the General Counsel's office for a

large nonprofit hospital corporation. Was tasked with the day-to-day drafting, analyzing and approving of the system's personal services arrangements with both independent and employed physicians. Was placed in charge of two large geographic regions, serving as the lead attorney dealing with day-to-day legal issues arising from the hospitals and other healthcare facilities in those regions.

- **Hospital Transactions** Served as lead transactional and regulatory counsel on several large hospital purchase and sale transactions in the state of California.
- **Pharmacy Acquisition** Nelson Hardiman performed the regulatory due diligence, licensing and enrollment work for a pharmacy acquisition involving six brick and mortar pharmacies licensed in 50 states. The pharmacies were acquired for approximately \$60 million and required the preparation and submission of more than 100 state licensing, Medicaid, Medicare, DEA and NCPDP applications. The large acquisition required the development and management of a complex timing status and strategy based on differing rules and regulations in each state to achieve a smooth close that did not negatively impact the pharmacies' operations or reimbursement flows.