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Bob Sullivan is a senior litigator with significant trial and appellate experience. He specializes in administrative, governmental, labor and healthcare law. He has represented clients before state and local government agencies since 1967, having tried approximately 300 contested adjudicatory hearings under the California Administrative Procedure Act.

Mr. Sullivan represents lawyers, real estate brokers, physicians, contractors, engineers, as well as most other professionals who are regulated by the state. He also counsels and represents a variety of healthcare providers, including individual physicians, medical groups, ambulance companies, hospitals, hospital medical staffs, and mental health clinics in the areas of employment disputes, medical staff credentialing, licensing and regulatory disputes. Mr. Sullivan is experienced as an arbitrator and mediator in healthcare law disputes.

### **Awards & Honors**

Named a Northern California "Super Lawyer" for Healthcare Law in 2004 – 2011 by *San Francisco Magazine* and also AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

### **Professional Affiliations**

California Society for Healthcare Attorneys  
California Association of Attorneys for Health Care Professionals  
Sacramento County Bar Association

### **Education**

LL.B., University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, 1966  
B.A., Stanford University, 1963

### **Admitted**

California  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

### **Experience**

1966 – 1971	Office of the California Attorney General: Senior Student Legal Assistant and Deputy Attorney General
1971 – 1973	California State Employees Association: Senior Counsel and Chief Counsel, Public Sector Labor Law.
1973 – 1991	Turner & Sullivan: Founding Partner, Administrative, Government, and Healthcare Law.
1991–Present	Nossaman LLP, Partner, Administrative, Government, and Healthcare Law.

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### **Specific Experience in Healthcare Law**

Throughout his career, Bob Sullivan has practiced healthcare law with increasing emphasis in that field over time. For the last 20 years, more than 80% of his work has been in the field of healthcare law. His experience in this field began when he was a Deputy Attorney General representing the Medical Board of California and the Department of Public Health. Even as a labor lawyer with the California State Employees Association, he represented physicians who were state employees. The most notable being Dr. Skelly. Bob and his assistant Chief Counsel, Loren McMaster, represented Dr. Skelly in the landmark case: *Skelly v. State Personnel Board* (1974) 15 Cal. 3d 194. As a lawyer in private practice first with a firm he founded, Turner & Sullivan, and later with Nossaman LLP, Bob represented literally hundreds of physicians, as well as hospitals and medical staffs, in a variety of legal problems ranging from investigations by the Medical Board of California, Medicare and Medi-Cal, through contested disciplinary actions brought by the Medical Board of California, and in medical staff privileges hearings. All told his years of experience in practicing healthcare law exceeds 40 years.

Bob was one of the charter members of the California Society for Healthcare Attorneys and has completed the two seminars they have sponsored for medical staff hearing officers. (November 3, 2007 and November 11-13, 2010.)

### **Specific Experience in Medical Staff Hearings**

Bob Sullivan has been involved in medical staff hearings, usually as counsel for the physician. His first hearing was in approximately 1976. He has served as physician's counsel in more than 10 medical staff hearings that were tried to conclusion. He has represented the Medical Staff in 4 cases that were partially tried.

Bob Sullivan has served as a hearing officer in more than 10 cases that were tried to conclusion. His total number of cases in which he served as a Hearing Officer, including cases that were not tried to conclusion, exceed 15.

### **Other Relevant Experience**

Bob Sullivan has defended physicians in more than 75 administrative hearings on Medical Board Accusations, which have given him extensive experience in the presentation of medical evidence and knowledge of how healthcare services are delivered in various settings – medical offices, medical clinics, and hospitals. Bob is available to serve as a hearing officer statewide. A more thorough description of Bob Sullivan's experience, including the presentations he has made and his publications, can be found on the Nossaman LLP web site: [www.nossaman.com/rsullivan](http://www.nossaman.com/rsullivan).

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