



TELECONFERENCE: "Hospital Tax Exemption and the Illinois Department of Revenue"

October 21, 2008

Program: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM CST Cost: \$25 per connection

Target Audience: Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers, In-House and Outside Counsel

Program Description:

Not for profit hospitals in Illinois have benefited from a charitable exemption from property tax for over one hundred years. The Illinois Department of Revenue's removal of two hospitals' property tax exemption and the recent appellate court decision approving the return of one of the hospitals to the tax rolls is surprising to many in the hospital industry. Hospital executives are wondering if their own exemptions are at risk. Many are unsure if they should submit applications to the Department until the Illinois Supreme Court has had an opportunity to weigh in.

Join us for an informative teleconference and roundtable discussion of the current tax exemption environment and how hospitals can best position themselves for property and sales tax review by the Illinois Department of Revenue. The speakers are three attorneys with experience related to property and sales tax exemptions in Illinois. The attorneys will provide the audience with practical advice for hospitals that may be facing exemption review.

Speakers:

Keith Staats is counsel in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP where he is a member of the Tax Department. Prior to joining McDermott, Keith served as General Counsel to the Illinois Department of Revenue, where he was directly involved in the development of Illinois tax policy. He has successfully represented hospitals and other health care providers before the Illinois Department of Revenue in property tax and sales tax exemption matters; drafted regulations; issued private letter rulings; evaluated tax-related legislation proposed by the Illinois General Assembly; worked on tax legislation proposed by the governor; and provided testimony to legislative committees. In addition, he oversaw all tax-related litigation involving the department.

Keith has also served as a Director of State and Local Tax Services for a major Chicago-based accounting firm. He provided clients with state tax compliance, planning and consulting services, including review of tax state income tax and sales tax filings, identification of tax savings opportunities and audit vulnerabilities, and audit defense.

Stephen Moore has successfully represented hospitals before the Illinois Department of Revenue in property and sales tax exemption matters. He is a partner in Hinshaw & Culbertson's Rockford office and chair of Hinshaw's national Health Care Specialty practice group. His practice is primarily devoted to the representation of hospitals, clinics, physicians and other health care providers in transaction and regulatory matters.

Mr. Moore has served on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys and he is also a member of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Following graduation from law school, Mr. Moore served as an Assistant Attorney General of the Iowa Department of Justice, and law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court.

Tracey Klein has successfully represented hospitals before the Illinois Department of Revenue in property tax exemption matters. She is a partner in the law firm of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren and a member of its Health Care Department.

Ms. Klein has served as general counsel to acute care hospitals, multi-provider health care systems, multi-specialty clinics, managed care companies and health insurance companies for over 20 years. Ms. Klein also counsels health care and insurance clients in handling credentialing matters, medical and legal bioethics issues, billing issues, managed care contracting strategies, Food and Drug Administration issues and patient confidentiality matters, as well as issues involving fraud and abuse, antitrust, tax-exemption and Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement.

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