

# Hospitals and Health Systems

In a rapidly changing and complex environment, Krieg DeVault gives hospitals and health systems nation-wide the help they need with transactional, litigation, compliance and financing concerns. As industry consolidation accelerates, we structure business combinations and hospital/physician financial arrangements that comply with state and federal licensing and certification requirements, fraud and abuse concerns, the Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark Act and other regulations unique to health care. We understand the regulatory issues created by the Affordable Care Act and intensified Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement fraud investigations, can respond to False Claims Act allegations, implement Corporate Integrity Agreements and test for effectiveness, and advise on patient privacy and security issues involving all forms of protected health information, including electronic health records.

From licensing and credentialing, to physician practice integration, to compliance with federal and state employment laws, we offer comprehensive guidance on personnel and staff concerns. With team members who have served as general counsel to major hospital systems and leaders of Indiana's healthcare bar, Krieg DeVault's practical yet sophisticated experience gives hospital boards and administrators focused and seamless counsel. Krieg DeVault's attorneys not only know and understand applicable health care legal and regulatory requirements and how to explain such requirements in an understandable manner, but they also know how to implement such requirements in the hospital and health system setting with an operationally-sensitive approach.

## **Focus Areas**

**Accreditation compliance**

**Anti-Kickback Statute**

**Antitrust**

**Billing, coding and coverage issues**

**Compliance Guidance**

**Corporate and Transactional Matters**

**Crisis Management**

**Disaster planning and recovery**

**Electronic Medical Record (EMR) development, Health IT management, and liability**

**Facilities financing, sales, and leasing**

**Fair Market Value Defensibility Analysis**

**False Claims Act**

**Federal and state government relations**

**General corporate counseling**



**Health Information Technology**

**Hospital acquisition, formation, licensing, and state and federal compliance issues**

**Hospital general corporate and management counsel**

**Intellectual property protection, copyright, patent prosecution**

**Internal investigations and Sentinel event investigations**

**Joint ventures**

**Legal/Compliance Investigations**

**Licensure and certification survey representation**

**Litigation, arbitration, and mediation**

**Managed care contracting**

**Management of health care records (HIPAA)**

**Mergers and acquisitions**

**Payor relations, audits, and appeals**

**Peer review hearings and staff privilege issues**

**Physician-hospital integration strategies**

**Professional licensing and disciplinary proceedings**

***Qui tam* cases**

**Records Management and Privacy**

**Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Program**

**Stark Act Compliance**

**Tax-exemption counseling**

**Telemedicine and technology issues**