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JASON E. CHRIST is a Member of the Firm in the Health Care and Life Sciences practice, in the Washington, DC, office of Epstein Becker Green. He concentrates in health care fraud and abuse, risk adjustment payment, government investigations, voluntary disclosures, and health regulatory counseling. In 2016 and 2018, he was recommended by *The Legal 500 United States* in the Healthcare: Service Providers category, and he was cited in 2018 among the "Next Generation Lawyers."

Mr. Christ:

- Defends a variety of health care entities in civil and criminal government investigations relating to health care fraud and abuse arising under anti-kickback laws, physician self-referral laws, false claim/false billing laws, and other state and federal fraud statutes including qui tam actions
- Conducts internal investigations relating to health care fraud and assists clients with self-disclosures
- Negotiates settlement agreements and corporate integrity agreements in connection with state and federal investigations
- Provides health regulatory counseling to a wide variety of health care entities including: vision companies, health plans/MCOs, hospitals, pharmacies, hospice organizations, IDTFs, medical transport providers, physician groups, urgent care, pharmacies, health IT, and start-ups
- Works with Medicare Part C and Exchange plans on matters concerning risk adjustment payment including internal procedures, retraction, self-disclosures, enforcement counseling, and defense
- Advises on patient/beneficiary assistance and loyalty programs
- Handles physician contracting arrangements and a variety of sophisticated health care joint ventures
- Advises clients on legal and regulatory compliance matters arising under the Medicare, Medicaid, and other third-party reimbursement programs

Mr. Christ has successfully brought to closure numerous government investigations, some without assessment of penalties, damages, or ongoing corporate monitoring obligations.

A member of the adjunct faculty at American University Washington College of Law's Health Law and Policy Institute, Mr. Christ also routinely speaks and writes on matters concerning health care fraud and abuse and electronic discovery. He is a coauthor of _Legal Issues in Health Care Fraud and Abuse: Navigating the Uncertainties,_ 4th ed., published by the American Health Lawyers Association in June 2012. While attending the University of Maryland School of Law, he served as the Managing Editor of the _Journal of Health Law and Policy_ and as a research assistant for the Center for Health and Homeland Security. He completed the University of Maryland School of Law concentration in Health Law.

Prior to law school, Mr. Christ provided litigation support services at a firm based in Washington, DC. His prior experience also includes performing internal audits for a government contractor and acting as a liaison to federal auditors. Mr. Christ can speak conversational Arabic and has extensive experience in the Middle East.

Education

- University of Maryland School of Law (J.D., with honors)
- Pennsylvania State University (B.A., with distinction)
    - Phi Beta Kappa, Political Science

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Practice Areas

- Managed Care
- Compliance Counseling and Defense
- Fraud and Abuse Counseling and Defense
- Government and Commercial Reimbursement
- Government Investigations and Litigation
- Health Insurance Exchanges
- Stark/Self-Referral

Industries

- Academic Medical Centers
- Health Care and Life Sciences Industry
- Home Health, Hospice & Community-Based Providers
- Hospitals and Health Systems
- Health Plans and Other Insurers
- Pharmacies
- Physician Group Practices/Management
- Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Providers
- Suppliers & Distributors

Memberships

- American Health Lawyers Association
- Penn State Alumni Association

Languages

- Arabic