



Morris, Manning & Martin Expands Healthcare and Commercial Litigation Practices Creates Fraud and Abuse Defense Practice Group



Atlanta, GA (April 6, 2009) - [Holly A. Pierson](#), formerly a Partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, has joined Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP as Of Counsel, in the firm's Atlanta office. Ms. Pierson's practice is focused on special litigation, which includes healthcare fraud, whistleblower actions, identity theft, mortgage fraud, environmental issues, and public corruption, as well as internal investigations and white collar defense.

"We are very pleased that Holly will be joining Morris, Manning & Martin," said Managing Partner Robert E. Saudek. "Holly's experience will add valuable support to the firm's already significant [healthcare](#) and [commercial litigation](#) practices. In addition, the creation of a fraud and abuse defense practice expands the firm's reach into these important growth areas."

Ms. Pierson brings extensive support to the firm's Healthcare practice. She previously served the private healthcare sector as a healthcare litigation and regulatory attorney at two large Atlanta firms, and she served in the public sector as a former Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Healthcare Fraud Division of the U.S. Attorneys Office and as a Criminal Healthcare Coordinator during her tenure as a federal prosecutor in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Morris, Manning & Martin has in-depth experience assisting clients in various healthcare-related industries to properly structure their business relationships and transactions, comply with laws and regulations, and achieve successful resolutions in civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings. The firm represents a broad array of healthcare providers across the country, including hospitals and healthcare systems, physician group practices, post-acute providers, diagnostic imaging centers, and outpatient surgery centers. The addition of Ms. Pierson brings proven experience representing clients with respect to internal investigations, healthcare litigation, and healthcare fraud.

About Ms. Pierson

Ms. Pierson received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel in 1991 and her J.D. degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1996, where she also served on the Georgia Law Review, Georgia Moot Court Board, and Lumpkin Inn of Court.

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