

# Health Care Lawyer Joins Foley in Los Angeles

**Foley & Lardner LLP** announced that Eric Cheung has joined the firm's Health Care practice as of counsel in the Los Angeles office.

The firm said Cheung is a health care transactional and litigation lawyer whose practice focuses on regulatory compliance, hospital operations, mergers and acquisitions and restructuring. He handles matters involving physician alignment models, medical staff and licensure issues, health plans, accountable care organizations and labor issues, including physician recruiting and hiring. Cheung represents clients across the health care industry, including hospitals, medical groups, physicians, diagnostic imaging centers and dialysis centers, the firm said.

"We're eager for Eric to join us," said Larry Vernaglia, chair of Foley's Health Care practice. "His vast litigation and transactional experience is a valuable asset to our growing practice. We welcome his perspective as we continue to navigate the health care industry's complex legal landscape on behalf of our clients."

The firm said Cheung is familiar with federal and state regulatory compliance issues concerning anti-kickback, self-referral and HIPAA laws, as well as risk management and litigation avoidance. He also has a background in biology which allows him to maintain an interest in the biotechnology issues that can potentially alter and transform health care and delivery and payment systems.

"Eric's unique insight on an array of health care issues and his involvement with the California health care industry will be incredibly helpful to our clients in Los Angeles, across

California and nationally,” said Jeff Atkin, managing partner of Foley’s Los Angeles office. “We’re happy to bring him on board.”

Cheung is a member of the California Society for Healthcare Attorneys, the Los Angeles Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Prior to joining Foley, Cheung was a partner at Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP.