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Six Healthcare Attorneys to Join Husch Blackwell

Miles & Peters attorneys and staff add to Husch Blackwell's Denver and Phoenix presence

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Effective June 30, 2014, six attorneys and several staff members from Miles & Peters, P.C., will join Husch Blackwell LLP. Founded in 1980, Denver-based Miles & Peters focuses on health law matters and is especially well known for its work with post-acute providers, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and physician groups.

With the addition of these six attorneys, Husch Blackwell has welcomed 26 new attorneys across eight office locations since January 1, 2014.

"Husch Blackwell is the perfect new home for us," said Fred Miles, founder of Miles & Peters. "We gain a broad geographic platform, and our clients gain access to the full complement of services that any healthcare facility or provider could need."

"We have known, respected and worked with our friends at Miles & Peters for several years," said Mary Stuart, Husch Blackwell's Denver office managing partner. "Our six new attorneys provide the perfect complement to our firm's industry focus; they are known for their deep knowledge of health law, and they add significantly to our healthcare capabilities in the Mountain West region."

With more than 130 attorneys in its Healthcare group, Husch Blackwell was recently named the No. 5 law firm nationwide on the American Health Lawyers Association's "Top Honors" list. In addition to healthcare, Husch Blackwell's industry focus also includes energy and natural resources; financial services; food and agribusiness; real estate, development and construction; and technology, manufacturing and transportation.

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"We are thrilled to welcome these new team members," said Curt Chase, leader of Husch Blackwell's Healthcare, Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals industry group. "The depth of their healthcare industry knowledge, as well as the geographic markets in which the Miles & Peters attorneys practice, will significantly enhance Husch Blackwell's ability to partner with healthcare clients nationally."

Partner Fred Miles founded Miles & Peters. He is a nationally recognized expert in health law with an emphasis in representing post-acute care providers, where he maintains an active regulatory trial practice. He focuses on Medicare/Medicaid program issues, including fraud and abuse, licensing, certification and reimbursement. Fred Miles has participated in an extensive number of administrative and court trials regarding various licensing and reimbursement cases at the federal level and has appeared in various state courts and administrative forums in the Rocky Mountain region. Fred Miles earned his J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law (1968) and his B.A. in History, *cum laude*, from Doane College in Crete, Neb. (1965).

Partner Kevin D. Peters served as president of Miles & Peters. He focuses on Medicare/Medicaid certification and reimbursement, facility licensure, commercial transactions, regulatory compliance, and the purchase, sale and financing of healthcare facilities and businesses. A former certified public accountant, Peters advises clients on transactional matters, including managed care contracting, provider contracting and real estate, including leasing, secured financing, mergers, acquisitions and sales. Peters earned his LL.M. in Taxation (1991) and his J.D. (1984) from the University of Denver College of Law, and his B.S. in Accounting from the University of Northern Arizona (1981).

Partner Jim Miles focuses on complex commercial transactions, government relations, regulatory compliance and business planning for healthcare organizations. His clients comprise both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations; Jim Miles assists them from formation through expansion and ultimately with merger or acquisition opportunities. He also counsels on joint venture arrangements between different healthcare provider types, including joint projects between hospitals and physician groups. Jim Miles earned his J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law (1996) and his B.A. from Tulane University (1992).

Partner Carol A. Manteuffel represents ancillary healthcare service providers in state and federal regulatory proceedings, Medicare/Medicaid program audits, Office of Inspector General and State Medicaid Fraud Control Units investigations for fraud and abuse, licensing, certification, reimbursement and regulatory compliance matters. She also represents parties and licensed healthcare professionals in administrative proceedings before state and federal agencies and civil litigation in state and federal courts. Manteuffel earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn. (1990), her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Minnesota (1980), and her B.S. in Nursing from the University of Northern Colorado (1975).

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Senior Counsel Peggy E. Kozal focuses on healthcare litigation, Medicare/Medicaid certification and reimbursement, financial fraud defense, provider contracting, institutional licensing and regulatory compliance matters. She advises healthcare clients on structuring business transactions and identifies critical challenges, providing compliance guidance to minimize risk and promote clients' objectives. Kozal earned her J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law (2001), and her B.A. in Spanish and Journalism from the University of Iowa (1998).

Associate Sadie Sullivan represents and advises healthcare providers and associations in fraud and abuse matters, Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement, health facility and professional licensing, regulatory compliance, business planning and commercial transactions, and government relations. Sullivan earned her J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law (2012) and her B.A. in Religious Studies from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa (2004).

Husch Blackwell's Healthcare, Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals attorneys have extensive experience representing clients in all types of litigation, transactional and regulatory enforcement actions and investigations covering all facets of the industry. The firm has developed a national reputation for representing leading hospitals and health systems, academic medical centers, post-acute centers, physicians and other healthcare providers. Its attorneys counsel life sciences investors and research facilities at every phase of their development and implementation cycles. In addition, they advise pharmacies, prescription drug benefit managers, drug manufacturers and other stakeholders in the supply chain to help navigate regulatory obstacles.

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