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**LESLIE V. NORWALK** is Strategic Counsel to Epstein Becker Green, [EBG Advisors](#), and [National Health Advisors](#). She serves as an advisor to three private equity firms: Warburg Pincus, Peloton Equity, and Enhanced Equity Fund. Ms. Norwalk currently sits on the boards of directors of NuVasive, Endologix, Providence Services Corporation, CareCentrix, Abode Healthcare, Cedar Gate, Med First, HPOne, and Linkwell Health. She is also a member of APCO Worldwide's International Advisory Council.

Ms. Norwalk served the Bush Administration as the Acting Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). She managed the day-to-day operations of Medicare, Medicaid, State Child Health Insurance Programs, Survey and Certification of health care facilities, and other federal health care initiatives. For four years prior to that, she was the agency's Deputy Administrator, responsible for the implementation of the hundreds of changes made under the Medicare Modernization Act, including the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit.

CMS has the second-largest budget outlay of the federal government, directly responsible for \$1 out of every \$3 spent on health care in the United States. The organization insures approximately a third of the population of the United States (more than 100 million beneficiaries), including the elderly, disabled, and some of the lowest income individuals in the country. CMS processes over one billion claims each year and contracts with approximately one million providers.

Prior to serving the Bush Administration, she practiced law in the Washington, D.C., office of Epstein Becker Green, where she advised clients on a variety of health policy matters. She also served in the first Bush administration in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

Ms. Norwalk, a native of Dayton, OH, earned a juris doctor degree from the George Mason University School of Law, where she was a Dean's Scholar and an editor of the *George Mason Law Review*. She earned a bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, in economics and international relations from Wellesley College.

## **Education**

- George Mason University School of Law (J.D., 1996)
  - *George Mason Law Review*, Business Editor; Dean's Scholar
- Wellesley College (B.A., 1988)
  - *cum laude*, Economics and International Relations

## **Bar Admissions**

- District of Columbia

## **Practice Areas**

- Compliance Counseling and Defense
- Fraud and Abuse Counseling and Defense
- Government and Commercial Reimbursement
- Managed Care
- Value-Based Purchasing and Accountable Care

## **Industries**

- Health Care and Life Sciences Industry

## **Memberships**

- Cosmos Club
- Washington Women's Forum

## **Board of Directors**

- NuVasive - Audit Committee; Chair, Governance Committee
- Endologix - Compensation Committee; Chair, Governance Committee
- Providence Services Corporation - Audit Committee; Chair, Governance Committee
- CareCentrix
- Abode Healthcare – Chair, Compliance Committee
- Cedar Gate
- Med First - Compliance Committee
- HPOne
- Linkwell Health