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This message constitutes my formal request to testify at the February 11, 2005 hearing concerning electronic discovery.

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Lori Coyle and Ted Kurt concentrate their practices in the representation of physicians in matters involving civil litigation, licensing and certification, regulatory compliance, HIPAA, fraud and abuse, government investigations, provider affiliations, and physician contracting, as well as legal issues associated with healthcare corporate compliance, facility accreditation, medical staff credentialing, postgraduate medical education, patients' rights, and advance directives.



Lori received her bachelor's degree in Health Care Administration and her law degree from the University of Toledo. She has extensive health care experience, having worked as a radiologic technologist before entering law school.

Ted received his bachelor's degree (Accounting and Finance) and his law degree from the University of Toledo. Before entering private practice, Ted spent several years as general counsel and director of risk management at St. Charles Mercy Hospital and the former Mercy Hospital of Toledo.

They are members of several committees of the Toledo Bar Association, including the Continuing Legal Education Committee, which Lori chairs, and the Lawyers-Doctors Committee, which Ted chairs.

Lori and Ted have developed an expertise in the implementation requirements of the Privacy Standards of HIPAA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. They have published several articles about the HIPAA privacy rule, and they have co-authored a book, *HIPAA: Lessons Learned*. In addition, Lori and Ted have given their presentation, *HIPAA: It's Really Not That Bad*, to several physician and office support staff groups.

Together they represent more than 200 physicians and other health professionals in Ohio and Michigan, all of whom were HIPAA compliant on or before the April 14, 2003 compliance date. They have developed HIPAA Compliance Plans for their clients. The Plan consists of a set of policies and procedures, associated forms and sample letters, the Notice of Privacy Practices, and Business Associate Agreements.

Ted and Lori write a monthly column for Healthy Living News newspaper, and, in an effort to raise attorneys' awareness about HIPAA, they have published articles in the Toledo Bar Association's monthly newsletter.

Currently they are developing a Medicare Compliance Plan that will include policies and procedures and other materials designed to assure that practices conduct their business affairs, particularly their billing practices, in a manner that is consistent with legal and regulatory requirements.

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