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Roosevelt Hairston is the Vice President for Government Affairs & Community Relations and Deputy General Counsel at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia ("CHOP"). CHOP is the oldest pediatric hospital in the country and is ranked as the number one children's hospital in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, as well as Child Magazine.

In his role at CHOP, Mr. Hairston oversees and manages government and community relations, advocacy planning and public affairs. Mr. Hairston also supervises litigation for the health system and is the primary legal advisor in the areas of patient safety and quality improvement initiatives. Prior to joining The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Mr. Hairston was Chief of Litigation for Singley & Associates, where he represented governmental entities and corporations in class actions, commercial disputes, labor/employment cases and personal injury matters. Mr. Hairston began his legal career at the law firm of Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis where he specialized in securities litigation and creditor's rights.

In addition to his hospital related duties, Mr. Hairston is an adjunct professor at Temple University School of Law, as well as health law at Temple's Fox School of Business. He is also a frequent lecturer with the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, American Law Institute, and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

Mr. Hairston has been appointed to several public Boards during his career. Most recently he was appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania to serve on the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority Board. He was also appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the MCARE Advisory Committee for the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, and by the Mayor of Philadelphia to the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board, where he has chaired the Advocacy Committee since 2004.

Mr. Hairston has received numerous legal and community service awards, and is active in a variety of community and civic organizations, including as Chair of the Board of Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia, as well as being on the Boards of Pennsylvania Economy League, the Red Cross of Southeastern Pennsylvania, the Public Policy Committee of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, and as Trustee of the American Inns of Court Foundation.

In 1992, Mr. Hairston was selected as a Fellow with the Pegasus Fellowship International Trust. As a Pegasus Fellow, Mr. Hairston collaborated and studied with barristers and solicitors throughout Great Britain in an international program to increase the ties between British and American legal systems.

Mr. Hairston is a 1987 graduate of the University of Maryland and a 1990 graduate of Temple University Law School. In 1997, Mr. Hairston received the highest legal degree conferred by most U.S. law schools, (the LL.M. or Master's of Laws), in Trial Advocacy.

Mr. Hairston and his wife, Saira, reside in Malvern, Pennsylvania with their four daughters: Arianna, Maya, Sophia and India.