Buchalter Welcomes New Health Care Attorneys

James Andrew "Drew" Caprile and Gene Berk have joined **Buchalter** as members of the Health Care Practice Group in Sacramento. Both were previously the founders and coshareholders of Koenig, Caprile & Berk, a boutique health care law firm.

In a release, the firm said Caprile and Berk both have experience in health care business transactions, representing health care licensees in regulatory matters and analyzing health care licensing statutes and requirements. Their clients range from hospital and ambulatory surgical center syndications, to managed care organizations, IPAs, health care joint ventures, and management service organizations (MSOs). Caprile and Berk also have experience with fee-splitting, self-referral, and rebate prohibitions including, Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse, the Stark law and federal and state anti-referral prohibitions.

"Expanding our Health Care Practice continues to be a priority for us. Drew and Gene are not only well-known and accomplished healthcare transactional and regulatory attorneys, but also valuable assets to our Health Care Practice," said Adam J. Bass, president and chief executive officer of Buchalter.

Caprile earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where he was also a member of the Order of the Coif and the Thurston Honor Society. He received his B.S. in accounting, summa cum laude, at the California State University at Northridge where he was a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society. He also successfully completed the California C.P.A. exam.

"We are thrilled at the opportunity to join the firm, and add

our experience and expertise to the already exceptional capabilities the firm offers its clients," said Drew. "I look forward to continuing to grow our practice with the impressive platform Buchalter provides."

Berk earned his J.D., cum laude, from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where he was also a member of the Order of the Coif, Thurston Honor Society, and was an Editor of the Hastings Law Journal. He earned his B.A. with Honors at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

"We are delighted to welcome the newest members of our team," added Carol K. Lucas, Chair of Buchalter's Health Care Practice Group. "Drew and Gene's extensive regulatory and transactional experience builds on and expands our existing business-oriented health care practice."