

# HEALTH



Our Health Law Practice provides comprehensive legal services to hospitals, health authorities and private sector health care clients.

## OUR EXPERTISE

Our corporate and commercial work on behalf of health care clients is extensive. We negotiate and prepare construction contracts for hospital facilities and real property leasing and development. We also act in hospital mergers, negotiating and structuring joint venture and public private partnership agreements. We structure charitable foundations for various purposes, including establishing research institutes for hospitals. We advise on hospital governance, procurement issues, information technology agreements and intellectual property and technology matters.

Health administration also inherently gives rise to a wide range of administrative law issues. We are adept at providing our clients with advice in this area, including hospital privilege cases, patient care and health care professional issues, medical staff bylaws, *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* issues, medical records access and confidentiality issues. We also advise on consent to treatment and termination of treatment issues.

We advise hospital foundations on planned giving, compliance issues and representation in all estate litigation including defence of wills variation and trust claims. We also conduct wills and trusts interpretation, cy-pres and charitable gift interpretation, adult guardianship applications and address executor and trustee accounting and compensation issues.

## OUR LITIGATION WORK

Our representation of healthcare clients in defending against professional negligence claims and in regulatory matters is extensive.

Our healthcare litigation team has considerable experience defending hospitals and nurses in medical malpractice claims. Our lawyers also regularly advise health authorities on quality assurance matters, freedom of information requests and patient confidentiality issues.

Our representation of healthcare professionals extends across the healthcare sector to physiotherapists, massage therapists, occupational therapists, chiropractors, optometrists, acupuncturists, nutritionists and pharmacists. In addition to acting directly for professionals, we also act for various regulatory colleges. Representative experience includes college

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complaints and civil and human rights matters dealing with an array of allegations including sexual misconduct, harassment, failure to obtain consent, medical records management, fraudulent billing, improper advertising and improper infection controls.