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Gabriel serves as the managing partner for the Fort Lauderdale office and his personal practice includes representing individuals and organizations accused of healthcare fraud and assisting and advising healthcare organizations on corporate governance and compliance matters. Gabriel is board certified as a specialist in Health Law by the Florida Bar. He is also certified in Health Care Compliance (CHC) by the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics and the Health Care Compliance Association (SCCE/HCCA). This national accreditation reflects a professional level of competence and experience in compliance processes sufficient to assist healthcare business organizations to understand and address legal obligations and to promote organizational governance and integrity through the operation of effective compliance programs. Gabriel served as Interim General Counsel of the North Broward Hospital District, the tenth largest health system in the United States. He was also the Deputy Chief Counsel for the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the General Counsel in Dallas. He has served as a longtime member of the Board of Directors and Past President of the SCCE/HCCA.

Gabriel has criminal and civil trial and appellate experience in federal and state courts and administrative forums, and he has personally handled leading national cases concerning criminal and civil healthcare fraud and abuse and healthcare law and policy. He has vast experience in the defense of allegations involving the False Claims Act against health care organizations and has litigated and settled many of these cases with the Department of Justice and the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, as well as State Medicaid Fraud Control Units.

Gabriel has also handled numerous matters involving the formation of integrated delivery systems and managed care organizations. Gabriel is considered a national leader in healthcare fraud, abuse, and compliance as well as healthcare reform matters. He lectures and publishes numerous articles on these subjects.

Education

DePaul University College of Law, JD
(1977)

University of Massachusetts, BA (1973)

University of Oregon

Admissions

District of Columbia

Florida

Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Practice Areas

Healthcare Regulatory, Compliance & Operations

State & Local Government Relations

White Collar Healthcare Fraud, Compliance & Litigation

Laboratory Services

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Previous Professional Experience

- Interim General Counsel, North Broward Hospital District, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 - Advised and represented the Board and management and was chief legal officer and head of the Legal Department of the 10th largest health and hospital system in the United States. Advised and represented the organization on internal legal and compliance issues and matters before the Department of Justice and the Office and Inspector General of Health and Human Services
- Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Dallas, Texas
 - Advised and represented various agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Public Health Service, the Social Security Administration, and the Office of the Inspector General

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Boca Raton Observer "Top Lawyers"](#)(2025)
- [Fort Lauderdale Illustrated's Top Lawyers List](#), Criminal Defense White-Collar, Health Care Law (2021-2023)
- [Palm Beach Illustrated](#), Top Lawyer, Criminal Defense White-Collar, Health Care Law (2021)
- [Legal 500 United States](#), Industry Focus: Healthcare: service providers (2020–2021, 2023)
- Outstanding Service to the DePaul Community Award (2020)
- [AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell](#)
- [South Florida Legal Guide](#), Top Lawyer in Health Care (2008, 2013–2021)
- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Criminal Defense – White-Collar (2006–2026), Health Care Law (2006–2026), Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2022–2026)
- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Lawyer of the Year, Miami, Health Care Law (2012)
- [Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business](#),

Healthcare – Florida (2005–2025)

- [Florida Super Lawyers](#)(2006–2023)
- [The Guide to the World’s Leading Healthcare Lawyers](#)(2016)
- [Power Leaders in Law & Accounting by the South Florida Business Journal](#)(2014–2016)
- [Florida Legal Elite by Florida Trend magazine](#)(2007, 2010)
- Profiles in Leadership Leader of the Year Award by Leadership Broward, Excellence in Leadership Award (2006)

Professional Activities

- Program Chairman, American Bar Association, Annual Health Fraud Institute; Program Planning Committee Member; Health Care Compliance Association, Compliance Institute; Healthcare Enforcement Compliance Conference; Board & Audit Committee Compliance Conference and various regional and specialty compliance conferences
- Board Member and Past President, Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics and Health Care Compliance Association
- Faculty, Health Care Compliance Association National Compliance Academies
- Member, Health Law and Criminal Law Sections, The Florida Bar
- Member, Antitrust Health Care and White Collar Crime Committees, and Subcommittee on Health Care Fraud, American Bar Association
- Chairperson, The Reimbursement and Payment Committee, and The Health Care Reform Task Force, American Health Lawyers Association
- Member, American Health Lawyers Association

Articles & Speeches

Insights

EKRA and the AKS - Health Care Compliance and Risk , *Journal of Health Care Compliance*- Author (September-October 2024)

[EKRA and the Anti-Kickback Statute: Healthcare Compliance and Risk](#)- Author (July 5, 2023)

[Ga. Ruling Reveals Legal Shortcomings Of Kickback Test](#)- Author (February 28, 2023)

