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Alison Bassett is a partner at Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK), where she is an integral member of the Health Care and Business practice groups. A trusted advisor to healthcare organizations across California, she helps clients navigate complex healthcare transactions while managing regulatory risk and advancing their strategic goals. Alison represents hospitals, healthcare districts, nonprofit health systems, clinics, physician organizations, and county healthcare programs advising them on a wide range of transactions and regulatory matters.

Alison's practice includes healthcare M&A, hospital and clinic acquisitions, corporate affiliations and restructurings, joint ventures, lease and real estate transactions, and other strategic partnerships. She regularly advise clients on federal and state regulatory issues, including the Stark Law, Anti-Kickback Statute, and HIPAA. She is particularly known for work on transactions involving public entities and nonprofit healthcare systems in California – a space that requires specialized knowledge of public law constraints, regulatory complexity, and governance considerations.

As outside general counsel to the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Governing Board, Alison provides strategic legal advice across a range of programmatic, contracting, and governance matters that support healthcare access for low-income, uninsured adults in 35 California counties. She has over 20 years of experience in healthcare, corporate, real estate, and finance law – including time in-house with a nonprofit health system managing legal operations for five hospitals and a large property portfolio. This broad, practical perspective assists healthcare clients move deals forward with clarity and confidence.

Alison also mentors healthcare associates and assists in shaping BBK's strategic approach to nonprofit and public-sector healthcare clients. She is a frequent speaker on healthcare transactions and regulatory compliance for audiences including the Association of California Healthcare Districts and the California Special Districts Association.

CORE PRACTICES

Business

Business Transactions

Finance & Banking

Health Care

Mergers & Acquisitions

Real Estate

Special Districts

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

New York University School of Law, J.D.

Whittier College, B.A.

Bar Admissions

California

New York

Notable Experience

- A large, multi-specialty independent practice association (IPA) in its asset purchase of a smaller medical group
- A newly formed nonprofit hospital corporation in its acquisition of a financially distressed for-profit community hospital

- A nonprofit hospital affiliated with a healthcare district in its acquisition of a controlling interest in a diagnostic imaging joint venture
- A healthcare district in the sale of its general acute care hospital to a large nonprofit health system
- A rural healthcare district in negotiating a long-term lease and related sale of hospital operations to a regional health system

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Health Law Association
- Association of California Healthcare Districts
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys
- American Bar Association
- California Lawyers Association

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- "Understanding Board Member & District Liability Issues," California Special Districts Association Board Secretary/Clerk Conference, Oct. 29, 2025
- "Understanding Board Member and District Liability Issues," California Special Districts Association Board Secretary/Clerk Conference, Oct. 23, 2024
- "Understanding Board Member & District Liability Issues," Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California's Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase, Jan. 21, 2024
- "Understanding Board Member & District Liability Issues," California Special Districts Association Board Secretary/Clerk Conference, Nov. 8, 2023