

## Thomas H. Bradford - Founding Partner



As a trial attorney, Mr. Bradford has distinguished himself in court room advocacy representing hospitals and medical centers, as well as individual physicians and dental practitioners of all specialties. In jury trials from San Diego County to Central California, Mr. Bradford has consistently persuaded juries to find in favor of his clients, mostly by outright defense verdicts or at an advantageous economic cost to the client. Clients include individual as well as public and private hospitals in claims including major injury and wrongful death. Equally important to his work in the courtroom, Mr. Bradford is able to work with mediators and to negotiate with opposing counsel to achieve an early and economic resolution to many claims without the necessity of bringing the matter to a full trial or hearing.

A major part of Mr. Bradford's professional endeavors includes administrative hearings involving proposed hospital discipline and proposed limitation or suspension of medical staff privileges and licensing hearings in disciplinary proceedings instituted by the Medical Board of California and the California Board of Dental Examiners. Whether representing the hospital medical staff or the accused physician or dental practitioner, Mr. Bradford is regarded as one of Southern California's preeminent legal counsel for administrative matters having enormous impact on the careers of health care providers. His track record for successful and economic resolution of disputed claims involving highly sensitive and often emotionally charged cases has made him a leader in this field.

A courtroom advocate for almost a quarter-century, Mr. Bradford is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, and the Southern California Association of Hospital Risk Managers.

Mr. Bradford also devotes a major portion of his professional time running the firm's pro bono, which emphasizes children's advocacy. As a former foster parent, Mr. Bradford has a special interest in issues pertaining to adoption and foster care.

A 1972 graduate of Villanova University with bachelor degrees in both biology and humanities, Mr. Bradford then received his Master's Degree in Health Care Administration in 1975 from the George Washington University School of Government and Business Administration in our nation's capital. It was at this time that the seeds of interest in the law were sewn.



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Mr. Bradford was born and raised on the East Coast but when he was flown to Southern California in December of 1974 for an interview with a major medical center, he was sold not only on the job but on Southern California. He packed up his car, drove cross country, and has been living and working in Southern California since January of 1975. Mr. Bradford had a distinguished career in hospital administration for ten years, with the last five at the level of chief executive officer.

Mr. Bradford's professional demands as a healthcare administrator aside, he embarked on the challenge of night law school at Southwestern University School of Law in August of 1978, Mr. Bradford graduated in December of 1982 in the top 10% of his class. He became a member of the California bar in 1983 and was later admitted to the bars for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Bradford made his career switch in 1985.

Mr. Bradford's outside interests are as diverse as his professional background. He and his wife Kathy were licensed foster parents for the County of Ventura for many years. They have added, via adoption, to their existing family unit of son Tommy and daughter Kelly, Molly and Robbie, two of their former foster care children.

Tom and Kathy Bradford are active in the Ventura County foster circles, giving advice and guidance to new and prospective foster parents. Tom is also an active member of the American Youth Soccer Organization, having run the 1500 kid strong program in his hometown for 4 years. He continues to coach and referee.

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