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Donna Klein Honored as a 2011 Leadership in Law Honoree

*Peoples Health senior staffer recognized by New Orleans CityBusiness
for professional and civic achievements*

Metairie, La. – On Tuesday, March 22, Peoples Health general counsel Donna Klein was recognized as a Leadership in Law honoree at the *New Orleans CityBusiness* Leadership in Law cocktail reception held at the New Orleans Museum of Art. Klein was one of 50 legal professionals honored during the annual event, which recognizes those who help “move the legal community forward with energy, innovative ideas, achievements and a commitment to excellence.” Leadership in Law has four categories: firm associated, court associated, in-house counsel and educators. Klein was selected for in-house counsel based on her professional achievements and contributions to the New Orleans community.

As general counsel for Peoples Health, Klein provides guidance on legal issues, including healthcare compliance and general commercial law, that affect the company’s business operations, and helps resolve disputes that arise between the company and other businesses and individuals. “Donna is a valuable resource to the various business units of our company,” says Carol Solomon, chief executive officer for Peoples Health—a physician-owned organization that administers five Medicare Advantage health plans in 14 parishes from New Orleans to Baton Rouge.

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A graduate of Tulane University School of Law, Klein has represented hospitals, physicians, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, independent practice associations, national and multi-national hospital ownership companies and various other healthcare providers and regulatory bodies throughout the nation. She has also published and lectured extensively on a variety of medical legal issues.

Klein is an active member of the New Orleans community. In addition to serving as chairwoman of Louisiana ArtWorks, she is a board member of the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts and past chairwoman and current board member of the Committee for a Better New Orleans/Metropolitan Area Committee. She was recognized by *New Orleans CityBusiness* as a Women of the Year honoree in 2001 and 2007 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008. She was recognized as a Young Leadership Council Role Model in 2002 and by the Human Rights campaign in 2003 as the recipient of its Humanitarian Award. In addition, Klein has been selected as one of Woodward White's Best Lawyers in America in Health Care—every year since 1991.

About Peoples Health

Established in 1994, Peoples Health is a Medicare Advantage organization serving Medicare beneficiaries in southeast Louisiana. The physician-owned company has over 600 employees that help administer and provide a unique approach to wellness, care coordination and support services for plan members. The company is a proud supporter of many social, cultural, athletic and health organizations and holds an accreditation by URAC. More information about Peoples Health can be obtained by visiting www.peopleshealth.com.

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