

## Prescription Audits: When the DEA or AG Come Knocking

Strafford Publications has asked Nelson Hardiman Co-Founder and Managing Partner <u>Harry Nelson</u> to be a panelist at their upcoming 90-minute Teleconference/Webinar Program.

Event Date: Thursday, November 21st, 2013 at 10:00am PST (1:00pm Eastern).

Event Title: Prescription Audits: When the DEA or AG Come Knocking Anticipating and Responding to Heightened Investigations of Prescribing and Dispensing Practices

In its role of monitoring distribution of pharmaceutical controlled substances and preventing diversion and abuse of these drugs, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has ramped up its scrutiny of medical providers who prescribe, administer or dispense controlled substances. Many states are also increasing enforcement efforts in this area. As a consequence, providers and their counsel must be prepared for audits and investigations conducted by the DEA or state Attorneys General.

It is imperative that providers comply with both federal and state regulations and be sensitized to high risk areas. Failure to do so, whether negligent or intentional, could result in penalties, including fines, being stripped of the providers' ability to lawfully prescribe controlled substances, or criminal prosecution.

DEA regulatory issues are often given too little attention by healthcare attorneys. It is critical for counsel and providers to understand the risk issues, have best practices and policies and procedures in place, and be prepared to take the corrective steps to ensure federal and state law compliance and mitigate damages.

This program will discuss the current trends in DEA and AG enforcement and the audit process. The panel will examine the steps necessary to be prepared for an audit and offer best practices for responding when the government comes knocking.

For more information or to register for this webinar visit here: <a href="http://bit.ly/1ewVdfP">http://bit.ly/1ewVdfP</a>