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Greenberg Traurig law firm launches Denver health-care practice

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Greenberg Traurig has launched a health-care practice with eight attorneys from Husch Blackwell in Denver.

The hires include shareholders Jim Miles, Lawson S. Parker II and Julie A. Sullivan; Of counsel, or senior counsel, Fred Miles; and associates Charles S. Gass, Kyle R. Montour, Annie Tooley and Loreli Wright, a news release said.

"This is significant for our office and firm," Denver managing shareholder David G. Palmer and Denver administrative shareholder Michael R. McGinnis said in a joint statement. "These eight talented attorneys will play an essential role in our office as we continue to expand our work for clients on a wide range of matters, particularly in the growing health care sector. They will be truly valuable counselors to our clients both in Denver and nationwide."

Kevin Kelley, the Husch Blackwell office managing partner in Denver, confirmed that the eight attorneys were leaving.

"We wish our former colleagues well," Kelley said. "They are good people and good lawyers."



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From left: Jim Miles, Fred Miles, Loreli Wright, Lawson S. Parker, II, Julie A. Sullivan, Charles S. Gass, Kyle R. Montour and Annie Tooley.

Greenberg Traurig was the the 15th-largest law firm in the Denver area and employed 57 lawyers before the merger whereas Husch Blackwell employed 51 lawyers before the merger and was the area's 17th-largest law firm, according to Denver Business Journal data as of Oct. 1, 2017.

"As health-care organizations, providers, and professionals work to navigate the rapidly changing U.S. health care market, we look forward to ex-

panding our Denver office's capabilities in this area," Nancy E. Taylor, who co-chairs Greenberg Traurig's healthcare and FDA practice, said in a statement. "This group brings considerable experience advising clients on high-stakes health care matters. Bringing them on board reflects our Health Care & FDA Practice growth strategy as we assess the needs of our clients and build a unified team with the depth and experience that will most benefit our clients."