

**Stamer Talks About “Handling Health Plan Spouse, Dependent & Other “Family” Matters in Post-DOMA World” at Society of Professional Benefits Administrators 2014 Spring Meeting**

Health plans, their sponsoring employers and administrators face new challenges and responsibilities under a slew of regulations on the treatment of same-sex domestic partners issued by the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Labor and other federal government agencies since the Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional the Defense Against Marriage Act’s prohibition against the recognition of same-sex partnerships as marriage for purposes of federal law.

Attorney and industry thought leader Cynthia Marcotte Stamer will join officials from the Internal Revenue Service National Office in discussing “Handling Health Plan Spouse, Dependent & Other ‘Family’ Matters in Post-DOMA World” on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at the Society of Professional Benefits Administrators (SPBA) Spring 2014 Meeting at the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC.

The SPBA Spring Meeting scheduled to take place May 16-18 will cover a broad range of timely topics on health care reform and other issues and concerns for self-insured health plan administrators and their clients.

In addition to her April 17 DOMA presentation, Ms. Stamer also is scheduled to share her insights and experiences financial, ethical and legal concerns that third party administrators of self-insured employee benefit plans should consider when their client stops funding the plan due to illiquidity, bankruptcy or otherwise as a panelist on the April 18, 2014 panel on “Action Steps When a Client Stops Funding Claims.”

For additional details about the SPBA or its Spring Meeting, see [www.spbatpa.org](http://www.spbatpa.org).

**About Ms. Stamer**

A Fellow in the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel, the American Bar Association, and the Texas Bar Association, Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law, and a widely popular speaker and author, Cynthia Marcotte Stamer is nationally recognized for her extensive legal work, policy advocacy, publications, educational outreach and other leadership on health and other employee benefit, workforce, insurance and health care concerns.

A noted Texas-based employee benefits and employment lawyer with extensive involvement in the leadership of the ABA and other professional organizations, Ms. Stamer is nationally and internationally known for her more than 25 years of innovative and pragmatic leadership and work as an attorney, consultant, policy advocate, speaker and author that helps businesses, governments, and communities understand and deal with health and other insurance and employee benefits, workforce, health care, insurance and other programs, policies, and processes. For more than 25 years, Ms. Stamer’s legal practice has focused on advising and representing employers, health plan administrators and insurers, health care providers, policy makers, community leaders and governments about health and employee benefits program design and administrator, policy and process improvement, quality, performance management, education, compliance, communications, risk management, reimbursement and finance, and other related matters. In addition to her legal practice, Stamer also extensively consults and provides leadership to a broad range of clients, professional and civic organizations, and others on strategies for improving the health care system and the ability of health care providers, payers, employers, community organizations, government agencies to promote the ability of patients and their families to access cost-effective, quality, affordable health care and other resource needs. She also has worked extensively with a broad range of business and government clients on health care, pension, social security, workforce, insurance and many other related policy matters.

Beyond her extensive legal work, Ms. Stamer works to promote policy improvements and understanding through her involvement in the leadership of the ABA and other professional organizations involved in health and other employee benefits, health care and workforce matters, Ms. Stamer also is active in the leadership of a broad range of other professional and civic organizations. For instance, Ms. Stamer presently serves as Executive Director of Project COPE, the Coalition on Patient Empowerment and the Coalition for Responsible Healthcare Policy; Vice President of the North Texas Healthcare Compliance Professionals Association; Immediate Past Chair of the American Bar Association RPTTE Employee Benefits & Other Compensation Committee and its current representative to the ABA Joint Committee on Employee Benefits and Co-Chair of its Welfare Benefits Committee; Past Chair of the ABA Health Law Section Managed Care & Insurance Interest Group and a current member of its Healthcare Coordinating Council; and Vice Chair of the ABA Tort & Insurance Practice Section Employee Benefits Committee. She previously served as a founding Board Member and President of the Alliance for Healthcare Excellence, as a Council Member EO Coordinator of the Gulf Coast TEGE Council, as a Board Member and Board Compliance Committee Chair for the National Kidney Foundation of North Texas; the Board President of the early retirement intervention agency, The Richardson Development Center for Children; Chair of the Dallas Bar Association Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Committee; a member of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Benefits Association; on numerous seminar faculties and in many other professional and civic leadership and volunteer roles.

Author of the hundreds of publications and workshops these and other employment, employee benefits, health care, insurance, workforce and other management matters, Ms. Stamer’s insights on employee benefits, insurance, health care and workforce matters in Atlantic Information Services, The Bureau of National Affairs, HealthLeaders, Modern Healthcare, Business Insurance, Employee Benefits News, World At Work, Benefits Magazine, the Wall Street Journal, the Dallas Morning News, the Dallas Business Journal, the Houston Business Journal, and many other publications. Nationally known for her work on health care reform and related matters, Ms. Stamer also regularly conducts training and speaks on these and other management, compliance and public policy concerns. For additional information about Ms. Stamer, upcoming training, publications or other materials or events, see [here](#) or contact Ms. Stamer directly via email [here](#) or (469) 767-8872.

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