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KUTAK ROCK ADDS STRENGTH WITH NEW LAWYERS

Arkansas Health Care Law Practice Expands Substantially

Kutak Rock LLP, a national law firm with a strong Arkansas presence, has announced that three experienced corporate health care lawyers have joined the firm's Little Rock and Fayetteville offices. The firm expects **Debby Thetford Nye, Elizabeth Andreoli** and **Amy J. Dunn**, lawyers who focus their practice in corporate and regulatory health care matters, to add significant strength to Kutak Rock's established Arkansas health care practice.

The three lawyers had been practicing together in another firm, with Nye resident in Northwest Arkansas and Andreoli and Dunn in Little Rock. They will continue their practice in both locations, with Nye practicing primarily from Kutak Rock's Fayetteville office and Andreoli and Dunn joining the firm's office in Little Rock.

Gordon Wilbourn, a partner in Kutak Rock's Little Rock office, said the firm is excited to welcome the group. "Debby Nye is one of the most accomplished health care lawyers in the state," Wilbourn noted. "She and her colleagues have a terrific practice going in Arkansas and some neighboring states. We believe that this group's practice and professional goals make them

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an excellent cultural fit with us. We couldn't be more pleased that they chose to join Kutak Rock."

Nye said she was attracted by Kutak Rock's national presence and reputation for excellent service, as well as the depth of the health care practice. "My group and I have known some Kutak lawyers for years and have been intrigued by the glowing terms in which they speak of the firm," she said. "Kutak is known not only as a great firm for clients, but as a wonderful place for lawyers to grow professionally while practicing in their chosen fields. My colleagues and I are thrilled to be a part of it."

Wilbourn pointed out that Kutak Rock has maintained a highly active corporate health care practice for many years. The firm has numerous lawyers in its offices throughout the country that focus exclusively on health care law, including **Jennifer S. Brown**, a partner in the Fayetteville office, and **Elisa M. White**, an associate in Little Rock, who is currently Chair of the Health Law Section of the Arkansas Bar Association. The addition of three first-rate colleagues, he said, will enhance the firm's health care practice in Arkansas substantially and help the firm demonstrate to clients that it is the best choice of law firms in the region to serve their health care needs.

The addition of the three health care attorneys raises the number of Kutak Rock lawyers in Arkansas to 22, with 13 in Little Rock and 9 in Fayetteville. The firm's list of Arkansas health care clients includes St. Vincent Infirmiry Medical Center in Little Rock, Johnson Regional Medical Center in Clarksville and the Arkansas Physician Practice Network, together with numerous other physicians, clinics, hospitals, hospices, long-term care facilities and other providers in the health care industry.

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The new lawyers' primary practice focus is the long-term care industry. Nye, the senior member of the group with 24 years' experience, provides counsel in all types of corporate and regulatory matters related to health care. She has particular expertise representing clients before federal and state administrative boards and agencies in matters concerning Medicare and Medicaid regulation. She also drafts and lobbies for federal and state health care-related legislation. Since 1998 Nye has served as general counsel for the Arkansas Health Care Association, the state trade association for long-term care providers, and she has served as Chair of the Health Law Section of the Arkansas Bar Association. She earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Andreoli is an experienced health care lawyer whose areas of expertise include credentialing and medical staff issues, patient care and related issues, long-term care certification and licensure, and risk management and professional liability. She has represented clients before administrative agencies, has drafted amendments to state legislation and has authored several professional articles. Andreoli has served as Chair of the Health Law Section of the Arkansas Bar Association. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa, a master's degree, *cum laude*, in health care administration from the Texas Woman's University, and a law degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Dunn provides legal counsel to a variety of health care entities on a broad range of corporate and regulatory matters, including HIPAA privacy regulations, fraud and anti-kickback issues, attorney general subpoenas and investigations, and risk management. She earned a bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, from Hendrix College and a law degree, with high honors, from the University of Arkansas, William H. Bowen School of Law.

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