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**Michael Kowalski, D.D.S., J.D**

Michael Kowalski is a practicing attorney with the Law Office of Michael Kowalski in Pleasanton, California representing dental professionals for over 27 years.  After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served as a medic, obtaining the rank of sergeant, where he developed his interest in dentistry.  Upon completion of his active-duty service, he enrolled at San Francisco State University.  Dr. Kowalski earned a B.A. in Psychology with a Minor in Chemistry. He then obtained his D.D.S. and Bachelor of Science in Dental Materials degrees from the University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry. Dr. Kowalski obtained his J.D. degree from Santa Clara University School of Law. He has lectured and authored numerous peers reviewed professional journal articles and textbook chapters in the areas of business law, contracts, risk management, professional liability and dental licensing issues.  Dr. Kowalski is a Life Member of the American Dental Association and a member of the California Dental Association and Southern Alameda County Dental Society.

**MARC LEFFLER DDS, JD, ESQ.**

Dr. Marc Leffler received his D.D.S. degree from Columbia University, after which he completed residency training in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Bellevue Hospital Center/New York University, subsequently becoming board-certified in oral and maxillofacial surgery. Dr. Leffler then received his law degree from New York Law School, serving as a member and editor of the Law Review, and went on to practice trial law in New York, representing dentists and dental specialists in dental malpractice litigation, dental board disciplinary actions, and peer review proceedings. Outside of professional activities, he serves as a United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Commander and a Flotilla Staff Officer. After representing MedPro&rsquo;s insureds as an attorney for years, he joined MedPro as an oral surgery and dental consultant prior to working in his current position as Dental Risk Solutions Lead. Dr. Leffler regularly provides closed malpractice case study articles, known as Malpractice Minutes, which discuss underlying case facts, the litigation events, and a series of risk management takeaways; these are sent to MedPro insureds, dental students, and specialty residents. Additionally, Dr. Leffler has provided risk management presentations to student groups and dental associations. He works closely with MedPro&rsquo;s dental risk team to serve the risk needs of insureds. Risk Solutions is an integral commitment of MedPro.

**Ramneek Rai D.D.S**

Dr. Ramneek Rai draws her knowledge and expertise in dental infection prevention from being in private practice for more than 10 years and serving in the role of Director of Health and Safety at UCSF School of Dentistry providing health and safety oversight for seventeen clinics that fall under UCSF Dental Center. She successfully supported the Dental Center through the COVID Pandemic ensuring safety of personnel and patients. She has been active in Academia at UCSF School of Dentistry since 2015, teaching infection prevention, control, and safety practices, observing, and providing support to Predoctoral students and residents. She has been an active member of Organization on Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) since 2018 and has served in the role of Director on the OSAP Association Board since 2021. Currently, she is serving as the Vice-Chair to the OSAP Association Board.

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