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### LEADERS IN LAW

#### MIKE FUREY

DAY PITNEY LLP

A partner in Day Pitney LLP's Complex Commercial Litigation practice, Mike Furey has been at the forefront of an oft-publicized case against Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, representing three hospitals that believe they were unfairly excluded from its OMNIA Tier 1 health plan and its lower patient co-pays and deductibles.

Though the case is ongoing, a judge issued a decision in April in support of Furey's clients CentraState Medical Center in Freehold, Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck and Valley Hospital in Ridgewood in their complaint against Horizon, saying the insurance company needed to publicly disclose how the plans were created.

"There is a broad, legitimate, immediate public interest in how health care is delivered in the state, how patients are insured and how they are incentivized to be evaluated, tested and treated by

particular providers. Nothing I deal with in Chancery has more immediate, acute public impact [than] these matters," wrote Bergen County Superior Court Judge Robert Contillo in his decision.

"With Judge Contillo's decision, the public should finally have an opportunity to learn the truth behind OMNIA. If Horizon truly believes that health care is an important issue to the public, then it should stop its efforts to hide the documents," Furey told NJBIZ in April.

No stranger to the New Jersey Supreme Court, which he's appeared in front of on multiple occasions (for this case and others) and chaired its Disciplinary Oversight Committee for 15 years, Furey recently was selected to serve on a committee to review proposed changes to the Rules on Professional Conduct.



#### DAVID WAIZER

DAY PITNEY LLP

Combine David Waizer's tenure at a Fortune 500 company with his general counsel role at a venture-backed company and his experience as an executive on the other side of the table at Lakewood-based Rein Capital, and you get a 360-degree view of the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Day Pitney LLP knew that when it tapped him last year to structure and expand their startup practice, which this month hosted Waizer's brainchild event that put nine businesses referred by Israel's Economic Mission to North America in front of venture capitalists from the firm's Family Office practice.

"One of the challenges facing some family offices is that it can be hard to find qualified companies," said Waizer, a partner in the firm's Corporate and Business Law Department. "We wanted to create an environment to create high quality deal flow to the family office audience."

Waizer also is one of eight mentors who guide students in Rutgers University's Collaborative for Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialization, through which Ph.D. and MBA candidates take school patents and create business plans around them.

