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Mr. Melendres is the managing partner of Melendres, Melendres & Harrigan's San Diego office. Mr. Melendres provides both corporate and litigation counsel to a multitude of small and large companies and specializes on the healthcare industry. Mr. Melendres is a graduate of the Yale Law School, where he was a Yale Center for Studies in Economics and Public Policy Olin Fellow, a Mary A. McCarthy Fellow and an editor of the *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics*. Prior to becoming a principal of Melendres & Melendres P.C., Mr. Melendres practiced law for eight years at the international law firm of Latham & Watkins LLP, where he practiced litigation, corporate and regulatory law and was a member of the Health Care & Life Sciences practice group.

Mr. Melendres has extensive experience representing clients throughout the healthcare industry, including: laboratories, hospital systems and stand-alone hospitals, pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, diagnostic medical imaging centers, academic medical centers, physician practice groups and clinics.

Mr. Melendres provides regulatory guidance to healthcare companies and has defended healthcare companies involved in private actions, qui tam actions, federal government inquiries, state Attorney General inquiries, and Joint Commission inquiries. His practice also includes the design and implementation of compliance programs, and he has conducted many internal investigations and compliance audits. He also advises clients on corporate structures, formations and transactions, including mergers and acquisitions.

Mr. Melendres guides clients through the complexities of healthcare law, including the federal Anti-kickback Statute, the Stark Laws, the federal False Claims Act, cost reporting and reimbursement, the PhRMA Code, the AdvaMed code, EMTALA, HIPAA, the HiTech Act, Home Health laws, DSH, Anti-Markup laws, and sole community provider laws, contracts, as well as civil torts and state-specific laws. He has overseen compliance with, and the drafting of reporting documentation related to, Corporate Integrity Agreements.

Mr. Melendres also has general litigation expertise, including contract disputes, securities actions, and torts. Mr. Melendres served on the New Mexico Commission for Higher Education and is the co-author of the book *New Mexico School Law Practical and Legal References*. Mr. Melendres also provided legal advice regarding contract disputes and government benefits at California Rural Legal Assistance.

### Education and Bar Admissions

- J.D., Yale Law School, 2002, Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics, Olin Fellow and Mary A. McCarthy Fellow
- B.A., University of New Mexico, 1999, *summa cum laude*, *phi beta kappa*, Truman Scholar
- Admitted in California

### Publications

- Stark vs. Speier: A Comparison of Federal and California Physician Self-Referral Laws (California Health Law News, Fall 2009)
- New Mexico School Law Practical and Legal References (2010 Edition) Publication Pending
- Mold Litigation, Legislation and Insurance Coverage (American Bar Association 2003)