LEGAL COMPLIANCE SERVICES FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Colleges and universities operate within special environments regulated by federal, state and local laws. These regulations govern a broad range of activities, such as admissions, financial aid, government-sponsored research, access to information by foreign nationals, intellectual property, campus security, intercollegiate athletics and data security, to name a few. Consequently, the compliance concerns are vast.

Holland & Knight's Education Team has extensive experience helping educational institutions design, implement and assess their in-house compliance programs in an effort to reduce legal exposure. Building from our knowledge of the principles employed by regulatory and government enforcement agencies, we help clients construct a framework for how an effective compliance program should be implemented. Our team draws upon its substantial collective experience to help identify and manage key risk areas. We also advise on specific policies to help clients adhere to their regulatory obligations and conduct internal investigations into potential compliance violations. In addition, we represent clients facing government enforcement investigations.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Our strength representing colleges and universities includes:

- developing overarching comprehensive compliance programs
- developing export controls compliance programs
- developing tax-exempt bond compliance programs
- developing compliance and ethics policies
- conducting risk assessments
- developing enterprise risk management programs
- developing records management programs
- conducting internal investigations related to civil False Claims Act exposure
- conducting internal investigations related to government-sponsored research
- conducting internal investigations related to the appropriate use of government-sponsored financial aid
- advising on compliance with Titles IV, VI, VII and IX, including diversity in admissions and hiring

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