Health Care

In an era when health care providers can incur millions of dollars in fines resulting from regulatory non-compliance and whistleblower lawsuits, it's important to work with a law firm that understands the complex issues facing the industry. GrayRobinson has assembled a team of health care lawyers who understand the unique legal considerations of physicians, hospitals and other medical providers. This experienced group of attorneys applies appropriate principles of general health care law, corporate, reimbursement, securities, and tax law to each situation.

Our health care lawyers represent numerous hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, physician groups, ambulatory surgery centers, imaging centers, home health agencies and many other health care providers. There are over 30 attorneys in the health care practice group who concentrate their practices on a wide range of legal matters including compliance, fraud and abuse, private health insurance, physician self-referral, HIPAA, false claims, physician discipline, managed care contracting, antitrust, and medical staff issues.

We serve as general counsel to a major national health care provider with hospitals and other facilities in 10 states, and have extensive experience in the issues involved in physician-hospital joint ventures. We also serve as general counsel for several hospital districts in Florida as well as representing a large national public for profit hospital organization. We represent hospital-based physician groups and advise them concerning their exclusive professional service agreements with hospitals. Our health care lawyers are also involved with the formation, sale, dissolution and restructuring of joint ventures to comply with Medicare fraud and abuse law, Safe Harbor regulations, Stark legislation, the Florida Patient Self-Referral Act and Florida fee-splitting issues.

Physician Groups

GrayRobinson health care lawyers represent numerous physician practices in Central Florida. For more than 30 years, our attorneys have represented one of the largest multi-specialty physician groups in Florida. Our representation covers virtually every aspect of physician practice, including managed care, structuring arrangements involving ancillary services, joint ventures, compliance with fraud and abuse laws, HIPAA, and licensure matters. We regularly appear before the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration and Board of Medicine on rulemaking and other regulatory proceedings. We closely follow legal developments at the state and federal level that affect our physician clients.

Hospitals

For many years, GrayRobinson has served as general counsel to one of the country's largest health care systems, which owns and operates 32 hospitals in nine states and 26 nursing homes in eight states, and is the largest provider of home health services in the United States. We also serve as general counsel to a 210-bed hospital in Titusville, serve as special outside counsel to a hospital district in Indian River County, Florida, and we represent numerous hospitals specializing in mental health and substance abuse services.
Tax-Exempt Organizations

Our health care lawyers have extensive experience representing tax-exempt and foundations health care organizations. Bill Boyles serves as general counsel to several tax exempt healthcare systems. Bill also serves as general counsel to Florida Hospital Foundation and Hope Worldwide, Inc., which operates international and national health care projects. Bill was involved in the establishment of a tax-exempt hospital, which was later acquired by a public hospital authority. In the area of public finance, in 1977 GrayRobinson pioneered and until 1996 represented the Orange County Health Facilities Authority in issuing more than $1 billion of tax-exempt bonds for non-profit hospitals and other health care facilities.

Regulatory Experience

GrayRobinson's Tallahassee office includes an attorney who served as general counsel to the Department of Health, and has included a former assistant attorney general who served as general counsel to several of Florida's health care regulatory boards, including Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Chiropractic, Psychology, Acupuncture and Respiratory Care. Our health care lawyers’ regulatory experience and longtime relationships with the heads of many regulatory agencies have proven beneficial for our clients in matters relating to licensure, acquisition negotiations and compliance issues.

Regulated Products

GrayRobinson health care attorneys assist health care industry clients obtain and maintain compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements on the state level, as well as providing counsel on how to avoid violation of applicable federal laws. Our attorneys provide numerous services, including advice and counsel to health care providers regarding registration with the state to order medical-use regulated products for patients, (such as medical marijuana), requirements for patients to use and possess regulated products, avoiding penalties health care providers may face for non-compliance with state and federal law and potential liability for involved players. Our goal is to ensure health care providers comply with and stay abreast of developments in incorporating regulated products, like medical marijuana, into treatment and/or pain management for patients.

Respected Leadership

Over the years, GrayRobinson has earned the respect of top officials in key health care agencies, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Health, Department of Insurance, and Board of Medicine. In many instances, our health care attorneys have developed close working relationships with the agency heads as well as their general counsels. These relationships can be critical in representing clients regulated by these agencies. Our attorneys also have been involved in shaping major health care reform efforts locally and statewide.

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