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Stephanie Awanyai-Ufondu is an associate in the Corporate Practice Group in the firm's Century City Office and is a member of the firm's healthcare practice team.

Area of Practice

Stephanie's practice focuses primarily on healthcare regulatory and compliance matters that impact healthcare industry clients and their business operations. Her experience includes advising a variety of healthcare entities, such as medical groups, hospitals, and non-profit health organizations, on healthcare fraud and abuse laws and other regulatory issues, including the federal anti-kickback statute, Stark physician self-referral laws, state fraud and abuse laws, scope of practice considerations, corporate practice of medicine doctrines, state licensing issues, state telehealth and telemedicine matters, and compliance issues. She has also assisted clients with nonprofit and tax-exempt matters.

Honors

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Best Lawyers, 2023-2026

Articles

- Tracking the Waivers: Implications of the Wind Down of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency 03.27.2023
- "California Overhauls the Health Care Landscape," Daily Journal, November 2, 2022

Healthcare Law Blog Posts

- "So You Want to Start a Concierge Medicine Practice? Here are Five Key Legal Considerations," August 25, 2025
- "CMS Issues CY2025 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule," April 15, 2024
- "CMS Promotes Competition, Transparency, Health Equity and More in the CY2025 Medicare Advantage and Part D Proposed Rule," November 13, 2023
- "At a Glance: Legal Efforts to Limit Discrimination Through AI," October 20, 2023
- "340B Drug Pricing Discount Program Update: HRSA Now Demands That Drug Manufacturers Provide 340B
 Discounts To Contract Pharmacies Amid Ongoing Litigation," July 2, 2021

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- "CMS' Next Generation Accountable Care Organization (NGACO) Model Set To End in December 2021," June 2, 2021
- "CMS Proposes Repeal of Certain Cost Reporting Requirements from the IPPS Final Rule for 2021," May 21, 2021
- "Hope Is On The Horizon": California Governor Gavin Newsom Announces COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan," December 10, 2020
- "On Your Mark, Get Set, Go: Life Science Companies Face A Challenging Year For Compliance With New Open Payment Program Data Collection And Reporting Requirements," November 25, 2020
- "CMS Issues Proposed Home Health Agency Rule On Making Certain Telehealth Flexibilities Permanent, Increasing Medicare Payment Rates And Home Infusion Therapy Service Payment Rates For CY 2021," July 10, 2020
- "More Help Is On The Way For Accountable Care Organizations: CMS Announces New Relief For ACOs Struggling With The COVID-19 Crisis," June 19, 2020

Speaking Engagements

"Health Equity Starts in the C Suite: Examining the Intersection between Diversity, Leadership, and Health Equity, "WHLC Health Equity Event, May 18, 2023

Events

WHLC Dobbs Series Fireside Chat: The Effect of Dobbs on Health Equity Webinar, 11.09.2022

Practices

Corporate

Healthcare

Women in Healthcare Leadership Collaborative

Industries

Healthcare

Education

J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

B.A., University of California, Irvine

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Clerkships

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Benita Y. Pearson of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio Judicial Extern to the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

Admissions

California

Languages

Igbo