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DILWORTH PAXSON LLP GAINS TWO NEW PARTNERS IN ITS HEALTH CARE PRACTICE GROUP

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January 29, 2018 (Philadelphia, PA) - Dilworth Paxson LLP has announced that **Susan B. Orr** and **Ernest L. Tsoules, Jr.** have joined the firm as partners, effective January 16, in its Health Care Practice Group. Both Tsoules and Orr were previously partners in the former Rhoads & Sinon law firm. According to Karen Palestini, a firm partner and chair of the Health Care Practice Group, "As the health care industry continues to seek out imaginative thought leaders with the skills necessary to effectuate integrative alignments across service lines, provider types and market segments, as well as the ability to forge data-driven initiatives that enhance quality and optimize revenues, we are thrilled to welcome Ernie and Susan to the Dilworth Paxson Health Care Practice Group team."

Susan Orr, with over 17 years of legal experience, represents health care providers, including physicians, medical group practices, behavioral health specialists, home health agencies, ambulatory surgery centers, and diagnostic testing facilities. She represents and advises physicians and health care professionals on a range of regulatory and transactional issues including clinical integration and practice mergers, medical records, privacy and confidentiality issues (HIPAA), fraud and abuse, health care compliance, Part B reimbursements and provider and facility licensing. Orr is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and is a frequent speaker with the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians and the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, and is a recurring contributor to both *Keystone Physician* and *Perspectives*.

Ernest Tsoules has worked exclusively in the health care legal field for 38 years, focusing his practice in the areas of clinical integration and accountable care organizations (ACOs), hospital-physician integration transactions, compliance, group and professional practice entities, hospital-based physician arrangements, medical practice transactions and medical reimbursement. He is a frequent speaker on e-health issues for providers and payors, global risk and managed care contracting, fraud and abuse and Stark II law issues, and medical staff matters. Licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, Tsoules has been a featured speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's annual Health Law Institute, the Healthcare Financial Management Association, and for various trade organizations regarding health care legal issues.

Dilworth Paxson's Health Care Practice Group utilizes an integrated approach to the challenges of today's competitive health care environment. The group formed one of the first ACOs approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and they continue to develop innovative health care alliances among providers, insurers, employers, and commercial entities to master the challenges of the rapidly changing health care environment.



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Dilworth's health care attorneys also led the way for a number of for-profit hospitals and rehabilitation providers to be the first to enter exclusively non-profit health care markets in a number of states and they cultivate for-profit/non-profit collaborations across industry niches today. In addition to the firm's full-time health care attorneys, the group includes attorneys from several disciplines within the firm, such as public finance, tax and non-profits, litigation, bankruptcy and insolvency, real estate, labor & employment, and corporate.