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J. George Hetherington is a member of the Firm and the Chair of its health care and corporate practices. In his health care practice, Mr. Hetherington represents a number of hospitals, long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities, community health centers, medical groups, primary care and specialty physicians, dental groups, ambulatory surgery centers, diagnostic imaging centers, clinical laboratories, durable medical equipment manufacturers, providers, and distributors, pharmacies, mail-order pharmacies, management companies (MSOs), provider associations, health and dental insurers and managed care organizations on business transactions, contract negotiation and preparation, software license agreements, peer review proceedings, employment and professional services agreements, acquisition and sale of health care entities and practices, joint ventures, certificate of need, tax-exemption, Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement issues, fraud and abuse, federal health care program compliance, and licensing and regulatory matters. He has also worked with health care companies and investment banks in Japan, Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Malaysia on various health care projects and joint ventures.

Mr. Hetherington's corporate practice revolves around mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, business and non-profit entity formation, private placements for capital raises, securities law, joint ventures, representation of lenders and borrowers on commercial loans, contract negotiation and preparation and other transactional work for new, emerging and established Hawaii businesses and national and international companies doing business in Hawaii. Mr. Hetherington also represents a number of Taft-Hartley multi-employer plans as fund counsel. In addition, he represents owners, lessors, and lessees of commercial real estate on sales, acquisitions, lease negotiation and financing transactions.

Mr. Hetherington was named "Lawyer of the Year" in Health Care Law in the State of Hawaii in 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2024 by Best Lawyers®, which also lists him as one of the "Best Lawyers in America in Health Care." Mr. Hetherington is an active member of the community.

Recognition/Distinctions

- Best Lawyers® Lawyer of the Year in the State of Hawaii, Health Care Law – 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2024
- Best Lawyers in America®, Health Care Law – since 2006

Community Involvement/Professional Memberships

- Hawaii State Bar Association (Taxation, Business and Health Law Sections)
- American Bar Association (Taxation, Business and Health Law Sections)
- American Health Law Association
- Trustee of the University of California Hastings College of the Law Foundation

Education

- J.D., 1978, University of California, Hastings College of the Law
- B.S., 1975, San Diego State University
 - Honors: High Honors

Admitted to Practice

- Hawaii State Bar, 1978
- United States District Court, District of Hawaii, 1978
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1978