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Ayman Rizkalla focuses his practice on white collar defense and government investigations related to healthcare fraud and financial crimes. Clients turn to him for strategic counsel on regulatory and compliance matters involving anti-corruption, False Claims Act, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), export control, and privacy. His clients include hospitals and corporate entities under investigation for Medicare fraud stemming from qui tam cases, and complex commercial disputes involving securities fraud and government investigations.

Prior to joining Akerman, Ayman worked for the Department of Homeland Security as well as an international law firm, where he focused on international financial investigations throughout the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe. He also brings substantial in-house experience, having previously worked for the University of Miami, where he advised on domestic and international asset sales and acquisitions, healthcare investigations, and regulatory compliance. He is fluent in Arabic and French.

Notable Work

Major Hospital System: Successful representation of a hospital system in a federal health care fraud investigation resulting in a declination of the criminal case and a nominal settlement of the corresponding False Claims Act (FCA) lawsuit

Major International Food Producer: Successful representation of an international fresh produce supplier in connection with a federal investigation into immigration violations, resulting in the closure of the case with no civil or criminal penalties

Major International Food Producer: Successful representation of an international food producer in a state racketeering investigation, resulting in the closure of the case with no civil or criminal penalties

Areas of Experience

White Collar Crime and Government Investigations
Litigation
Healthcare Fraud and Abuse
Higher Education and Collegiate Athletics
Securities Litigation
Healthcare Litigation
Senior Living and Care

Education

LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center, Securities and Financial Regulation, 2002, *with honors*
J.D., Tulane University Law School, 2000, *cum laude*
B.S., University of Maryland at College Park, 1996, *cum laude*

Admissions

Bars

District of Columbia
Florida
Maryland

Languages

French
Arabic

Related Content

Rizkalla, Fischman Discuss When to Call a Lawyer With *Healthcare Risk Management*
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April 03, 2023

Domestic Importer of Radio Equipment : Successful representation of an importer of radio equipment which was seized for bearing a counterfeit trademark, resulting in the release of the goods with a *de minimus* penalty

Chinese Agricultural Producer: Conducted internal investigation on behalf of an Audit Committee into allegations made by a former executive relating to the fraud and bribery of Chinese officials

Major Oil Producers/Aerospace and Defense Technology

Companies: Conducted risk assessment review of foreign third party agents

Large Private Equity Fund: Assess and update compliance program, including process for screening potential investors; conducted company-wide training on same

Related Professional Experience

- Associate Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2003-2007
- Assistant Counsel, U.S. Customs Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 2002-2003

Published Work and Lectures

- [Health Law Rx Blog](#), Contributor
- Federal News Network, Podcast, “Your Due Diligence as a CEO or Board Member,” June 3, 2019