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**ELLIOT HEALTH SYSTEM WELCOMES CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND
PRIVACY OFFICER**

Manchester, NH--- Elliot Health System is pleased to welcome Kristen Blanchette, Esq. to their leadership team as Chief Compliance Officer and Privacy Officer.



Kristen joins Elliot Health System after working in private practice for over six years, initially in the healthcare department of Devine Millimet and Branch, in Manchester, NH, and most recently at the law firm of Davis Wright Tremaine in Los Angeles, California.

In private practice, Kristen counseled health care providers and related businesses on regulatory compliance, governmental affairs and transactional issues. She also provided guidance on state and federal laws governing medical professionals, physician self-referral (Stark) and anti-kickback laws, and privacy issues. She is admitted to practice law in California, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Kristen is a native of Berlin, NH and a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire School of Law. During law school, Kristen served on the Franklin Pierce Law Journal, participated in the Daniel Webster Scholar Program and clerked for Honorable Gary E. Hicks of the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Kristen is actively involved in the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA), Healthcare Compliance Association (HCCA) and New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA).

“We are very excited that Kristen has joined us, and look forward to benefiting from her leadership around compliance and privacy matters,” said John Friberg, Esq., Senior V.P. and General Counsel. “Kristen has a strong command of the various legal, ethical and compliance issues facing hospitals and healthcare providers today and in the future, and will be a strong advocate for patients’ rights as well as an invaluable resource for guiding and educating our staff.”

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