

# Faith-Based Health Care Organizations

Just as providing appropriate treatments and exceptional care to patients is a health system's top priority, Polsinelli's Health Care team strives to provide practical solutions and exceptional service to our Catholic health system clients. And now, more than ever, Catholic health care providers need a partner that understands their unique challenges, while providing a broader view of potential strategies that may help them not only survive, but to thrive in a new era of health care.

Our Health Care team represents Catholic health systems and facilities across the wide spectrum of activities in which these organizations become engaged. In our work, particular attention is given to the unique aspects of the Catholic ministry and its special relationship to its sponsor(s) and the Catholic Church.

Beyond the types of matters highlighted below, we serve as outside counsel to numerous Catholic health care systems and facilities throughout the United States, advising on canonical, corporate, transactional, medical staff, faculty, student, employment, intellectual property, antitrust, litigation and related matters. More specifically, we regularly counsel our Catholic health system clients and their facilities and leaders on a wide range of issues unique to such organizations including:

- System co-sponsorships, mergers and acquisitions
- Facility joint ventures, affiliations, mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and closures
- Collaborations between Catholic and other-than-Catholic systems and facilities
- Public/private juridic person formulation
- Ethical and Religious Directive compliance, counseling and review
- Assisting with Canonical consultations and approvals, including requests for various indulgences.
- Church plan design, administration, compliance and related fiduciary matters.
- Governance restructuring and Board education
- Charity care policy formation
- Compliance with State and Federal laws, particularly when they intersect with Church law

In addition, Polsinelli's Nonprofit Health Care Finance attorneys, with national reputations in tax-exempt finance, have served as bond, underwriter, bank and borrower counsel in more than 500 transactions (including numerous transactions involving Catholic health care organizations) aggregating in excess of \$40 billion. The experience of, and relationships developed by, our health care finance attorneys enable us to provide exceptional service to our Catholic health care clients in structuring and implementing complex tax-exempt financing transactions.