

Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Opens Boston Office

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HLB is pleased to announce the opening of its fifth office in Boston and the addition of attorney David Schumacher as a partner with the firm.

The firm's Boston office is its second East Coast office, joining the firm's established law practice and federal health care government relations and public policy practice in Washington, D.C., along with three California offices.

"With our growing client base in Massachusetts, New England and the Northeast, it made sense for us to locate our next office in Boston," said HLB Managing Partner, Robert W. Lundy, Jr. "It is especially important for us to be proximate to our East Coast clients as the nation moves into a new and unknown era for the health care industry."

Given the expanding nature of federal government investigations and prosecutions of health care providers, combined with the current state of industry uncertainty, the firm is pleased to announce that veteran health care fraud prosecutor, David Schumacher has joined the firm's Boston office. Mr. Schumacher was most recently deputy chief of the U.S. Attorney's Health Care Fraud Unit in Boston.

"David brings with him unparalleled experience and understanding of health care fraud & abuse laws, as well as trends in the federal government's policies and practices related to health care fraud and abuse investigations and prosecutions throughout the Eastern United States," said Mr. Lundy. "His expertise in white collar criminal investigations is also vital for educating our clients on ways to prevent prosecution, as well as defending clients who are charged."

During his tenure with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Schumacher conducted nationwide investigations of health care fraud involving corporations and individuals, including physicians, pharmaceutical and medical device executives; prosecuted jury trials involving health care fraud and negotiated pleas and settlement agreements directly with general and outside counsel.

"I am thrilled to join such a talented group of lawyers dedicated to representing health care providers, said Mr. Schumacher. "I look forward to lending my health care fraud enforcement experience to HLB and their clients."

Mr. Schumacher joins HLB attorneys <u>Joseph LaMagna</u> and <u>Amy Joseph</u> in the Boston office.

Mr. La Magna is a partner in the firm's Regulatory Department, specializing in health care provider litigation and defense of audits and government investigations; representing hospitals and other providers in payment disputes with managed care entities and other payors; guiding post-acute care providers,

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such as skilled nursing facilities, home health, and hospice providers, in regulatory litigation and compliance matters.

Ms. Joseph is an associate in the firm's Business Department, providing counsel to a wide variety of health care providers on business, general corporate and regulatory matters, including for profit and non-profit hospitals, public health care districts, physician groups, individual physicians, health care consultants, management organizations and investors in health care businesses. A significant portion of her practice is focused on health information privacy and security, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and licensing and certification.

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