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Megan Phillips and David Pursell Contribute to "Avoiding Fraud and Abuse in the Medical Office"

Husch Blackwell Sanders attorneys Megan C. Phillips and David B. Pursell co-authored a chapter of the book "Avoiding Fraud and Abuse in the Medical Office," a collaborative effort between the American Medical Association and the American Health Lawyers Association. The chapter, "Introduction to Fraud and Abuse for Physicians," provides physicians with a user-friendly overview of the fundamental principles behind the fraud and abuse laws, while giving real-life examples of conduct that could trigger a government investigation and/or a fraud and abuse violation. The chapter focuses on the key concepts behind the fraud and abuse laws, including the type of conduct that the government is concerned about, the government's efforts to address fraud and abuse problems, and practical steps physicians can take to avoid fraud and abuse liability when operating their physician practices.

[Click here to order "Avoiding Fraud and Abuse in the Medical Office".](#)

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