Nelson Hardiman Adds Stars to Healthcare Regulatory Leadership

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Healthcare law firm Nelson Hardiman announced a significant expansion of its regulatory practice with the addition of Hope Levy-Biehl and Stacie Neroni, two highly-respected healthcare lawyers from Hooper, Lundy & Bookman. Levy-Biehl and Neroni became partners of the Los Angeles-based firm on February 1, 2018.

“We are tremendously excited to welcome Hope and Stacie to our partnership,” said Managing Partner Harry Nelson. “Each of them brings an extraordinary expertise in healthcare regulatory matters that will significantly expand our practice for healthcare organizations in the areas of licensing, certification, payment, compliance and day-to-day operations.”

With almost two decades of experience in healthcare law, Hope Levy-Biehl’s practice focuses on regulatory compliance, licensure and certification, payment, enrollment and operational matters. She regularly advises her clients on regulatory issues arising from mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations, and is also an expert on the protection, privacy and security of health information. At Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, Hope was the chair of the regulatory department, a leadership role she will continue at Nelson Hardiman, as well as former chair of its HIPAA compliance committee. She has taught a healthcare law course as an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and is the current Vice Chair of Publications of the Accreditation Certification and Enrollment Affinity Group of the American Healthcare Lawyers Association’s Regulation, Accreditation, and Payment (RAP) practice group.

“Nelson Hardiman has an exceptional reputation as a dynamic, cutting edge law firm in the healthcare industry, which made it a perfect fit for me,” said Hope Levy-Biehl. “I look forward to contributing to the expansion of this firm’s regulatory expertise and practice.”

An equally experienced healthcare attorney, Stacie Neroni’s practice is also focused on regulatory compliance, licensure, certification and operational matters for a wide variety of providers, including hospitals, pharmacies, durable medical equipment providers, ambulatory surgical centers, home health agencies, laboratories and physicians. Stacie is a nationally-recognized expert on regulatory issues arising from ownership and management changes for healthcare providers and is one of the foremost pharmacy law experts in the country.

“I share Hope’s enthusiasm about joining Nelson Hardiman,” said Stacie Neroni. “This move will allow us to enhance our practices at a vibrant, innovative law firm that is dedicated to meeting all legal needs of it healthcare clients.”

Mark Hardiman, the chair of Nelson Hardiman’s litigation department, added: “I’ve personally known Hope and Stacie for many years and have had the privilege of working with them on many compliance and regulatory matters. They are not only very experienced regulatory attorneys, but bring a level of commitment to their clients that is truly inspiring. Nelson Hardiman is fortunate to gain two such incredible new partners.”

About Nelson Hardiman, LLP
Based in Los Angeles, Nelson Hardiman is a full-service law firm with a specialized industry focus on healthcare and life sciences. Business clients in California and throughout the U.S. turn to the firm for market-leading counsel on healthcare transactions, litigation, regulatory compliance, and strategy.

As the second largest healthcare law firm in California, Nelson Hardiman leverages its leadership role across the full spectrum of the healthcare industry, strengthened by regulatory knowledge and experience with the challenges of industry-wide innovation. The firm is consistently recognized for its commitment to excellence in legal counsel and superior workplace culture. Ranked a Tier One Law Firm for Health Care Law by U.S. News & World Report in 2017, the firm was also ranked by the BTI Industry Power Rankings 2017 as one of “The Law Firms with the Best

Client Relationships” in healthcare. This year Nelson Hardiman was also named to Vault’s “Top 150 Under 150” list and selected by the Los Angeles Business Journal as one of the “Best Places to Work in Los Angeles.”

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