

**HEALTH CARE LITIGATORS DEVAN D. BECK AND KRISTINA M. DIAZ
JOIN WINSTON & STRAWN IN LOS ANGELES**

LOS ANGELES, January 30, 2007-- Winston & Strawn LLP announced today that Devan D. Beck and Kristina M. Diaz have joined the firm's Los Angeles office as litigation partners. Both relocated their practices, which emphasize matters involving the health care industry and general business trials, from Alschuler Grossman LLP. Beck will spearhead efforts for Winston & Strawn's West Coast healthcare practice.

"We are excited about increasing our West Coast competency for the health care industry with the addition of Devan and Kristina," said Laura R. Petroff, managing partner of Winston & Strawn's Los Angeles office. "They bring recognized trial experience and real world problem-solving skills, helping us become even more established with the finest legal talent in the area."

Beck represents providers in health care disputes, including both community and academic hospitals and large physician groups. He has extensive experience trying and arbitrating health care disputes on a broad range of regulatory and contractual issues. Beck's practice also encompasses business trials, accountants' liability and general business litigation. He is particularly proficient in handling short-notice trials, regularly being engaged to try cases that have been litigated by another firm. He has been involved in dozens of trials and arbitrations, each frequently lasting two to three months.

Over the years, Beck has represented numerous accounting firms in class actions pending in courts throughout the country. He is proficient in both state and federal court matters in jurisdictions throughout the United States. A *summa cum laude* graduate of Brigham Young University, Beck earned his juris doctor *cum laude* from Brigham Young's Reuben Clark Law School.

In addition to health care, Diaz focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, including intellectual property, insurance, real estate and construction, business torts, partnership and unfair competition disputes through all phases of litigation and alternative dispute resolution. She has defended clients in consumer class actions brought under California Business & Professions Code Section 17200 and consumer protection statutes, and in shareholder and derivative claims.

A *cum laude* graduate with departmental honors from Claremont McKenna College, Diaz earned her juris doctor from the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law. She is president of the California Women's Law Center.

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