# Attorneys Kathryn Edgerton and Sara Hersh Elevated to Partnership

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Top-ranked healthcare law firm Nelson Hardiman announced today the promotion of two of its attorneys, Kathryn F. Edgerton (Russo) and Sara Hersh, to partnership.

“We are thrilled to welcome two such accomplished healthcare attorneys to our partnership,” commented Managing Partner Harry Nelson. “Kathryn and Sara have impressive backgrounds in regulatory and administrative law, and have made substantial contributions to our expanding practice. They both possess not only an extensive body of legal knowledge but continuously demonstrate their sincere concern in helping their clients navigate, as painlessly as possible, the ever-changing regulatory demands placed on the healthcare industry.”

Kathryn F. Edgerton is a key member of the firm’s Regulatory and Transactional practices. While she has built a significant practice advising a variety of healthcare providers and organizations – including hospitals, physician organizations, and behavioral health and telemedicine providers – regarding the complex transactional and regulatory issues impacting the healthcare industry, Ms. Edgerton is also known for her pragmatic guidance on a broad range of operational issues. “As counsel to over 60 addiction treatment providers, I’m often asked for guidance that not only addresses legal issues but also provides my clients with a practical approach to their day-to-day operational issues,” Ms. Edgerton stated. “It’s very rewarding to know that I can help my clients comply with the law while also supporting their business interests.” Ms. Edgerton also regularly advises clients on privacy and security laws and regulations, both at the state and federal level.

While Sara Hersh has substantial experience representing a range of healthcare professionals, she now primarily focuses on her role as dedicated counsel to medical staffs of community hospitals, medical groups, heath care systems, university systems and county facilities. In this role, Ms. Hersh advises medical staffs on a broad range of issues including mandatory reporting requirements, peer review processes, medical staff bylaws, physician well-being committees, corrective actions and processes for discipline, hearings and appeals. Ms. Hersh also defends individual practitioners before licensing boards, and has successfully represented physicians, nurses, pharmacists, psychologists and other healthcare professionals in investigations and administrative hearings. “Medical staffs are responsible for maintaining the highest levels of care while also navigating an increasing number of complicated regulations,” stated Ms. Hersh. “I often am asked for guidance that allows my clients to both meet their legal obligations while also supporting talented medical practitioners who often work under enormous stress. It can be challenging, but allows me to contribute to our healthcare system.”

With 23 healthcare lawyers, Nelson Hardiman is the second largest group of healthcare attorneys in California. In an industry rocked by change, “Nelson Hardiman prides itself on providing critical depth in key areas of healthcare law,” noted firm partner Rob Fuller. “Both Kathryn and Sara have extensive experience navigating the complexities of healthcare law. We look forward to working with our new partners to continue to deliver innovative solutions for our healthcare and life science clients.”

Nelson Hardiman leverages its leadership role across the full spectrum of the healthcare industry, bolstered by regulatory knowledge and experience with the challenges of industry-wide innovation. The firm is consistently recognized for its commitment to excellence in legal counsel and superior workplace culture. Ranked a Tier One Law Firm for Health Care Law by U.S. News & World Report in 2017, the firm was also ranked by the BTI Industry Power Rankings 2017 as one of “The Law Firms with the Best Client Relationships” in healthcare. This year Nelson Hardiman was also named to Vault’s “Top 150 Under 150” list and selected by the Los Angeles Business Journal as one of the “Best Places to Work in Los Angeles.”