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Michelle Ellis is an associate attorney in the Litigation practice group of Theodora Oringher, PC. She has a range of trial and appellate experience in state and federal court, litigating general commercial business disputes, employment and hospital privileging matters, whistleblower retaliation and related torts, and fraud and abuse issues. She works with the firm's construction practice on disputes arising from complex construction cases, and has gained substantial knowledge in construction litigation as a result of her representation of construction clients in these matters.

Her experience also includes providing regulatory counsel to hospitals, health systems, medical staffs, physicians, medical groups, and other players in the healthcare sector dealing with challenging transactional, investigatory, and regulatory issues, including the corporate practice of medicine, HIPAA, the Stark Law, and state anti-kickback and self-referral regulations.

Additionally, she has represented clients in medical staff peer review matters and administrative law proceedings before the California Medical Board.

She is a member of California Society for Healthcare Attorneys and serves as Treasurer on the Board of the California Academy of Attorneys for HealthCare Professionals, a statewide health care attorney organization focused on physician peer review and discipline, state agency licensing and discipline, and other regulatory and administrative issues affecting health care providers.

Prior to joining Theodora Oringher, Ms. Ellis earned her J.D. and Certificate in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University School of Law. While in law school, she served as the Senior Articles Editor of the Dispute Resolution Law Journal and was the Legal Research and Writing Teaching Assistant for first-year law students. Ms. Ellis also served as a law clerk for Justice Victoria Chavez of the Second District, California Court of Appeal.

Ms. Ellis's *pro bono* work includes representing children with disabilities and their parents in disputes with various school districts on behalf of the Pepperdine Special Education Advocacy Clinic.

She has authored a number of articles including *The Medicare Appeals Crisis: Why Mediation Is the Medicine*, Vol. XVI, Pepp. Dispute Resolution L. Journ., 61-82 (2016) and *What happens when a party is added after an offer?*, L.A. Daily Journ., June 29, 2015, at 5.

## News

Theodora Oringher Attorneys Selected to Super Lawyers 2021 Southern California Rising Stars List

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Michelle Ellis Joins Theodora Oringher PC

**Practice Areas**

Corporate and Transactional  
Healthcare  
Business and Commercial Litigation

**Admissions**

**Bar Admissions**

California

**Court Admissions**

United States Central District Court of California

**Education**

Pepperdine University School of Law (J.D. 2016)  
Senior Articles Editor, *Pepperdine Dispute Resolution Law Journal*  
Certificate in Dispute Resolution from the Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution  
University of San Diego (B.A. 2013)  
*Magna cum laude*

**Memberships & Associations**

California Society of Healthcare Attorneys  
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Healthcare Law Section  
Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles  
California Academy of Attorneys for HealthCare Professionals

**Professional Recognition**

Southern California Super Lawyers (Rising Star 2021)