



## → Moe Keshavarzi

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Moe Keshavarzi is a partner in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's Los Angeles office.

### Areas of Practice

Moe is a trial and appellate litigator and represents healthcare entities in a variety of disputes. He has been recognized by both Chambers and Legal 500 as a leading healthcare lawyer in the United States and has been lead counsel in a number of landmark healthcare cases. In 2024, the Los Angeles Business Journal recognized Moe as one of the Top 100 lawyers in Los Angeles. Since 2020, the Daily Journal has recognized eight of Moe's wins as Top Verdicts in California.

Moe also represents clients in connection with governmental investigations and enforcement actions involving state and federal agencies. He also regularly represents clients in litigation involving challenges to statutes and regulations on constitutional grounds.

In addition to representing clients in disputes, Moe also advises clients on a wide range of healthcare regulatory issues, including compliance with state and federal laws applicable to health plans and insurers such as the Knox-Keene Act and the Affordable Care Act.

Moe is actively involved in pro bono work and impact litigation. He serves on the board of director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law and is a Member of the Steering Committee of the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Representation Project.

Moe has twice been honored by the ACLU for his pro bono work. In 2023, he received the ACLU of Southern California's Voting Rights Award for his work as the ACLU's co-counsel in connection with *Inland Empire United v. Riverside County, et al.*, which challenged Riverside County's supervisory districts under the California Fair Maps Act and the California Constitution. In 2020, Moe received the ACLU's 2020 Youth Justice Award for his work as ACLU Southern California's co-counsel in connection with *Sigma Beta XI v. County of Riverside*, which successfully challenged the constitutionality of Riverside's Youth Accountability Team program and its school-to-prison pipeline for discriminating against students, with a disproportionate impact on Black and Latinx youth.

### Honors

- Top 100 Lawyer, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2024
- Voting Rights Award, ACLU Foundation of Southern California, 2023

- Leading Lawyer - Healthcare, *Chambers USA*, 2023
- Recommended Lawyer: Healthcare, *Legal 500*, 2023
- Leading U.S. Litigator, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023
- Client Service All-Star, *BTI Consulting*, 2020, 2022

## Experience

### Notable Published Decisions:

- *Rhonda S. v. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.*, 94 Cal.App.5th 643 (2023)
- *Health Republic Insurance Company, et al. v. United States*, 58 F.4th 1365 (Fed. Cir. 2023)
- *Global Jet Rescue v. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.*, 30 F.4th 905 (9<sup>th</sup> 2022)
- *Nixon v. Florida*, 327 So.3d 780 (Florida Supreme Court 2021)
- *People v. Superior Court (J.C. Penney Corp.)*, 34 Cal.App.5th 376 (2019)
- *CALSTAR v. State Compensation Insurance Fund, et al.* 636 F.3d 538 (9<sup>th</sup> 2011)
- *Koszdin v. State Compensation Insurance Fund*, 186 Cal.App.4th 480 (2010)
- *Baker v. American Horticultural Supply, Inc.*, 185 Cal.App.4th 1295 (2010)
- *Pacific Recovery Solutions v. United Behavioral Health*, (N.D. Cal. 2020)
- *Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. v. Queen's Medical Center*, 423 F.Supp.3d 947 (D. Haw. 2019)
- *Seegert v. Lamps Plus, Inc.*, 377 F.Supp.3d 1127 (S.D. Cal. 2018)
- *Knapp v. Art.com*, 283 F.Supp.3d 823 (N.D. Cal. 2017)
- *Spann v. J.C. Penney*, 307 F.R.D. 508 (C.D. Cal. 2015)

### Selective Representations:

- Obtained a unanimous jury verdict for fraud after three-week trial in the Central District of California on behalf of victims of a multi-million dollar Ponzi scheme.
- Represented a healthcare trade organization in successful challenge to emergency regulation on the grounds that it violated the California Constitution and the Administrative Procedures Act.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of Knox-Keene Act health plan in lawsuit seeking imposition of California's Gross Premiums Tax on the ground that the health plan is an insurer.
- After month-long arbitration, obtained complete defense victory on behalf of health plan in dispute with non-contracted provider seeking over \$45 million for services rendered to plan members.
- After two-week arbitration, obtained complete defense victory on behalf of health plan in dispute with non-contracted provider challenging the plan's reimbursement methodology.
- In ERISA class action alleging improper denial of coverage for mental health services, obtained summary judgment on behalf of health plan.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of health plan in breach of contract dispute with air ambulance provider.
- Secured dismissal and recovered attorney's fees for one of California's largest workers' compensation insurers in action alleging violation of California antitrust laws.

- Obtained orders decertifying class and dismissing class action complaint against Knox-Keene Act health plan.
- Defeated class certification on behalf of national retailer in class action alleging false advertising.

## Articles

- 2023 Insurance Team Year-In-Review  
04.03.2024

## Media Mentions

A Fresh Batch of Litigator of the Week Runner-Up and Shout Outs  
*Litigation Daily*, 02.04.2023

Health plans win summary judgement over doctor directory claims  
*Daily Journal*, 09.22.2022

## Memberships

- Member, Los Angeles Bar Association
- Board Member, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law
- Member, Board of Governors, UC Hastings College of the Law

## Practices

Litigation

## Education

J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2002, *cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*  
B.A., San Diego State University, 1999

## Clerkships

Extern to Justice Ming W. Chin of the California Supreme Court

## Admissions

California

U.S. District Court for the Central, Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of California

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
U.S. Supreme Court