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**Balch & Bingham Welcomes Dinetia M. Newman to Jackson Office:
Newman Offers Insight & Experience to Balch & Bingham's Health Law Practice Group**



Dinetia M. Newman joins Balch & Bingham's Health Law Practice Group in the Jackson office from Phelps Dunbar LLP in Tupelo, Mississippi. Ms. Newman has an extensive professional experience in representing medical providers, including hospitals and health systems, physicians and other healthcare suppliers.

She has represented health systems, physicians and physician groups in federal and state investigations involving Medicare and Medicaid billing issues, has developed and implemented compliance plans, has represented tax-exempt healthcare systems in hospital purchases, mergers and other corporate transactions and has counseled clients on Anti-Kickback, Stark, HIPAA privacy and security, CON and EMTALA issues.

Newman is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association's Board of Directors, currently serving as AHLA's Secretary, Chair of the Practice Groups Board Committee and member of the Executive and Finance committees. She is also a member of the Mississippi Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (President-2004), the Mississippi Bar, and was selected as Outstanding Young Lawyer of Mississippi by the Young Lawyers' Division of the Mississippi Bar in 1993.

In addition to practicing law, Newman taught as adjunct professor in health law during the 1994 and 1997 summer sessions at the University of Mississippi Law School, is also a frequent speaker at national and regional venues and has authored publications included in academic journals and health care industry trade publications.

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