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Alison Bassett is a partner at Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK) and a key member of the firm's Health Care and Business practice groups. A trusted advisor to healthcare organizations across California, she helps clients navigate complex transactions, manage regulatory risk, and advance their strategic objectives.

Alison represents hospitals, healthcare districts, nonprofit health systems, clinics, physician organizations, and county healthcare programs in a broad range of complex healthcare transactions. This includes mergers, acquisitions, affiliations, restructurings, joint ventures, long-term leases, real estate arrangements, and other strategic partnerships. She regularly advises clients on federal and state regulatory matters, including the Stark Law, Anti-Kickback Statute, and HIPAA, and provides strategic guidance on the operational and financial impacts of recent federal healthcare legislation, including H.R. 1 and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).

She is particularly known for her work involving public entities and nonprofit healthcare systems in California – a space requiring specialized knowledge of public law constraints, governance considerations, regulatory complexity, and political sensitivity.

Alison serves as outside general counsel to several healthcare districts and nonprofit hospitals, advising boards and executive teams on governance, contracting, regulatory compliance, and strategic initiatives. She also serves as outside general counsel to the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Governing Board, providing comprehensive legal and strategic guidance that supports healthcare access for low-income, uninsured adults in 35 California counties. In addition, she frequently acts as outside special counsel on major healthcare transactions, guiding clients through high-impact mergers, acquisitions, long-term leases, and organizational restructurings.

With 25 years of experience in healthcare, corporate, real estate, and finance law – including time in-house with a nonprofit health system overseeing legal operations for five hospitals and a substantial property portfolio — Alison brings a practical, business-oriented perspective to every engagement. She helps healthcare leaders move complex initiatives forward with clarity and confidence.

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

Alison is a frequent speaker and thought leader on healthcare transactions and regulatory compliance. She serves as Vice Chair of the American Health Law Association's Hospitals and Health Systems Practice Group (2026–2029), reflecting her leadership within the national healthcare bar.

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, Hospitals and Health Systems Practice Group, Vice Chair, July 2026 – June 2029
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys, Publications Committee, 2026 – 2028
- California Lawyers Association, Business Law Section (BLS) Health Law Committee, 2026
- California Lawyers Association, Health and Wellness Committee, 2026
- American Health Law Association, Member, 2018 – Present
- Association of California Healthcare Districts, Member, 2018 – Present
- California Society for Healthcare Attorneys, Member, 2018 – Present
- California Lawyers Association, Member, 2024 – Present
- American Bar Association, Member, 2020 – Present
- American Bar Association, Law Practice Division, 2025 – 2026
- American Bar Association, Law Practice Today Editorial Board, 2025 – 2026
- American Bar Association, Attorney Well-Being Committee, 2025 – 2026
- American Bar Association, Legal Technology Resource Center (LTRC), 2025 – 2026

Thought Leadership

Publications

- "Health Care Executive Compensation Cap Initiative Becomes Eligible for November 2026 Ballot," California Society for Healthcare Attorneys, *The Weekly – Watching*, Jun. 16, 2026
- "AB 2311 Tests Whether More California District Hospitals Should Be Allowed to Employ Physicians," California Society for Healthcare Attorneys, *The Weekly – Watching* Vol. 4, No. 16., April 21, 2026
- "The Best Way to Use Generative AI in Contract Drafting," *American Bar Association*, Nov. 25, 2025

Presentations

- "Step Into Wellness: Kick Off the 2026 CLA Wellness Walking Challenge," California Lawyers Association, Trust & Estates Law Section Webinar, June 9, 2026
- "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