

Paul Danello, Internationally Recognized Health Care Lawyer,
Joins Baker & Daniels' Expanding Health & Life Sciences Practice

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Paul F. Danello has joined the health and life sciences practice at Baker & Daniels LLP. He will be a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C. office and lead Baker & Daniels' Washington, D.C. health care practice.

Danello is an internationally recognized health care attorney with more than 30 years of experience in government and private practice. He regularly counsels clients on corporate, financing and regulatory matters affecting the health care industry. Danello also has the distinction of being both a civil and canon lawyer.

Recently, Danello was responsible for providing guidance to the nation's health care industry on the federal fraud and abuse laws as a member of a team of highly experienced health care lawyers in the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this capacity, he developed interpretive and "safe harbor" regulations to the anti-kickback statute and the Ethics in Patient Referrals Act (Stark Law), as well as Advisory Opinions, Fraud Alerts, Special Advisory Bulletins and other forms of guidance.

Danello has considerable experience in hospital mergers, acquisitions and affiliations, including those structured as statutory mergers, statutory consolidations, sales of assets, sales of stock, leases, revenue mergers and changes of sponsorship or affiliation. He also has been involved in the restructuring of complex health system corporate organizations, including public hospital conversions. Danello also works closely with major health care industry consulting firms in the determination of business strategy, legal structure and implementation.

"We are very pleased that Paul Danello is joining our team," said Pat Cross, chair of Baker & Daniels' health and life sciences group. "The combination of Paul's deep experience in health care regulatory and transactional matters will significantly strengthen our national practice capabilities. It is clear that the health care sector is bracing for an increasing amount of compliance activity and the potential complexities of implementing health care reform. Paul's skills will be an excellent complement to the firm's unique combination of legal and consulting services for our health care clients."

Danello is one of the nation's leading canon lawyers with a Roman pontifical doctorate in canon law. He has comprehensive experience with the complex canonical, moral and theological considerations raised by the mergers, acquisitions, affiliations and changes of sponsorship of Catholic health care providers.

Prior to joining Baker & Daniels, Danello headed the Washington, D.C. health care practice at Polsinelli Shugart P.C.

Danello received his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 1975. From the Pontificia Studiorum Universitas a Sancto Thoma Aquinate in Urbe, Rome, he graduated *summa cum laude* with his Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 1993, Licentiate in Canon Law in 1995 and Doctor of Canon Law in 1996. From Oxford University, Danello earned a B.A. in 1973 and M.A. in 1977.

Danello has been listed in the *Guide to the World's Leading Health Care Lawyers* annually since 1999. He is a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia and has been admitted to numerous courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Federal Claims; and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, District of Columbia Circuit and Sixth Circuit.