

PRACTICE AREA

Health Law

Comprehensive counsel for healthcare providers — combining regulatory insight, business strategy, and litigation strength across every facet of health law.

Friday, Eldredge & Clark represents hospitals, physician groups, healthcare providers, and companies serving the healthcare industry in all aspects of health law. Our team combines deep regulatory knowledge with practical business and operational insight to meet the unique needs of providers in today's complex healthcare environment.

We counsel clients on compliance with federal and state regulations, reimbursement and audit matters, fraud and abuse investigations, HIPAA and privacy issues, and corporate structuring. Our attorneys also advise on mergers and acquisitions, labor and employment issues, executive compensation, and litigation defense, ensuring that clients are supported through every stage of their operational and regulatory lifecycle. Whether navigating an audit, structuring a joint venture, or defending a claim, clients trust our firm for practical, informed, and strategic representation.

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Areas of Focus

Regulatory Compliance

Our healthcare attorneys guide clients through the complex web of federal and state regulations that govern healthcare providers. We advise on compliance with the Stark Law, Anti-Kickback Statute, False Claims Act, EMTALA, HIPAA, and the Affordable Care Act (ACA). We also assist in designing compliance programs, conducting internal audits, and training staff to prevent violations before they occur.

Enrollment, Accreditation, and Licensing

We assist hospitals, physicians, and healthcare organizations with enrollment, certification, and licensing matters. Our experience includes representing clients before medical boards and other regulatory agencies, helping professional associations and physician groups maintain accreditation, and navigating disciplinary and regulatory proceedings efficiently and effectively.

SUMMARY

- **Comprehensive Healthcare Counsel:** Representing hospitals, physician groups, and healthcare providers in regulatory, transactional, and litigation matters across Arkansas and beyond.
- **Regulatory Compliance & Audits:** Guiding clients through state and federal regulations, including HIPAA, Stark Law, Anti-Kickback, EMTALA, and ACA compliance, as well as Medicare and Medicaid audit defense.
- **Healthcare Transactions:** Advising on mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, and practice integrations with a focus on antitrust compliance, reimbursement, and tax-efficient structuring.
- **Employment & Executive Matters:** Counseling on physician contracts, compensation structures, and employee benefit plans tailored to healthcare organizations.
- **Experienced, Multidisciplinary Team:** Delivering comprehensive legal and strategic solutions through collaboration among healthcare, tax, corporate, and litigation attorneys.

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Fraud, Abuse, and Enforcement Defense

Our team regularly defends healthcare clients in government investigations, audits, and enforcement actions under the False Claims Act, Stark Law, and Anti-Kickback Statute. We represent clients in audits conducted by Medicare Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs), Zone Program Integrity Contractors (ZPICs), and other enforcement agencies, resolving matters while protecting our clients' reputations and financial interests.

Qui Tam (False Claims Act) Defense

We have successfully defended healthcare organizations, hospitals, and providers in qui tam actions brought under the False Claims Act. Our attorneys are experienced in handling high-stakes investigations, negotiating with federal agencies, and litigating claims brought by whistleblowers. We work proactively with clients to strengthen compliance programs and reduce exposure to future claims.