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**HEALTH REFORM AND LEGAL ISSUES TAKE CENTER STAGE AT
ANNUAL MEETING OF HEALTH LAWYERS**

*Keynote Speakers Include Virginia Attorney General, Massachusetts Governor, and
CNN Senior Legal Analyst*

WASHINGTON, DC, June 10, 2011 - Massachusetts Governor **Deval Patrick**, Virginia Attorney General **Ken Cuccinelli**, and CNN Worldwide Senior Legal Analyst **Jeffrey Toobin** will serve as keynote speakers at the **Annual Meeting of the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA)** in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 27, 2011. These distinguished speakers will provide an overview of the legal and operational challenges of health reform, and are sure to offer diverse and timely perspectives on this important national issue.

Mr. Toobin will provide a fascinating discussion of what goes on “inside the secret world of the Supreme Court.” He will be followed by Attorney General Cuccinelli, one of the lead plaintiffs in challenging the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Accountable Care Act. Mr. Cuccinelli will also discuss his views on the statute’s constitutionality and the decision he hopes will ultimately come down from the Supreme Court. Finally, Governor Patrick will discuss the challenges he has faced in implementing his state’s health reform law and the lessons that can be learned by the federal government and healthcare providers and plans in the quest to implement federal reform.

The morning of presentations should provide attendees and observers with a fulsome and balanced look at the benefits and burdens on states of the federal government’s effort to implement health reform.

The keynote presentations will kick off AHLA’s Annual Meeting program, which runs from June 27-29, 2011 and will be held at the Boston Marriot Copley Place, with some sessions at the Westin Copley Place. The Annual Meeting is preceded by the In-House Counsel Program on June 26, 2011. More information on both programs can be found at www.healthlawyers.org/annual11.

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