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Morgan Lewis Adds Seven More Attorneys to Its Healthcare Group

With nearly 30 lawyers and regulatory scientists, the firm is now home to one of the largest combined FDA and Healthcare Practices in the nation

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 28, 2009: Following the addition earlier this month of six healthcare partners on the East and West Coasts, Morgan Lewis today announced another seven attorneys—two more partners and five associates—have joined the firm, doubling the size of its FDA/Healthcare Regulation Practice. Betsy J. McCubrey and Scott A. Memmott, who was a National Vice Chair of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal's Healthcare Group, have joined as partners in Morgan Lewis's Washington, D.C. office.

"Providing core support for our Life Sciences Practice—one of the nation's largest—our FDA/Healthcare Regulation Practice now comprises nearly 30 lawyers and regulatory scientists capable of serving all aspects of regulatory, compliance, enforcement, and public policy concerns for healthcare products and services providers," noted Firm Chair Francis M. Milone in a memo to the firm.

"In the past month, we have substantially increased the size and scope of our FDA/Healthcare Regulation Practice," said Kathleen Sanzo, leader of the firm's FDA/Healthcare Regulation Practice. "We are now better poised than ever to help our clients navigate the countless business and regulatory issues they will face in this period of rapid change in our healthcare system."

"As demand for healthcare continues to grow and the government imposes additional controls around healthcare services and costs, our dramatic growth in this area is aimed at ensuring that we continue to provide the integrated legal, scientific, and public policy services our clients need," commented Stephen Paul Mahinka, chair of Morgan Lewis's Life Sciences Interdisciplinary Practice.

Betsy McCubrey's practice focuses on fraud and abuse investigations, healthcare regulatory compliance, and clinical research. She has provided guidance to a wide variety of healthcare organizations, including medical device manufacturers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, retail pharmaceutical and optical establishments, hospitals, academic medical centers, suppliers, hospices, dialysis providers, and research institutions. She is a certified Institutional Review Board (IRB) professional—an added benefit for the firm's pharmaceutical/biotechnology product developer and healthcare service provider clients concerned with billing issues, regulatory requirements, best practices, and ethical standards related to clinical trials.

Scott Memmott's practice focuses on healthcare fraud and abuse and corporate compliance in the healthcare industry. He handles litigation, investigations, and audits involving medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers, clinical research organizations, and healthcare providers and payors. Mr. Memmott speaks and writes frequently on government investigations and fraud and abuse matters. Before entering private practice, Scott was a trial attorney in the Civil Division at the U.S. Department of Justice and a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in Norfolk, Virginia, where he prosecuted federal criminal matters.

Mr. Memmott also brings to Morgan Lewis a strong commitment to pro bono. He is an appointee to the Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services, and serves as outside General Counsel to the Pentagon Memorial Fund. He acts as a supervising attorney for law students enrolled in the George Mason University Law School's Clinic for Legal Assistance to Service Members. In addition, he founded the September 11th Pro Bono Legal Relief Project, which delivered pro bono legal services to victims and family survivors of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

"We are thrilled to continue to grow in the nation's capital with like-minded attorneys who are active in the community and always put clients first," concluded Grace Speights, Managing Partner of the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Their arrival follows that of six healthcare partners who joined Morgan Lewis from Sonnenschein earlier this month: Joyce Cowan, Kathleen McDermott, John Rah, Albert Shay, and Howard Young in Washington, D.C., as well as Reece Hirsch in San Francisco.

Morgan Lewis's five new FDA/Healthcare Regulation associates are: Kelly Barnes, Kashmira Makwana, Sun Park, Katie Pawlitz, and Tisha H.B. Schestopol.

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