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**CONNER & WINTERS ANNOUNCES NEW  
PARTNER IN TULSA OFFICE**

**TULSA – (August 7, 2007)** In a major move to complement and enhance the firm's presence in the Tulsa marketplace, Conner & Winters is pleased to announce that Teresa Meinders Burkett has joined the firm as a Partner. Ms. Burkett's practice is focused primarily in the health care and employment law areas in both litigation and non-litigation matters. She represents a number of providers in the health care industry including hospitals, physician groups, nursing homes, hospice organizations and individual professionals. She counsels and defends these clients in corporate compliance matters, employment issues and litigation, licensure and accreditation issues, third party and Medicare reimbursement, HIPAA compliance and patients' rights concerns, business transactions, medical staff issues and operational needs.

Ms. Burkett is a past President of the Oklahoma Health Lawyers Association and has also served as Chairman of the Health Law Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association. She has been included in the Health Law Section of *Best Lawyers in America* since 1992 and was recognized by Oklahoma SuperLawyers as one of the top 25 women attorneys in Oklahoma in 2006 and 2007.

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While Conner & Winters has long been known as one of the leading business and litigation law firms in the region, the addition of Ms. Burkett's practice will provide a foundation to the firm's health care and employment law capability throughout the state. Partner David Cordell said: "Teresa's experience and breadth of knowledge truly set her apart in what has become a very important area of practice. We are extremely pleased and excited about her joining our Tulsa office. As a firm, we constantly seek ways to enhance our abilities to deliver quality services to our clients. This addition allows Conner & Winters to become a leading firm in the region with regard to the health care industry."

Ms. Burkett earned her *juris doctorate* degree with honors and an undergraduate degree with special distinction in Nursing from the University Oklahoma. She is a member of the Tulsa County, the Oklahoma and the American Bar Associations.

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