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HBP Services and McDonald Hopkins Announce Formation of Panel of National Pathology Leaders

WOODBIDGE, CT – HBP Services, Inc., and McDonald Hopkins, LLC, are pleased to announce the formation of the **Panel of National Pathology Leaders (PNPL)**, a national think tank dedicated to advancing best practices and creating value-based business solutions for Pathology groups. The group’s inaugural strategy session was held in Miami in March 2019, and a subsequent planning meeting took place in New Orleans at the end of April.

The mission of PNPL is to develop innovative strategies and solutions for the Pathology and lab medicine industry in response to operational and financial challenges, and to demonstrate value in an increasingly value-based healthcare delivery system. PNPL will work collaboratively with existing Pathology and laboratory associations on issues of common concern.

PNPL’s thirteen panelists were drawn from several stakeholder groups, including Pathologists, CEOs/COOs of large Pathology practices, consultants, and attorneys (*see attached list*). Among the topics they plan to address are Strategic Planning, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Pathology, and Value Strategies. The panelists will spearhead publications and other work products.

Robert Tessier of HBP and **Richard Cooper** and **Elizabeth Sullivan** of McDonald Hopkins are the founding co-organizers of PNPL. HBP’s **Allegra Klein** will serve as Director.

Mr. Tessier noted that he and the other panelists are “committed to advancing the practice of Pathology and lab medicine. We look forward to sharing innovative ideas to help move the industry forward.”

Mr. Cooper added: “We have worked with Pathologists for many years and believe that PNPL will provide additional tools and resources to help Pathologists and their practices to successfully address current and future challenges.”

About HBP Services, Inc.: Founded in 1982, HBP Services provides practice management and financial services to Pathology clients nationwide. Clients include community and academic Pathology practices, hospitals, and laboratories.

About McDonald Hopkins, LLC: McDonald Hopkins is a business advisory and advocacy law firm that provides a full range of legal services to Pathology groups and laboratory clients. The firm represents over 500 Pathology practices and laboratories.

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Panel Composition

	Pathologists	Position / Organization
1)	Alfred W. Campbell, MD, MBA	Pathologist, <i>Carolinas Pathology Group</i> and President, <i>Celligent Diagnostics LLC</i>
2)	Raj C. Dash, MD	Professor and Vice-Chair, Pathology IT, <i>Duke University Health System</i>
3)	Stephen Ruby, MD, MBA	CEO, <i>RubyGroup, Ltd.</i> and Founding Partner, <i>WhiteCoat Risk Management, Inc.</i>
4)	Karim Sirgi, MD, MBA	CEO, <i>Sirgi Consulting</i>

	CEOs/COOs	Position / Organization
5)	Brad Bostic	Chairman and CEO, <i>hc1.com</i>
6)	Robert De La Torre, MBA	COO, <i>Pathology Specialists of Arizona</i>
7)	Kathleen Fondren, MBA, MT (ASCP)	CEO, <i>CellNetix Pathology and Laboratories</i>

	Consultants	Position / Organization
8)	Robert H. Tessier, MPH	Senior Reimbursement Consultant, <i>HBP Services, Inc.</i>
9)	Mick Raich	Owner, <i>Vachette Pathology</i>
10)	Krista Tinsley, CPA	Consultant
11)	Josh Yelen, MBA/HA, MAccy	CFO, <i>ZQuick Diagnostics and Mabloc Biotechnologies</i>

	Attorneys	Position / Organization
12)	Richard Cooper, Esq.	Co-Chair of National Healthcare Practice Group, <i>McDonald Hopkins, LLC</i>
13)	Jane Pine Wood, Esq.	Chief Legal Counsel, <i>BioReference Laboratories</i>