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Press Release

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Jones Walker Health Care Attorneys Present Quarterly Health Care Briefing

"Beyond Treatment: Responding to Medical Records Requests, Health Care Powers of Attorney and Advanced Directives"
201 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans
June 16, 2005

New Orleans, La., June 14, 2005– Jones Walker's health care practice is offering a free Quarterly Health Care Briefing for health care executives on June 16 at the firm's New Orleans offices at 201 St. Charles Avenue, 52^{nd} floor. The briefing provides guidance to health care representatives for responding to medical records requests from attorneys, receiving requests from family members with health care powers of attorney, and managing requests for information about current and former patients, both living and deceased. The program begins with lunch and registration at 11:30 a.m. and concludes at 1:30 p.m. Space is limited; to register contact Caroline Westhaven at (504)582-8138 or cwesthaven@joneswalker.com.

"This seminar briefing series is designed to offer senior health care executives networking opportunities and timely topics on key legal issues impacting the health care industry," said Curt Hearn, co-chair of the firm's health care practice group.

The first event in the series was held on March 17 and addressed "HIPAA Security Standards—Are You Prepared?" The topic for the fall briefing on September 14 is "Ins and Outs of the False Claims Act."

Health care practice co-chair Joe Lowenthal said, "The June 16 briefing is designed to help health care professionals know when and how to respond to a request and what is appropriate to divulge."

The Jones Walker health care practice group is a multi-disciplinary group of attorneys representing health care industry clients by providing guidance on a full range of legal issues: litigation, corporate transactions, labor relations & employment, tax, regulatory, and governmental relations.

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