

Crowell & Moring Snags Cadwalader's Complete Health Team

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Law360 (October 17, 2018, 8:08 PM EDT) -- The nine members of Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP's health care team have departed for Crowell & Moring LLP, where they're launching a health practice in New York, the latter firm announced Wednesday.

The team led by Paul Mourning and Stephanie Marcantonio largely represent providers and nonprofit organizations, but their expertise ranges from transactions to litigation to regulatory compliance, Crowell & Moring said.

Partners Kathy Hirata Chin and Brian McGovern, senior counsel Pamela Landman, Deirdre Long Absolonne and Jared Facher, and counsel Michael DiFiore and Marsena Farris round out the team.

"These are the go-to lawyers for complex health care matters in New York," Crowell & Moring chair Philip T. Inghima said in a statement. "Much of the institutional health care business in New York is operated by nonprofit providers, and this prominent team is well suited to support those clients and for-profit initiatives. The reputation of this group for closing deals, securing financing, litigating and investigating complex matters, and navigating the unique regulatory climate in New York for health care providers, payors and other industry participants bolsters our already elite Health Care Group. We are thrilled to welcome them to the firm."

Cadwalader managing partner Pat Quinn told Law360 that the firm doesn't intend to restart a full-time health practice. However, he said attorneys in other practices, such as transactions and real estate financing will still work with health entities.

"Paul and Kathy were long-time colleagues and they and their team will be missed," Quinn said separately in a statement. "We respect our partners' decision to move on because their practice no longer fits neatly as part of our sharpened focus on our natural client base of financial institutions, large corporates and funds. We have done very well in growing our firm in a disciplined and strategic way, with the right mix of organic growth and lateral recruiting for partners whose practices are closely aligned with our growth strategy."



Paul Mourning



Stephanie Marcantonio

The last few years has seen Cadwalader close offices in Houston, Hong Kong and Beijing, and refocus its work on large corporations and the financial sector.

Mourning had been with Cadwalader for 35 years. He's a transactional attorney who works with acute care, residential long-term, home care and hospice providers, and managed care organizations, his new firm said.

"We were seeking a firm with a nationally established health care practice and came away impressed with Crowell & Moring's quality and depth of first-class talent in regulatory, litigation, investigations, advisory and transactional matters, as well as its broad experience in tax-exempt and nonprofit matters," he said in the Crowell & Moring statement.

Marcantonio spent 14 years at Cadwalader. She largely represents providers, payors and tax-exempt entities on matters involving transactions, regulatory compliance, governance and financing.

Chin, a litigator, represents providers and provider associations on government actions, including those over Medicaid reimbursements. She also focuses on real estate litigation. McGovern is also a litigator, representing providers and health plans in commercial and reimbursement matters, along with advising in audits and investigations.

Landman works on corporate governance, transactional, employment and compliance matters, including for nonprofit organizations. Absolone also represents nonprofits on an array of issues. Facher and DiFiore represent health care organizations and others in transactional and regulatory work, with Facher also doing litigation and DiFiore, corporate work. Finally, Farris works on transactions and regulatory and employment matters.

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