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It should come as no surprise that a law firm recognized as one of the country's preeminent ERISA and employee benefits firms would be highly effective in the development and implementation of relevant legislation and regulations. We provide our clients with unparalleled comprehension and appreciation of the existing legislative and regulatory environment, not only in Washington, D.C., but across the country, in order to assist in effectuating desired changes. Because, as the saying goes, "it is not only what you know, but who you know," our team of professionals has developed and maintains essential relationships with individuals in federal and state government and leading national industry associations who directly impact the issues that are of utmost importance to our clients.

Our legislative team is poised to advocate on behalf of our clients, including regulated financial institutions, trade groups, plan sponsors, healthcare organizations, specially formed coalitions, and others across the full spectrum of employee benefits and related issues (e.g., matters overseen by the DOL, IRS, SEC, PBGC, OCC and state counterparts).

The firm has a strategic affiliation with Christopher E. Condeluci, principal and sole shareholder of CC Law & Policy, for purposes of enhancing its legislative and regulatory policy services. Chris served as Tax and Benefits Counsel to the Senate Finance Committee, where he participated in the development of portions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including the ACA Exchanges, the insurance market reforms, and the taxes under the law. Chris also developed pension-related legislation, most notably technical corrections to the Pension Protection Act and funding relief for single- and multi-employer defined benefit plans.

Chris's current practice focuses on the ACA and its impact on stakeholders ranging from employers and third-party administrators to health IT companies and hospital/ health systems. Chris also provides counsel on legal and policy matters relating to Association Health Plans. He is active on Capitol Hill on employee benefit-related matters, and routinely engages with various federal departments on both health and retirement issues.



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The following are examples of some of the issues with which our firm is currently involved:

- Support and monitor legislative initiatives that would expand the availability of collective investment funds as a permissible investment option to retirement vehicles under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b).
- Support legislative initiatives that impact a broad spectrum of pension/retirement and healthcare issues.
- Advocating the expansion of the availability of Association Health Plans. Please click below to read recent amicus curiae briefs prepared by our firm in support of the recently issued Department of Labor AHP regulation, in cooperation with Chris Condeluci, on behalf of:
 - The Oklahoma Insurance Department and the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
 - The Coalition to Protect and Promote Association Health Plans joined with AssociationHealthPlans.com
 - The National Association of REALTORS[®], et. al.

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