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## **U.S. Attorney Names Health Care Fraud Coordinators**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Neil H. MacBride, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, has named three prosecutors to lead the Office's efforts to combat health care fraud in the District.

Every year, hundreds of billions of dollars are spent to provide health care for millions of Americans, and each year billions of these taxpayer dollars are stolen through fraudulent schemes. Combined federal and state spending on Medicaid and Medicare is projected to exceed \$800 billion per year in 2010. While there is no official federal estimate of the level of fraud in Medicare, Medicaid or the healthcare sector more generally, estimates project the amount at three to ten percent of total spending, which could correlate to \$27 to \$80 billion in 2010 alone, if left unchecked.

"Health care fraud drives up the cost of health care, insurance premiums and taxes for everyone," said U.S. Attorney MacBride. "The Department of Justice and my Office have made prosecuting these fraudsters a priority so that we not only hold them accountable but also deter other would-be criminals."

U.S. Attorney MacBride selected Marla Tusk to oversee health care fraud prosecutions in the Alexandria Division. Tusk joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2007, prosecuting narcotics and financial fraud cases, including a large mortgage fraud ring in Northern Virginia and a card-skimming conspiracy that targeted customers at high-end restaurants in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the office, Tusk spent three years as a trial attorney with the Counterterrorism Section at the U.S. Department of Justice, where she was recognized for her prosecution of al-Qaeda conspirator Ahmed Omar Abu Ali. Tusk clerked for the Honorable Dennis Jacobs of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and received her juris doctorate from Columbia Law School.

Jessica Aber Brumberg was selected as the health fraud coordinator for the Richmond Division. She joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2009 and has prosecuted a wide range of cases, including fraud, child exploitation, narcotics and firearms. Before becoming a federal prosecutor, Brumberg practiced law at McGuireWoods, LLP, in Richmond, Va., largely focused on tort litigation in state and federal courts. She clerked for the Honorable M. Hannah Lauck of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and received her juris doctorate from Williams & Mary Law School.

Katherine Lee Martin will coordinate health fraud prosecutions in the Tidewater region, covering both the Norfolk and Newport News Divisions. Martin joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2008, prosecuting financial fraud and health care fraud cases, including an oncologist in Virginia Beach who fraudulently billed Medicare and Tricare for over \$1.2 million. Before starting her legal career, Martin spent several years as a legislative aide on Capitol Hill. She clerked for the Honorable Tommy E. Miller of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and received her juris doctorate from William & Mary Law School.

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