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BREAZEALE, SACHSE & WILSON, L.L.P. HEALTHCARE PARTNER TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF CMS

Baton Rouge, LA— Alec Alexander, a partner in Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson's Healthcare Section, has accepted a Presidential appointment to serve as Deputy Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Director of the agency's Center for Program Integrity in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, MD.

Alexander, a former federal healthcare fraud prosecutor and hospital executive, will assume his new responsibilities on December 4, 2017. For the last three years, Alexander has led Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson's Healthcare Section's Fraud and Abuse Practice Group representing hospitals, hospital and health systems, and a wide variety of other healthcare providers in regulatory, civil and criminal fraud matters.

As Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Program Integrity, Alexander will lead more than 500 employees responsible for the creation, implementation and management of federal policy aimed at ensuring program vulnerabilities are identified and preventing fraud, waste and abuse within the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

The Center for Program Integrity (CPI) also oversees all CMS interactions and collaboration with key stakeholders relating to program integrity including the U.S. Department of Justice, DHHS Office of Inspector General, State law enforcement agencies, other Federal entities and other CMS components. The primary mission of CPI is to detect, deter, monitor and combat fraud and abuse, as well as take action against those that commit or participate in fraudulent or other unlawful activities.

"Alec has been an outstanding leader and lawyer in our firm and seeing him take this new position is bittersweet" said Greg Frost, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson's Healthcare Section leader. "We are very proud that his tremendous talent as a lawyer, and his national standing as a fraud and abuse expert, are being recognized in this way, but we will also miss having him lead our Fraud and Abuse Practice. The President simply couldn't have made a better selection." Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P. has the largest healthcare practice in Louisiana and is also recognized nationally as a leader in healthcare law.

BSW was founded in Baton Rouge in 1928. Today, BSW is a multi-specialty law firm with 70 attorneys serving the legal and business needs of people and companies throughout Louisiana. The firm has offices in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. For more information, please contact Margaret A. Martin, 225-376-3640.

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