

# Health

**Our specialist and multi-disciplinary Health team understands the commercial drivers and structural complexities of the health sector in Australia.**

We appreciate the dynamic nature of the sector and the significant government and public scrutiny it faces.

We combine a state-based focus with a national overview to understand your needs as well as the environment in which you operate.

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“Like all good health professionals, our Health team takes a holistic approach and believes that prevention is better than cure.”

**Kathryn Lincoln**  
Partner



**Jeremy Schultz**  
Partner & Practice Head



**Fiona Holdsworth**  
Partner



We've been working in the health sector for many years and are known for our specialist expertise. We've developed close and long-term working relationships with key players in both the public and private sector and have the resources and experience you need to achieve your commercial objectives.

We will provide proactive advice to help you manage change, challenges and opportunities in the short as well as long term.

We combine our commercial focus with the empathy so often needed when dealing with matters in the health sector. Our clients appreciate our open and honest communication and know that we're approachable, highly client responsive and focussed on creating workable outcomes.

Our team works for a range of clients across the health sector, including hospitals, health and disability service providers and pharmaceutical and radiology practices. We acted for HealtheCare Australia Pty Ltd in the acquisition of five private hospital businesses based interstate, including acquisition agreements, due diligence and financing. We also acted in the merger of three community hospitals to form Adelaide Community Healthcare Alliance Inc. and subsequent transactions relating to its hospital operations, including the co-located Flinders Private Hospital. Our team also handles disposals of private hospitals and provides a range of regulatory and risk management advice for health and disability service providers.

We regularly act for government and private hospital clients in malpractice claims brought against a broad range of professionals including medical and allied health professionals, defence of civil claims and personal injury litigation. Our insurance practitioners also manage coronial inquests protecting the interests of a variety of health clients including medical practitioners and hospitals, and high profile litigation in a range of courts.

We have acted for regulatory authorities and practitioners in a variety of areas including statutory interpretation, disciplinary proceedings and assisting in the development of statutory and regulatory change.

We're a full service firm, offering complementary expertise in a range of practice areas including corporate, insurance, workplace, commercial disputes and banking and finance. We go beyond providing a pure legal service because we have a thorough understanding of the commercial imperatives and relationships within the health sector.

We are actively involved in supporting and developing the health sector as members of the key industry body, the Australian College of Health Service Executives as well as the Australian Society for Healthcare Risk Management.

### Our expertise includes:

- contracting
- public/private alliances
- mergers, acquisitions and disposals
- risk management
- legal compliance
- review of insurance arrangements
- patient confidentiality and the use of medical records
- privacy
- experimentation and medical research
- medical negligence litigation
- consent to medical treatment
- decisions to withhold or withdraw treatment
- regulatory interpretation and disciplinary proceeding
- regulatory procedures for therapeutic goods and devices
- product liability
- biotechnology
- intellectual property protection
- clinical trials
- coroners inquests

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We work in partnership with you to develop a long-term and productive working relationship that is built on mutual trust and respect. Clients come to us because of our reputation; they stay because of the experience.

### Finlaysons' Practice Areas

#### Industry Areas

- Agribusiness
- Banking and Finance
- Defence
- Education and Research
- Energy
- Family Business & Private Wealth Management
- Health
- Insurance
- Property and Development
- Resources
- Wine

#### Specialty Areas

- China
- Corporate
- Environment, Climate Change and Planning
- Intellectual Property
- Planning
- Risk and Dispute Management
- Tax and Revenue
- Wills, Estates and Succession Planning
- Workplace Relations, Management and Safety

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