



## Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys

### 2019 WSSHA Winter Quarterly

#### The Lawyer's Role Advising Hospital and Health System Boards

March 8, 2019

07:30 am – 09:00 am (Pacific)

Location: Remote **OR** Perkins Coie, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4900, Seattle, W A98101

**REGISTRATION:** <https://washingtonstatesocietyofhealthcareattorneys.wildapricot.org/event-3270157>

In the midst of a board meeting discussion about a proposed venture with another entity to offer specialty services, the health system board chair turns to you, the lawyer. The chair asks, "Should we do this deal or not?" What's your answer? Is it your even your role to answer? Jeff Sconyers, JD, Senior Lecturer, Graduate Program in Health Services Administration, University of Washington and Lynne Chafetz, JD, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Virginia Mason Health System will explore scenarios like these and other issues that arise between lawyers and the boards they advise from the perspective of inhouse and external counsel. It promises to be an engaging presentation. Please join us.

#### Learning objectives:

- Understand the lawyer's role guiding the board on what it must do, should do, shouldn't do, and can't do.
- Explore how the lawyer can advise on governance, quality, compliance and confidentiality.
- Consider how the lawyer can assist the board in meeting its core governance obligations including adherence to fiduciary duties, engagement with the community, ensuring financial stability, oversight of the CEO, and setting strategic direction.
- Think about the factors that determine the best fit between the lawyer and the board he or she is advising.

#### **Lynne Chafetz, JD, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Virginia Mason Health System**

Lynne Chafetz is Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Virginia Mason Health System in Seattle, Washington. In addition to oversight of legal affairs, she provides executive leadership for Graduate Medical Education, Governance, Benaroya Research Institute, Corporate Integrity, Safety and Regulatory Compliance, and Enterprise Risk. Lynne is on the Board of Directors of the Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers (AIAMC) and co-chairs the AIAMC's National Initiative VI: *Stimulating a Culture of Well-Being in the Clinical Learning Environment*. She is a member of Women of Impact, a group of executive-level women from diverse sectors of the health care industry who seek, through collective impact, to advance change in our health care system. Lynne is a past president of the Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys. Prior to joining Virginia Mason 22 years ago, she was a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine in Seattle.

#### **Jeff Sconyers, JD, Senior Lecturer, Graduate Program in Health Services Administration, University of Washington**

Jeff was Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle, for 21 years. He is past president of the Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys, founding co-editor-in-chief of the Washington Health Law Manual (first published 1996), and co-author of "Pediatric Risk Management" in ASHRM's Risk Management Handbook for Health Care Organizations. He is a former member of the

Board of Directors of the American Health Lawyers Association, and a frequent speaker on topics including legal ethics, public health law and practice, and issues affecting teaching hospitals and academic medical centers. He served on the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, including two terms as Chair of the Commission. He is also former chair of the board of directors of Northwest Healthcare Response Network. He was admitted to practice in Washington in 1982, in Connecticut in 1984, and in Massachusetts in 1985. On a good day he can spin gold from straw.

### **1.5 CLEs to be Submitted for Approval**