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**HEATHER O. BERCHEM ELECTED PARTNER  
OF MURTHA CULLINA LLP**

**New Haven, CT (January 13, 2010)**... Heather O. Berchem has been elected to the partnership of Murtha Cullina LLP, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Berchem has practiced in the firm's long term care and health care practice groups for over 10 years. She advises long term care providers, hospitals, physicians and other health care clients regarding a wide range of regulatory, compliance, risk management and reimbursement issues. Ms. Berchem has represented providers in proceedings before the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Department of Social Services, the Office of Health Care Access and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She assists clients in responding to audits and investigations by both federal and state agencies, including the Office of Inspector General. Ms. Berchem has extensive experience regarding HIPAA and other federal and state laws governing confidentiality of health information and has presented numerous seminars on these topics.

"Heather has been instrumental in our long term care practice for many years," said Elizabeth J. Stewart, managing partner. "She is well respected in the industry and we're very happy to bring her into the partnership."

Ms. Berchem is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and Massachusetts. She received her B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and her J.D. from Boston University School of Law.

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