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Maureen Weaver Named Chair of Wiggin and Dana

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NEW HAVEN, CONN. - Wiggin and Dana LLP announced that Maureen Weaver has succeeded Jack Dunham as Chair of the firm's Executive Committee. She was elected recently by the partnership and takes office effective today, with the end of Mr. Dunham's term.

Ms. Weaver, 51, has served in several leadership positions with Wiggin and Dana, most recently as a member of the firm's Executive Committee and as head of both the firm's Health Care Department and the Long-Term Care Practice Group. She is the firm's first female Chair.

"I am honored that my fellow partners have chosen me for this role and look forward to the exciting challenges ahead," said Ms. Weaver. "Wiggin and Dana is a dynamic and forward-thinking firm. Our attorneys are leaders in their practice areas and, along with our dedicated staff, are committed to providing clients with a timely, practical and cost-effective level of service. It is a great privilege to lead this group of professionals."

Ms. Weaver also acknowledged Jack Dunham's contributions as Chair. He held the position for four years.

"Jack has been a steady guiding hand for Wiggin and Dana. During his tenure, the firm experienced growth, both in terms of our existing offices and in our expansion into New York. We are indebted as a firm to Jack for his leadership. He has built a strong foundation for our continued success."

"The firm will be in very able hands under Maureen's leadership," said Mr. Dunham. "My partners and I are very much looking forward to working with her on the many issues involved in maintaining and extending Wiggin and Dana's excellence."

Mr. Dunham will continue his practice in complex commercial litigation.

In addition to Ms. Weaver, the other members of the Wiggin and Dana Executive Committee include Bob Benjamin from the firm's New York office, who was

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elected to take Jack Dunham's seat on the Committee, as well as Jim Farrington and David Fein of the Stamford office and Peter Lefeber of the New Haven office.

Ms. Weaver concentrates her practice in health care regulatory matters and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the category of best health care lawyers. She holds a J.D. from UCLA School of Law and an A.B. (*magna cum laude*) from Duke University. Ms. Weaver serves as general counsel to the Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit Providers for the Aging and is Chair of the Legal Committee of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Association for Long Term Care Financial Managers, a member of the Executive Committees of the Health Law and Administrative Law sections of the Connecticut Bar Association and past President of the Connecticut Health Lawyers' Association. She is a fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation and a former Director of the Connecticut Assisted Living Association and of the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut. She lives in Hamden, Conn. with her husband and two children.

Ms. Weaver is available for interviews to discuss her appointment.

Wiggin and Dana serves clients from offices in Connecticut, Philadelphia and New York. The firm's expertise includes venture capital, information technology, biotechnology, securities, mergers and acquisitions, all forms of litigation and dispute resolution, white collar, antitrust, appellate, complex corporate and real estate transactions, health care, utilities, environmental, franchise and distribution, taxation, intellectual property, estate planning, and labor, employment and benefits. For more information on the firm, visit its website at www.wiggin.com.

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