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Lathrop GPM Expands Health Law Practice with Minnesota Hospital Association Vice President

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MINNEAPOLIS (April 19, 2021) — Lathrop GPM is proud to announce that Ben Peltier has joined the firm as Counsel in its Minneapolis office. Peltier will join the firm's Health Law practice group and focus his practice on a wide range of transactional matters, including health law regulatory advising, contracting, governance, compliance, and mergers and acquisitions for health care clients.

"We are excited to welcome Ben to the firm," said Jennifer Reedstrom Bishop, chair of the Health Law practice. "His deep experience as in-house counsel for Minnesota's hospital association and a major health care system and knowledge of Minnesota's health care industry makes him a great fit for our practice. His insight and experience not only in health care advising, but also health care policy, will provide great value to our clients as they continue to navigate a rapidly changing regulatory environment and fast paced industry changes due to the coronavirus pandemic."

Peltier served as vice president of legal and federal affairs for the Minnesota Hospital Association for 10 years. During his time there, he oversaw the organization's compliance activities and provided routine legal guidance to the board of directors, association members, and MHA staff. He also managed litigation and key negotiations on behalf of the association and routinely advocated on its behalf with government policymakers.

"I've known the impressive team of attorneys in Lathrop GPM's Health Law practice for many years," said Peltier. "They are the lawyers to turn to when any health care organization has questions about regulations or legal matters that affect the industry. I look forward to working with my colleagues to provide effective solutions for clients in Minnesota and across the firm's national footprint."

Prior to his role at MHA, Peltier served as assistant general counsel at Allina Hospitals & Clinics in Minneapolis, where he managed corporate merger and acquisition activities and other legal transactions. Earlier in his career, he was an attorney in Arent Fox's Health Care and Government Relations practice, counseling corporations, trade associations, and nonprofit organizations regarding government advocacy and regulatory requirements in health care.

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Peltier earned a law degree from George Mason University School of Law. During law school, he served as a law clerk at the U.S. Department of Justice. Before law school, he worked at the U.S. House of Representatives. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of St. Thomas.

The Lathrop GPM Health Law practice group offers clients unmatched experience, deploying an enthusiastic and talented team tailored to each project. The group regularly helps clients — from large multi-state delivery systems and health plans to solo rural practitioners — resolve complex regulatory issues, and they work proactively to help implement sensible plans for the future in an ever-shifting regulatory landscape. The group's areas of deep experience include health care compliance and regulatory matters, health care transactions, and health care litigation. They also regularly provide general counsel services to our health care clients and assistance on a wide range of routine business matters, including contracting, employment, labor law, employee benefits, and real estate issues.