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AS HEALTHCARE INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE TO RISE, EPSTEIN BECKER & GREEN HEALTHCARE ATTORNEYS DAVID MATYAS AND CARRIE VALIANT RELEASE THIRD EDITION OF *LEGAL ISSUES IN HEALTHCARE FRAUD AND ABUSE: NAVIGATING THE UNCERTAINTIES*

Definitive resource provides healthcare providers, consultants and attorneys with a practical, cost effective guide to the broad spectrum of laws, legal theories and principles used by the federal and state governments to enforce fraud and abuse laws

Washington, DC (October 2, 2006) – With state and federal investigations of healthcare entities continuing to make front-page news, there has never been a better time for Epstein Becker & Green attorneys [David E. Matyas](#) and [Carrie Valiant](#) to release the third edition of *LEGAL ISSUES IN HEALTHCARE FRAUD AND ABUSE: NAVIGATING THE UNCERTAINTIES*, (American Health Lawyers Association, September 2006; \$169, and \$139 for members of the American Health Lawyers Association).

This book offers a thorough review of the myriad government enforcement entities; an in-depth look at all the major laws and activities that are the subject of healthcare fraud investigations; an overview of state counterparts to the federal laws; and a review of self-referral laws, anti-kickback issues, false claims, and other statutory authorities and private initiatives.

These two seasoned attorneys at the nation’s largest healthcare and life science law practice—and both members of the American Health Lawyers Association—have applied their direct experience and understanding of healthcare fraud to the latest edition of *LEGAL ISSUES IN HEALTHCARE FRAUD AND ABUSE: NAVIGATING THE UNCERTAINTIES*, and have written a “must-have” guidebook for healthcare providers, consultants and attorneys.

"As the legal landscape in healthcare fraud and abuse continues to evolve, and as fraud and abuse has become a staple of Epstein Becker & Green's

Healthcare Practice, it became obvious to us that there was a demand for an updated resource that offers healthcare attorneys, providers and consultants with the most current information on healthcare law," said David Matyas, Co-author of *LEGAL ISSUES IN HEALTHCARE FRAUD AND ABUSE: NAVIGATING THE UNCERTAINTIES*, and member of Epstein Becker & Green.

The book will be available beginning September 25th and can be purchased through LexisNexis by calling (800) 533-1637 or by visiting www.lexisnexis.com/ahlafraudandabuse/

Endorsements

"The Third Edition of this excellent publication is again a welcome addition to our firm library. The lawyers of our health law practice group have relied on this important reference tool since the First Edition was published many years ago. This updated version is complete with legal developments and "best practice" recommendations for the practicing lawyer. There are many publications in the market which cover some of the same topics, but David Matyas and Carrie Valiant's treatise is the most useful day to day guide for the practicing attorney who represents individuals and organizations accused of healthcare fraud and for advising organizational clients on compliance matters."

---Gabriel Imperato, Managing Partner, Broad and Cassel

"The authors generously offer their extensive insight and practical advice, which reflects their very deep experience in healthcare fraud and abuse counseling and defense. A great resource to add to the bookshelf of the healthcare practitioner."

---Mac Thornton, Partner, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, LLP, Former Counsel to the Inspector General, HHS

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ABOUT EPSTEIN BECKER & GREEN, P.C.

Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., founded in 1973, is a law firm with over 380 attorneys practicing in 11 offices throughout the United States - Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Newark, San Francisco, Stamford, and Washington, DC - and affiliations worldwide. The firm's size, diversity, and global affiliations allow its attorneys to address the needs of small entrepreneurial ventures, middle market companies, and large multinational corporations on a worldwide basis. EBG was recognized by *Modern Healthcare Magazine* in 2005 as the nation's largest healthcare law firm.

EBG continues to build and expand its capabilities as a law firm focused on five core practices: Business Law, Healthcare & Life Sciences, Labor & Employment, Litigation, and Real Estate.

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