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**Drinker Biddle Partner Todd D. Johnston  
Named Top Healthcare Transaction Lawyer by  
*Nightingale's Healthcare News***

PRINCETON, N.J. — Todd D. Johnston, a partner in the Princeton, NJ office of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, has been named one of twelve “Outstanding Healthcare Transaction Lawyers—2007” in the November 2007 issue of *Nightingale's Healthcare News*, a bi-monthly newsletter for professionals serving the healthcare industry, healthcare executives and others.

The special report notes that Johnston's practice focuses on business/transactional matters for healthcare and life sciences clients, including hospitals, retirement communities, nursing homes, senior housing and assisted living facilities, physician practices, healthcare systems, clinical research organizations, trade associations, underwriters, providers of letters of credit to healthcare borrowers and pharmaceutical companies.

Recently, Johnston has represented the underwriter in the issuance by a continuing care retirement community of \$42.13 million in tax-exempt bonds to refinance existing debt; a group of three assisted living facilities that issued \$47.37 million in tax-exempt bonds; and a continuing care retirement community in its efforts to issue \$80 million in tax-exempt bonds to refurbish and expand its campus.

Johnston received his B.A. from Brown University, his J.D. from Boston University School of Law , and his LL.M. in Taxation from Temple University School of Law. He serves as the New Jersey representative on the National Legal Committee of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

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