

False Claims in Healthcare About the Authors

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Since 1979, Lloyd Bookman’s practice has involved exclusively the representation of healthcare providers in a wide variety of reimbursement, regulatory, and transactional matters. In 1987, Bookman, together with Patric Hooper and Robert W. Lundy, formed the national healthcare law firm of Hooper, Lundy & Bookman. As a founding partner, he continues to specialize in the representation of healthcare providers in complex matters. Bookman is a nationally recognized expert on Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and has served as lead counsel in highly significant cases, including *Orthopaedic Hospital v. Belshe*, in which the Ninth Circuit ruled that Medicaid hospital outpatient rates must bear a reasonable relationship to costs, and which ultimately led to a \$350 million retroactive payment to California hospitals. He was also lead counsel in *Alvarado Community Hospital v. Shalala* and *County of Los Angeles v. Shalala*, in which the Ninth and D.C. Circuits held that Medicare outlier payments under prospective payment system were unlawfully set in cases involving 300 hospitals. He continues to successfully represent hospitals and other healthcare providers in major litigation challenging Medicaid rate reductions. Bookman regularly represents providers before the Provider Reimbursement Review Board, state Medicaid agencies, and in federal and state courts in reimbursement disputes.

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She has represented a variety of healthcare providers—including hospitals, emergency physician providers, ambulatory surgery centers, labs, pharmacies, and skilled nursing facilities—in disputes in both contracted and noncontracted contexts, seeking to ensure providers are compensated appropriately for the valuable healthcare services they provide. She has also represented provider clients in numerous government investigations, audits, and false claims actions, including those brought by qui tam relators. Gordon has experience representing providers in state court, federal court, in arbitration, and before the medical board.

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