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SouthWest Benefits e-Connections Highlights Stamer Article About Importance For Health Plans, Their Sponsors & Business Associates To Update HIPAA Policies, Practices & Agreements

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Cynthia Marcotte Stamer's article [*Health Plans & Business Associates Face 2/17 Deadline To Comply With HIPAA Privacy Rule Changes*](#) is featured in the Winter, 2010 edition of the SouthWest Benefits Association e-Connection. The article originally published in the [*Solutions Law Press HR & Benefit Update*](#) highlights the need for health plans, employer and other plan sponsors, administrators, and health insurers as well as the brokers, advisors, and other service providers performing functions on behalf of these entities to update their plans, policies, vendor agreements, practices, privacy notices and other communications and other materials, conduct training and take other steps in response to tighter federal requirements for the use, access, protection and disclosure of protected health information under Privacy & Security Standards of HIPAA, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act).

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A former Southwest Benefits Association board member who remains active in the organization, Ms. Stamer is a board certified labor and employment attorney recognized, internationally, nationally and locally for her more than 22 years of work, advocacy, education and publications on employee benefit and related matters. As a core focus of her role as the Chair of the Curran Tomko Tarski Labor, Employment & Employee Benefits Practice, Ms. Stamer continuously advises and assists employee benefit plans, their sponsoring employers, fiduciaries, insurers, administrators and others to monitor and respond to evolving legal and operational requirements and to design, administer, document and defend medical and other welfare benefit, qualified and non-qualified deferred compensation and retirement, severance and other employee benefit, compensation, and human resources programs and practices. Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) RPTE Employee Benefits & Compensation Committee, an ABA

Joint Committee on Employee Benefits Council member, Ms. Stamer also is a widely published author and highly regarded speaker on these and other employee benefit and human resources matters who is active in many other employee benefits, human resources and other management focused organizations For additional information about Ms. Stamer and her experience or to access other publications by Ms. Stamer see [here](#) or contact Ms. Stamer directly. For additional information about the experience and services of Ms. Stamer and other members of the Curran Tomko Tarksi LLP team, see [here](#).

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