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Health Hires: Robinson & Cole, Benesch Friedlander

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Law360 (August 6, 2021, 5:19 PM EDT) -- Robinson & Cole LLP has beefed up its health care practice in Albany, New York, and Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff has added a partner from McGuireWoods LLP, headlining Law360's latest roundup of personnel moves in the health care and life sciences arena.

Robinson & Cole



Danielle H. Tangorre

Danielle H. Tangorre has made the move to Robinson & Cole from O'Connell & Aronowitz, according to an Aug. 4 announcement.

Tangorre — who joined as a partner — brings with her experience counseling a variety of health clients, like laboratories and substance abuse entities, Robinson & Cole said.

She has particular experience in advising clients on fraud issues, but her practice is wide-ranging, according to the announcement.

Tangorre, who will be based out of Albany, has experience guiding clients on deals and also representing them in litigation, the firm said. Additionally, she works on health privacy matters and on compliance, according to the firm.

"Danielle has impressive experience, and I'm delighted to welcome her to our team," Robinson & Cole managing partner Rhonda J. Tobin said in a statement. "Continuing to expand the depth and geographical diversity of our health law practice is another step in the execution of our strategic plan to expand some of our strongest practices in our most strategic locations."

Benesch Friedlander



Jake A. Cilek

Jake A. Cilek has been added to Benesch Friedlander's roster of health attorneys in its Chicago office, according to a July 30 announcement.

Cilek joins as a partner and brings with him a transactional practice, having represented clients on deals like joint ventures and mergers and acquisitions, according to the firm. He has worked on a number of other matters, like False Claims Act issues, the firm said.

His practice focuses on a wide range of clients in the health care field, including lab companies, doctor-owned group practices, ambulance surgery centers and dialysis providers, according to the firm.

"Jake is an outstanding addition to our team, and he will help the firm build on its current strengths in the dialysis and nephrology industry," Benesch Friedlander managing partner Gregg Eisenberg said in a statement. "Jake has a reputation for top-notch client service and navigating through complex matters quickly and efficiently."

Ironwood Pharmaceuticals Inc.



John Minardo

In his new role as the chief legal officer of Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, John Minardo will head up the gastrointestinal health care business's compliance and legal work, but also its intellectual property team, according to an Aug. 3 announcement.

Minardo, who will work in Boston, has spent time at companies Seqirus and Novartis. He has decades of work spent in the life sciences and health care industries, according to the announcement.

"Ironwood is a leader in the GI space and is poised for further growth, making this an exciting time for me to join this passionate team," Minardo said in a statement. "I am eager to roll up my sleeves and help drive patient-focused decisions that will advance the company's goals."

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