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### SERVICES

- Children's Hospitals
- Complex Litigation
- Compliance Counsel
- False Claims Act/Qui Tam Actions
- FDA & Life Sciences
- Fraud & Abuse/Stark
- Government Investigations
- Hospital & Health System Counsel

### BIOGRAPHY

Ritu Kaur Cooper is a shareholder in Hall Render's health section. Her practice consists of representing health care providers such as hospitals and health systems in litigation, regulatory and compliance matters. Her particular area of focus is on fraud and abuse, compliance and internal and government investigations, as well as voluntary disclosures. Ritu regularly works with legal and compliance departments to assist clients with the development of effective compliance programs consistent with the OIG guidance. She drafts compliance policies and procedures, develops and provides compliance education and training from the Board level to employees to contracted physicians, drafts and negotiates agreements consistent with the fraud and abuse laws and assists clients with internal investigations and implementing appropriate corrective actions. Ritu also serves as the Interim Compliance Officer for Beaver Dam Community Hospitals, Inc.

Prior to joining Hall Render, Ritu represented hospitals, health systems and laboratories in government investigations. She also provided regulatory and compliance advice to hospitals, laboratories and medical device companies with respect to the Medicare fraud and abuse laws.

### EDUCATION

The George Washington University, B.A., with honors - 2000

Syracuse University, J.D., cum laude - 2003, Saint Louis University, LL.M. in Health Law - 2005

### ADMITTED TO BAR

- New Jersey - 2003
- Pennsylvania - 2003
- District of Columbia - 2004
- Missouri - 2005
- Supreme Court of the United States - 2010
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey - 2003

### MEMBERSHIPS

- American Health Lawyers Association - Vice-Chair of Research and Website for the Hospitals and Health Systems Practice Group
- National Bar Association
- Washington Bar Association
- South Asian Bar Association of Washington, DC - President
- Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

### EXPERIENCE

- Saint Louis University School of Law Center for Health Law Studies Practitioner-in-Residence - 2012

- Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Inc. – General Counsel
- Capital Clinical Integrated Network – General Counsel
- Superior Court of New Jersey, Somerset County, Criminal Division – Law Clerk to Hon. Paul W. Armstrong, 2003-2004
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit – Summer Law Clerk to Hon. Morton I. Greenberg, 2001

## HONORS

- Lawyers of Color's Hot List for the Mid-Atlantic Region – 2013, 2014

## PUBLICATIONS

- Health Care Fraud and Abuse Laws, The Health Care Compliance Professional's Manual, March 2016
- False Claims Act and Qui Tam Suits, The Health Care Compliance Professional's Manual, March 2016
- Civil Monetary Penalties Law, Health Care Litigation and Risk Management Answer Book 2015
- Intermountain Healthcare Settlement of \$25.5 Million Stems from "Technical" Stark Law Violations, April 2013
- Update: CMS Proposes Stringent Repayment Requirements, February 2012
- The New Frontier: Compliance Issues Under the Health Care Reform Law, HCCA Compliance Today, August 2010
- False Claims Act and Qui Tam Suits, Health Care Compliance Professional's Manual, June 2010
- Health Care Fraud and Abuse Laws, Health Care Compliance Professional's Manual, June 2010
- Day in the Life – Health Care Law Associate, Hire Ground: The Online Voice of Harvard Law School's Office of Career Services, February 2010
- Health Care Headlines: The Road Ahead and How to Stay on Course, May 2009
- OIG Open Letter Regarding the Self-Disclosure Protocol: Further Refinements, Health Lawyers Weekly, April 2009
- Grassley Proposes Significant Changes to the False Claims Act, December 2007
- Responding To Data Security Breaches, HCCA Compliance Today, November 2007; also published in Privacy & Information Law Report, December 2007
- Summary of State Civil False Claims Laws, Health Care Compliance Professional's Manual, October 2007
- Treat Security Breaches With Caution, HIT News (an American Health Lawyers Association publication), September 2007

