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Lester Johnson -- PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE:

Lester "Les" W. Johnson, Jr. is a Partner at Liles Parker PLLC and is the Supervising Attorney for the Firm's Baton Rouge office. In addition, Les also serves as Co-Leader of the Firm's Health Law Practice Group. Les helps clients navigate the myriad of regulatory, compliance and business issues facing today's health care providers and practitioners. Core areas of Les's practice include handling Medicare & Medicaid appeals; Medicare and Medicaid participation and compliance; Stark and Anti-kickback law compliance, state self-referral prohibitions and any other regulatory issues a client may face. Les assists clients with operational and business issues involving hospital/medical staff relations, practitioner credentialing, health care contracting issues, mergers and acquisitions, antitrust hurdles, joint ventures, and practice formation and restructuring.

Les is a frequent presenter on regulatory compliance, fraud & abuse, and business issues facing health care providers and practitioners. He was named a Health Care Hero by *New Orleans City Business Magazine*, and was also recognized by the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center for his work to help open the Lower 9th Ward Health Clinic, a free clinic opened in early 2006 in New Orleans' flood ravaged Lower 9th Ward neighborhood.

Education:

Les received his bachelor degree in Business Administration, with concentrations in finance and investments, from Louisiana State University in 2002. He then enrolled in Loyola University New Orleans College of Law where he received his Juris Doctor degree in 2005. During law school, Les served as the president of Loyola's Health Care Law Society, and worked as a law clerk extern for

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Justice Chet Traylor of the Louisiana Supreme Court for two years. After graduating, and just two weeks prior to Hurricane Katrina, Les moved to Chicago to enter the Beazley Institute for Health Law & Policy at Loyola University Chicago School of Law where he completed his LL.M. in regulatory, transactional, and corporate health care law in 2006.