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The Miller Canfield Health Law Practice Group attorneys analyze and counsel clients in assuring compliance with federal and state reimbursement and fraud and abuse laws, and addressing non-compliance and related investigations when they do arise. We advise healthcare organizations, individual providers, businesses, academic institutions and others on corporate governance standards, analyze the substantive rules that apply to their organizations and their operational impact, structure business ventures and draft contracts to align diverse incentives while minimizing regulatory risk, assist in development and implementation of effective compliance programs, and defend clients in administrative, civil, and criminal matters when they arise.