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KgM Attorney Presents on New Exempt Hospital Environment

John Ward Weiss, leader of the health care practice group for Kaufman Gilpin McKenzie Thomas Weiss, PC in Montgomery, Alabama, presented a session on *The New Environment For Exempt Hospitals* at a recent Board retreat for one of the firm's hospital clients. The presentation included a review of the traditional basis for treatment of community hospitals as charitable entities under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3), examination of the factors leading to the major changes in the changing regulatory environment for exempt hospitals, discussion of the Senate Finance Committee hearings and proposals, and review of the new Form 990 including the hospital specific Schedule H. Mr. Weiss concluded with a number of suggestions on how exempt hospitals should review and analyze certain governance matters to incorporate established "best practices", assess and address health care needs in the community and access to such care, and tell the hospital's story to its community through annual Community Benefit Reports and the new Form 990.