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PAUL E. KNAG APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR RELL'S HOSPITAL TASK FORCE

STAMFORD, CONN. (August 1, 2007)...Attorney Paul E. Knag has been appointed to serve on Governor Rell's Hospital Task Force. Governor Rell announced the formation of the Task Force on July 24. The purpose of the Task Force is to develop strategies to stabilize and chart the future course of hospitals in Connecticut, many of which are facing financial hardship.

The Hospital Task Force will meet for the first time on August 8. It is being co-chaired by Robert Genuario, Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and Cristine Vogel, Commissioner of the Office of Health Care Access. Panel members include state agency commissioners, legislators, industry representatives and labor leaders. The Governor expects a report to be submitted by the Task Force by December 31.

Mr. Knag is Chair of the Health Care Practice Group of Murtha Cullina LLP. He and the firm represent a broad spectrum of health care provider clients, including hospitals, nursing homes, physicians and other providers. Mr. Knag also represents a variety of corporate and individual clients in commercial litigation.

Mr. Knag graduated from the Harvard Law School and then served as Law Clerk for the Honorable Leonard P. Moore, United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. He is listed in Best Lawyers in America (Woodward/White 2007) and Super Lawyers (Professional Media, Inc. 2007). He is a past President of the Connecticut Health Lawyers Association.

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