[Telemedicine Arrangements: OIG Special Fraud Alert](#), *COSMOS*- Co-Author (December 7, 2022)

[Navigating Healthcare Compliance in a New World: A snapshot of the OIG 2021 Work Plan](#), *Compliance Today*-Co-Author (June 2021)

[DOJ Updates its Guidance on Corporate Compliance Programs](#), *Compliance Today*- Co-Author (September 2020)

[Compliance with the new COVID-19 business assistance loans](#), *Compliance Today*- Co-Author (July 2020)

[Legal and compliance developments and the coronavirus](#), *Compliance Today*- Co-Author (June 2020)

[DOJ compliance program guidance and credit for cooperation and self-disclosure](#), *Compliance Today*- Author (August 2019)

The Hospice Board's Key Roles in Compliance, *Hospice Governance Academy*- Author (July 3, 2019)
AHLA Healthcare Compliance Legal Issues Manual- Chapter author (April 4, 2019)

Events/Speaking Engagements

Georgia Health Care Fraud Institute- Chair and Speaker (October 21, 2025)
Imperato, Markus, and Skyles to Present at the Healthcare General Counsel Forum- Co-Moderator (October 5, 2025)
Gabe Imperato to Present at the American Bar Association's (ABA) 11th Annual Southeastern White Collar Crime Institute- Presenter (September 3, 2025)
Gabriel Imperato to Present at Healthcare Compliance Association Webinar, "*What's Next for Healthcare Enforcement and Compliance Programs*"- Webinar Panelist (June 10, 2025)
Nelson Mullins 2024 Value-Based Care Conference: *Evolving Value-Based Strategies*- Speaker (November 7, 2024)
The Mary and Michael Jaharis Health Law Institute 2024 Health Care Compliance Conference, *Physician Relationships and Stark Law and the Anti-Kickback Statute*- Speaker (September 25, 2024)
10th Annual Southeastern White Collar Crime Institute- Moderator (September 4, 2024)
34th Annual National Institute on Healthcare Fraud- Program Chair and Speaker (May 1, 2024)
HCCA 28th Annual Compliance Institute- Speaker (April 14, 2024)
2024 Florida Compliance and Privacy Consortium- Co-Speaker (February 8, 2024)
Orlando Regional Healthcare Compliance Conference, *Hospital and Physician Based Compensation and Value-Based Agreements*- Speaker (February 2, 2024)
False Claims Act Mock Trial Institute 2024- Speaker (January 17, 2024)
Health Care Fraud Seminar- Moderator (December 7, 2023)
Health Care Fraud & Abuse: *Leading Strategies for Compliance and Risk Mitigation*- Speaker (November 17, 2023)
2023 Healthcare Enforcement Compliance Conference- Speaker (November 5, 2023)
Nelson Mullins 2023 Value-Based Care Conference: *Implementing Value-Based Strategies*- Speaker (November 2, 2023)
2023 Board & Audit Committee Compliance Conference- Speaker (October 23, 2023)
Jaharis Health Law Institute Health Care Compliance Conference- Speaker (September 6, 2023)
Compliance and Ethics Conference - Speaker (August 7, 2023)
2nd Annual RISE Value-Based Care Summit- Speaker (June 21, 2023)
May 2023 Healthcare General Counsel Forum, *Defensibility of a Fair Market Value Analysis*- Speaker (May 8, 2023)
33rd Annual National Institute on Health Care Fraud, *Recent Developments in Kickback and Stark Law*- Program Chair and Speaker (May 3, 2023)
27th Annual Compliance Institute, *Trending Fraud and Abuse Developments and How to Address Them*- Co-Chair and Speaker (April 23, 2023)
2023 Orlando Regional Healthcare Compliance Conference- Speaker (January 27, 2023)
2023 Florida Compliance and Privacy Consortium- Co-Speaker (January 26, 2023)
Charlotte Regional Healthcare Compliance Conference- Speaker (January 13, 2023)
Health Care Fraud(December 1, 2022)
Healthcare Enforcement Compliance Conference- Co-Speaker (November 7, 2022)
Nelson Mullins Value-Based Care Conference 2022: *Hot Topics and Trends*- Moderator (November 3, 2022)
2022 Healthcare General Counsel Forum- Speaker (October 16, 2022)
National Institute on Health Care Fraud- Moderator and Panelist (June 22, 2022)
Healthcare General Counsel Forum- Co-Speaker (May 1, 2022)

[False Claims and Qui Tam Trial Institute 2022, False Claims Act Amendments: Legislative Updates- Co-Panelist](#) (April 25, 2022)

[2022 Health Care Compliance Conference, Managing Reputational Risk Through Compliance Best Practices- Keynote](#) (April 7, 2022)

[26th Annual Compliance Institute](#)(March 28, 2022)

