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**Jones Walker LLP's William W. Horton Installed as  
Chair of ABA's Health Law Section**

**BIRMINGHAM, August 10, 2015** – Jones Walker LLP is pleased to announce that [William W. Horton](#), a partner on the firm's Healthcare team and head of the firm's Birmingham office, was installed as the Chair of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Health Law Section on August 1, 2015, at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Horton is the first Alabama attorney to serve as Chair of the ABA Health Law Section.

**Below is a Q&A with Mr. Horton, the new Chair of the ABA's Health Law Section.**

**Question:** What are the main initiatives of the Health Law Section for this coming year?

**Mr. Horton:** The Section has a number of priorities for the coming year. Two of our most exciting initiatives are:

- Launching our Military and Veterans Health Law Task Force, made up of current and former military personnel and public health experts who are committed to finding ways to educate and inform the bar and the public on the legal rights and needs of our veterans and military families.
- Continuing to expand the great work done by our Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders Task Force to further bridge the gap between the access to care available to those suffering from physical illness or disability and what is available to those dealing with behavioral health disorders.

**Question:** What are you most proud of in your work with the ABA Health Law Section?

**Mr. Horton:** One of our most successful projects over the years has been our Breast Cancer Task Force, which has provided education and resources to lawyers across the country on effective legal support and advocacy for breast cancer patients.

**Question:** What is the biggest challenge for health law practitioners today?

**Mr. Horton:** Understanding the complexity of our healthcare regulatory environment remains an ongoing challenge for health law practitioners. There are still many regulations to be written and finalized under the Affordable Care Act. One of the ongoing goals of the Health Law Section will be continuing to analyze and provide commentary on the significant regulatory developments, as well as serve as an honest broker who can comment on and suggest improvements in those regulations that we believe will benefit the entire system.

**About the ABA Health Law Section**



The ABA's Health Law Section is the voice of the national health law bar within the American Bar Association. Its 9,000+ members represent clients in all segments of the healthcare industry, including physicians, hospitals and other institutional providers, teaching and research organizations, managed care organizations, pharmaceutical companies, and device manufacturers. In addition, the members also work in governmental healthcare programs, federal and state regulatory bodies, and academic communities.

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