

# Buchalter Welcomes New Health Care Attorneys

Buchalter is pleased to announce the addition of Shareholder David Balfour, and welcome him to the Firm's San Diego office as a member of the Health Care practice group. Balfour joins with experienced health care litigator, Carol Salmacia, also based in San Diego.

Balfour brings over two decades of experience, representing clients in the health care sector on a wide range of issues including medical staff peer review proceedings, licensing proceedings, writ proceedings, State and Federal Court civil litigation, and related appellate proceedings. He represents hospitals, health systems, medical staff, medical groups, and individual health care providers regarding litigation risks and best practices to avoid litigation exposure.

"David and Carol are exciting additions to the Firm," said Adam Bass, President and Chief Executive Officer of Buchalter. "Their health care practices and extensive experience make them an ideal fit for our continued strategic growth in Health Care and San Diego. Both are impressive additions to our prominent Health Care group."

Balfour has represented numerous health care and ancillary care professionals before the various licensing boards of the State of California, including the Medical Board of California, the Board of Psychology, Board of Behavioral Sciences, Dental Board, Board of Registered Nursing, Pharmacy Board, and others. He has also represented physicians in connection with delisting proceedings by health insurers.

Salmacia has handled thousands of litigated cases involving medical malpractice, legal malpractice, products liability, wrongful death, fraud, breach of contract, and business

disputes. She has tried to conclusion over 80 jury trials in CA, NV, and IL state courts, is an experienced Neutral Arbitrator, and a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

“We are thrilled at the opportunity to join the Firm, and to add our experience and expertise to the already remarkable capabilities Buchalter offers its clients,” said Balfour. “I look forward to advancing my practice with the strong foundation the Firm provides.”

Balfour has an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and he has also been named as one of the “Top Lawyers in San Diego” by San Diego Magazine from 2013-2020.