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## **Baker Donelson Deepens Life Sciences Bench with Addition of Michael Halaiko and Alexandra Moylan to Health Group**

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**Michael J. Halaiko and Alexandra P. Moylan, health law and privacy attorneys with deep experience in the life science and clinical research fields, have joined the national law firm of Baker Donelson as shareholders in the Firm's Health Law Group and its Data Protection, Privacy and Cybersecurity Team.**

Michaela D. Poizner, chair of Baker Donelson's Health Law Group, said, "Mike and Alex add significant depth to our team's capabilities in the clinical research and life sciences space. With his diverse skillset encompassing both regulatory and litigation matters as well as his industry insight, Mike is an invaluable advisor in the intersection of law, life sciences, and technology. Alex has earned the trust of clients ranging from startups to well-established corporations by safeguarding their interests through her strategic guidance in both transactions and litigation. These are two powerful legal talents, and we're thrilled to welcome them to our practice."

Joining in the Firm's Baltimore and Washington, D.C. offices, Mr. Halaiko focuses on providing strategic guidance to life science companies, clinical research organizations, and businesses across diverse industries. With extensive experience in artificial intelligence (AI) governance and compliance, he navigates clients through complex AI, privacy, and data protection issues. Mr. Halaiko, who previously chaired a prominent national law firm's Pre-Clinical and Clinical Study Practice Group, also acts as outside general counsel for numerous companies, advising on risk management, insurance, employment, and litigation matters.

Ms. Moylan, who also joins as a member of both the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. offices, is a seasoned health care and business attorney with a track record of representing major medical systems, health care providers, life science companies, and other businesses. Her experience spans clinical research and development, contracting, privacy compliance, professional liability, and enterprise risk management. Ms. Moylan, a Certified AI Governance Professional, advises businesses on governance and risk management policies specific to AI and provides corporate education on AI.

Mr. Halaiko and Ms. Moylan are both Certified Information Privacy Professionals. Mr. Halaiko (CIPP/E) offers insights into GDPR and the EU's Clinical Trial Information System (CTIS). Ms. Moylan (CIPP/US) advises clients on compliance with data privacy and protection laws governing the collection, use, and processing of personal data, sensitive personal information, and protected health information. Mr. Halaiko and Ms. Moylan have extensive experience guiding clients through the intricacies of clinical trials in the European Economic Area, ensuring compliance with the EU Clinical Trial Regulation (CTR), GDPR, and other regulations.

Mr. Halaiko and Ms. Moylan join a strong group of health law professionals in Baker Donelson's Baltimore office, which is the third largest of the Firm's more than 20 offices.

Jennifer L. Curry, managing shareholder of the Baltimore office, noted, "We have a well-established history of having an exceptionally robust health law presence in Baltimore. Alex and Mike certainly build on that tradition as they join some of the region's leading health care attorneys."

A graduate of the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Mr. Halaiko is a member of the American, Baltimore City, and Maryland Bar Associations. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants. Mr. Halaiko has held leadership roles with Gorilla Doctors, an organization dedicated to the care of mountain gorillas, including serving as board president and vice president, and he is a pro bono attorney for KIND (Kids in Need of Defense) and Maryland Volunteer Legal Services.

Ms. Moylan, who is a graduate of the American University Washington College of Law, is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Medical Malpractice Law and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants and by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in Litigation: Medical Malpractice. She is a member of the Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Maryland State, and Hispanic National Bar Associations, as well as the Maryland Defense Counsel. Ms. Moylan serves on the board of Baltimore Medical Systems.