[South Florida Hospital GC Forum- Speaker](#) (March 3, 2022)

[2021 South Florida Health Forum- Panelist](#) (November 2, 2021)

[HCCA Annual Compliance Institute: Compliance, Internal Investigations and Self-Disclosure- Speaker](#) (April 21, 2021)

[CONSERO Healthcare General Counsel Virtual Forum: Recent Trends in Compliance- Speaker](#) (March 10, 2021)

[Health Care Compliance Association's Healthcare Compliance Academies: Basic, Privacy, or Research- Speaker](#) ((event recurs 6 times in 2020))

[2020 JHLI CCB Health Care Compliance Virtual Conference- Presenter](#) (August 27, 2020)

[Health Care Fraud Enforcement and Compliance: Practice and Policies- Speaker](#) (August 20, 2020)

[Health Care Compliance Association and Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics Web Conference- Presenter](#) (August 4, 2020)

[Enforcement Implications of COVID-19 Government Relief Funds and Regulatory Waivers: Minimizing the Risks- Speaker](#) (May 19, 2020)

[Healthcare COVID-19 Regulatory Recap](#)(April 9, 2020)

[2020 HCCA Board & Audit Committee Compliance Conference- Chair and Speaker](#) (Feb. 24-25, 2020)

[Emerging Compliance Issues Every Healthcare Executive Needs to Know- Speaker](#) (October 29, 2019)

[2019 CONSERO Healthcare General Counsel Forum- Speaker](#) (October 19-22, 2019)

[DePaul Law JHLI Health Care Compliance Conference- Speaker](#) (July 11, 2019)

[Individual Liability for Organizational Compliance Matters, Presentation to Southern Atlantic Healthcare Alliance - Presenter](#) (June 21, 2019)

[SCCE Regional Compliance & Ethics Conference- Presenter](#) (April 26, 2019)

[Peering into the Crystal Ball: New Trends & Theories in FCA Investigations and Enforcement- Panelist](#) (Thursday, December 6, 2018)

[Healthcare Enforcement Compliance Association Conference- Moderator](#) (November 4-7, 2018)

[Partners Imperato, Hackworth Jones, Bittman Participated at the 2018 Consero Healthcare General Counsel Forum- Presenter and Panelist](#) (October 27-30, 2018)

[Gabriel Imperato Presents at 17th Annual Compliance and Ethics Institute- Speaker](#) (Monday, October 22, 2018)

[Avoiding the Bermuda Triangle: Compliance with the AKS, CMP, and FCA Laws, Florida Health Care Association, 2018 Annual Conference- Speaker](#) (July 16, 2018)

Blogs

[Medicaid Overpayment Audits: What Medical Providers Need to Know](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (July 24, 2024)

[Upcoming False Claims Act Mock Trial Institute, Investigations](#) - Author (January 12, 2024)

[Nelson Mullins' 2023 Value-Based Care Conference, Investigations](#) - Author (October 25, 2023)

[EKRA and the Anti-Kickback Statute: Healthcare Compliance and Risk, Investigations](#) - Author (July 13, 2023)

[One Purpose Test: Greber vs. Holland; A discussion with Gabe Imperato with Nelson Mullins](#), Investigations - Speaker (April 6, 2023)

[NM Talks Healthcare Podcast: The False Claims Act: Managing the Risk and Responding to a False Claims Act Case, Investigations](#) - Speaker (March 20, 2023)

[Stark Integrity Podcast: One Purpose Test, Waiving Copays, FCA Learning Points, and Compliance Effectiveness Episodes](#), Healthcare Essentials - Speaker (March 10, 2023)

[The False Claims Act: Managing the Risk and Responding to a False Claims Act Case](#), NM Talks Healthcare Podcast - Speaker (February 17, 2023)

[The Impact of the Decision in U.S. v. Holland on the One Purpose Test](#), Investigations - Author (January 10, 2023)

[Decision in U.S. v. Holland](#), Investigations - Author (December 13, 2022)

[Decision in U.S. v. Holland](#), Healthcare Essentials - Author (December 12, 2022)

[National Institute on Health Care Fraud Conference](#), Investigations - Author (May 31, 2022)

[Supreme Court Declines Request to Address False Claims Act Liability For Medically Unnecessary Services](#), Investigations - Co-Author (March 2, 2021)

[Supreme Court Declines Request to Address False Claims Act Liability For Medically Unnecessary Services](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (March 2, 2021)

[Enforcement Alert: Fraud and the Paycheck Protection Program](#), Investigations - Co-Author (Nov. 17, 2020)

[Enforcement Implications of COVID-19 Relief Funds and Regulatory Waivers](#), Investigations - Co-Author (June 5, 2020)