## PRESENTATIONS

- Corporate Compliance and Corporate Governance, American Health Lawyers Association Fundamentals of Health Law Conference, Chicago, IL (November 15, 2016)
- False Claims Act and Qui Tam Actions, The 2016 Conference on Health Reform, San Francisco, CA (October 28, 2016)
- Making Rain: Business Development for Attorneys, South Asian Bar Association, Washington, DC (July 14, 2016)
- The Future is Now: Medicare's Shift from Volume to Value-Based, American Health Lawyers Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (June 27-29, 2016)
- Corporate Compliance and Corporate Governance, American Health Lawyers Association Fundamentals of Health Law Conference, Chicago, IL
- Fraud & Abuse Update, South Asian Bar Association, Washington, D.C. Health Law Section Dinner Series, Washington, D.C. (November 2, 2015)
- How to Oversee and Manage an Effective Compliance Program, Compliance Essentials in a High-Stakes Enforcement Era, Chicago, IL (October 6, 2015)
- Compliance Essentials in a High-Stakes Enforcement Era
- The Board's Role in Compliance, Maine Chapter of Healthcare Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Bar Harbor, ME (September 11, 2015)
- Healthcare Financial Management Association (Maine Chapter) Annual Meeting
- The ACA Turns Five, Panelist, 12th Annual South Asian Bar Association of North America Convention, Orlando, Florida (June 13, 2015)
- Careers in Health Law, Panelist, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (February 26, 2015)
- Physician Payments Sunshine Act and Health Insurance Exchanges, Northern Virginia Academy of Ophthalmology, McLean, Virginia (September 22, 2014)
- She Speaks: Best Practices on Effective Communication, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (March 26, 2013)

- Practical Considerations and Challenges of Making a Voluntary Disclosure, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (November 14, 2012)
- Speak Out: Best Practices on Effective Communication, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (October 18, 2012)
- Intro to Fraud & Abuse, St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri (March 22, 2012)
- Stark Law Primer, St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri (March 19, 2012)
- Careers in Health Law, St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri (March 19 and 20, 2012)
- Alphabet Soup of Health Law, St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri (March 1, 2012)
- Law Students Know Thy Career Options, Panelist, Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA), South Asian Bar Association of D.C. (SABA-DC) and APABA Education Fund (AEF), Washington, D.C. (July 13, 2011)
- Health Law Panel, Panelist, NSALSA Annual Conference: South Asians and the Law: Finding our Voice in the Nation's Capital, Washington, D.C. (February 19, 2011)
- Stark Law Primer, Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York (November 17, 2010)
- Law Students Know Thy Career Options, Panelist, APABA, SABA-DC and AEF, Washington, D.C. (June 15, 2010)
- Regulatory Information for Physicians: Stark, Anti-Kickback, RAC Audits, DePaul Health Center, St. Louis, Missouri (April 15, 2010)
- Intro to Fraud & Abuse & Careers in Health Law, St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri (January 15, 2010)
- Fraud & Abuse Primer and Best Practices for RAC Audits, Christian Hospital Grand Rounds, BJC Healthcare, St. Louis, Missouri (January 15, 2010)
- Year in Review, 12th Annual Health Care Compliance Forum: Diversified Risks, Organized Opposition, and Coordinated Responses, Phoenix, Arizona (October 22-24, 2008)
- Increasing Diversity in the Legal Profession, Panelist, Silver Anniversary Reunion and Conference, Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York (September 25, 2008)
- Practical Considerations and Challenges of Making a Voluntary Disclosure, 11th Annual Health Care Compliance Forum: New Theories, New Resources, and New Obligations, Phoenix, Arizona (October 24-26, 2007)
- Conversations with Alumni - Job Search Techniques, Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York (February 28, 2007)
- Managing Your Career - A Diversity Program, Panelist, Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York (September 16, 2005)