Peter Martin Discusses Healthcare Compliance and Corporate Liability: When "Good Faith" Falls Short

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Peter Martin discusses the intersection of healthcare compliance and corporate liability in an article published in *Worcester Medicine*. Focusing on the recent *Weiss v. President and Fellows of Harvard University* decision, he examines whether a corporation may be held directly liable for an employee's actions, even when those actions fall outside the scope of employment. Below is an excerpt:

> This happened to Harvard University regarding the operation of its medical school morgue. One of its employees at the morgue was found to have, over the course of several years, dissected, stolen, and sold parts of the bodies of individuals who donated their remains for research purposes. The operation of the morgue was governed by the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA), which provided that an organization that attempts in good faith to act in accordance with the statute will not be liable for the act in a civil action, criminal prosecution, or administrative hearing.

Read the article "Good Faith in Healthcare Compliance: The Intersection of Formal Obligation and Ethical Commitment" on p. 20 of *Worcester Medicine*.