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National law firm Epstein Becker Green opens Portland office

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Epstein Becker Green, P.C., a national law firm with offices around the country, is planting a flag in Portland and has hired six attorneys from Lewis Brisbois.

Those attorneys specialize in health care, labor and employment law. The team consists of members Eric Neiman, Sharon Peters, Emma Pelkey and associates William Stinman, Eric Werner and Rachael Grey.

“We have long looked for lawyers that fit our profile who are health care specialists and have strong client relationships and are well known in one or more areas of health care law,” said Mark Lutes, chair of EBG’s board of directors.

Neiman brings more than 40 years of experience in litigation, with a health care regulatory compliance and litigation practice in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. His areas of expertise include behavioral health, provider operations, medical staff and peer review, crisis management and regulation and enforcement.

Peters is a health care regulatory practitioner and management-side employment lawyer and helps clients navigate complex regulatory compliance issues. She also advises employers on disability accommodations, leaves of absences, discrimination and harassment and other employment law issues and conducts workplace investigations.

Pelkey’s practice encompasses behavioral health, patient care, the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act, consent for treatment, workplace violence and risk management. She has helped community hospitals advocate on behalf of patient to receive treatment in long-term care settings.

“It’s first about the people, but we’re obviously pleased to extend our reach on the West Coast to Portland, since there are a lot of very important health care services companies and data-oriented companies in the north-west we think we have specialists that could be helpful to,” Lutes said.

The firm is currently searching for office space in the Pearl District, Peters said.

“EBG presents an opportunity that was quite an uncanny fit,” Peters said. “It was a priority for us to offer more for our clients and we were looking for a new place for our health care practice to grow. EBG was really that from the start.”

Attorney Sharon Peters has joined Epstein Becker Green.



Mark Lutes is chair of EBG’s board of directors.



Eric Neiman has joined EBG in Portland.

