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Mary P. Chiles, RN, RAC-CT QCP | President
Chiles Healthcare Consulting, LLC | Richmond

Mary Chiles is president and owner of Chiles Healthcare Consulting, LLC. She is a registered nurse who graduated from Richmond Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Her nursing experience is both extensive and varied and she currently maintains certification as a RAC-CT for MDS 3.0 and a QAPI Certified Professional. She has spent over 30 years in long term care nursing. In 1995, she formed her own company and now serves as a long term care consultant for nursing facilities and adult care residences.

She works collaboratively with facility staff to implement systems that will enhance compliance with regulatory requirements and improve the facility's overall efficiency, effectiveness, resident care, and value. Chiles has actively participated in many task forces with the goal of enhancing services and accessibility for the elderly and disabled. She is a member of many professional organizations, including, the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators, the American Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, the American Health Information Management Association, the American Medical Directors Association, the American Association of Director of Nursing Services, and the American Health Quality Association. Chiles is also an active member of VHCA-VCAL and Leading Age of Virginia.

Matt Cobb | Partner
Williams Mullen | Richmond

Matt Cobb represents health care clients in a wide array of complex regulatory, transactional and business matters, including Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement issues, certificate of public need, licensure, state and federal regulatory requirements for compliance with Medicare/Medicaid, including the survey and certification process and investigations. He regularly assists clients with contracts and acquisitions. Cobb also advises clients facing False Claims Act investigations and self-reports of overpayments.

As a former deputy secretary of health and human resources for Virginia, Cobb provided oversight to the Virginia Department of Health and DMAS. He previously served as Assistant Attorney General, where he represented the Virginia Department of Health and its Office of Licensure and Certification.

Cobb graduated from the Georgia State University College of Law in 2001, where he earned his doctor of law degree. He also earned a BA in leadership studies and history from the University of Richmond.

Roy LeNeave | Vice President of Engineering and Plant Services
American HealthCare, LLC | Roanoke

Roy LeNeave has served as Vice President of Engineering for American HealthCare LLC since 1999. He oversees capital needs, new development, facility services, as well as maintenance, environmental, and life safety compliance for numerous facilities. He is also the CEO and President of RWL Consulting LLC, a life safety consulting company specializing in life safety health care, and medical equipment testing.

LeNeave started his career in 1982 for a multinational corporation where he managed the physical plant systems, capital projects, and new development for large commercial facilities. He has written policies and procedures for the industry and has particular expertise in assessing buildings from a plant side as well as conducting life safety mock surveys.
His expertise in the field led to an appointment to Executive Board of the National Fire Protection Association’s Healthcare Section and the American Health Care Association’s Life Safety Committee. These prestigious national committees represent the healthcare industry and specialize in drafting legislation. He is certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Class “A” Contractor and holds numerous trade cards and certifications.

Peter M. Mellette, Esq. | Founding Partner
Mellette, PC | Williamsburg

Peter Mellette is the founding firm partner of Mellette, PC and has represented numerous health care providers on many issues for 30 years. He has represented over 150 successful certificate of public need applications for various hospitals, nursing facilities and ancillary facilities. Mellette has also resolved licensure issues for both practitioners and facilities. He advises health care providers on regulatory issues in operations, transactions, state registrations, professional peer review and construction financing. He has been successful in winning or settling claims involving millions of dollars in Medicaid reimbursement in both federal and state courts, as well as administrative tribunals.

Mellette earned his bachelor’s degree in policy studies with a health care focus from Dartmouth College. He earned his Juris Doctor from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar, the American Health Lawyers Association, as well as an affiliate of numerous other professional associations. Mellette is a frequent speaker on third party reimbursement, licensure, and other legal issues affecting nursing facilities, hospitals and other health care providers.

Mellette is an active member of the community and has a leadership role in a number of local and professional organizations. For example, he has served as chair of the Virginia State Bar Clients' Protection Fund and as board president of Literacy for Life, Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg, and the Richmond Torch Club. He currently serves on the Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation Board.

Nathan Mortier, Esq. | Shareholder
Mellette PC | Williamsburg

Nathan Mortier advises clients on regulatory compliance, licensure and certification, investigations, enforcement and litigation, certificate of public need, and state board licensing and credentialing. He also has extensive experience in successfully advising and representing individual clients who are being investigated by the licensing boards under the Virginia Department of Health Professions, including the Board of Medicine, Board of Nursing, Board of Dentistry, Board of Long-Term Care Administrators, and other boards. Mortier is a regular contributor of articles to leading health industry periodicals and legal publications.

Outside the legal community, Mortier actively serves on the board of directors of Literacy for Life at the Rita Welsh Adult Literacy Center. He is also a member of the LEAD Historic Triangle Class of 2015.

Mortier earned his JD from Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary and his BA in history from Hillsdale College. His professional memberships include the Virginia State Bar, American Health Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, and Williamsburg Bar Association.

April R. Payne, LNHA | VP of Quality Improvement and Director of VCAL
VHCA-VCAL | Richmond

April Payne’s responsibilities include developing a comprehensive quality improvement program for VHCA-VCAL. She also provides an array of member services designed to assist in regulatory matters, compliance, and clinical support. As the Director of VCAL, she supports assisted living members through regulatory clarification, advocacy, and education.

Prior to joining VHCA-VCAL, Payne served as the vice president of operations and assisted living services/administrator for Beth Sholom Lifecare Community in Richmond. She has also worked for years as a consultant for Chiles Healthcare Consulting, Inc. developing significant knowledge on the survey process and
current trends. Payne began her career in long term care as a licensed practical nurse while attending George Mason University where she received her bachelor of science in health systems management, with a concentration in assisted living administration and a minor in business administration.