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Drinker Biddle Partner Kelley Taylor Hearne Named Outstanding Physician Practice Lawyer by *Nightingale's Healthcare News*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Kelley Taylor Hearne, a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, has been named one of 10 “Outstanding Physician Practice Lawyers – 2009” in the March 2009 issue of *Nightingale's Healthcare News*, a bi-monthly newsletter for professionals serving the health care industry, health care executives and others.

Hearne was recognized for playing a key role in the reorganization of one of the largest private group physician practices in the United States into an integrated delivery system, as well as her representation of physician groups in the sale of dialysis centers. Her counsel to physicians in negotiating medical director agreements was also highlighted.

Hearne's health care and physician practice encompasses the areas of corporate law and planning, securities law, and mergers and acquisitions, with a primary focus on the negotiation, purchase and sale of privately held companies as well as the formation of joint ventures.

Hearne received her B.A. with distinction from the University of Virginia in 1994. She received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1997. She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association and currently serves as a Vice-Chair on the Teleconference Subcommittee of the ABA Health Law Section. Hearne is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and Tennessee Bar. In 2006, *Nightingale's Healthcare News* also named Hearne one of the nation's 12 outstanding young health care lawyers.

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