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## Day Pitney Launches Healthcare Compliance Practice Group

Law firm responds to White House proposal for increase in anti-fraud initiatives

Day Pitney LLP today announced the formation of its new Healthcare Compliance practice group. The group is comprised of lawyers with substantial experience in the areas of healthcare compliance, white collar defense, internal investigations, insurance law and corporate governance, who will work with clients on matters related to Medicare and Medicaid compliance and the enforcement of healthcare fraud and abuse.

"The formation of this practice group is a recognition of the increased scrutiny being placed by the federal government on fraudulent conduct and other compliance risks in the healthcare area," said <u>Sam S.F. Caligiuri</u>, chair of Day Pitney's Healthcare Compliance practice group. "We stand ready to assist clients in addressing the legal and regulatory risks faced by healthcare companies."

President Obama, in his fiscal year 2013 budget proposal, is calling for a five percent increase in discretionary spending from his 2012 budget proposal for the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control program. The president is also pushing for state Medicaid agencies to do more to track and monitor fraud. Further, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has proposed to treat the delinquent refunding of Medicare overpayments as fraudulent conduct. Day Pitney has experience in identifying, evaluating and proposing solutions to address the compliance risks faced by healthcare companies. The firm's lawyers can conduct compliance risk assessments and ensure that effective compliance programs are in place to respond to what is expected to be a heightened sense of enforcement.

## **About Day Pitney**

Day Pitney LLP is a full-service law firm with more than 300 attorneys in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Boston and Washington, DC. The firm offers clients strong corporate and litigation practices, with experience on behalf of large national and international corporations as well as emerging- and middle-market companies and individuals.

