

Fisher Phillips Welcomes Alexandra LaCombe in Detroit

ATTORNEY BRINGS DECADES OF CORPORATE IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCE

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Fisher Phillips, one of the country's preeminent labor and employment law firms representing employers, is pleased to announce that **Alexandra LaCombe** has joined the firm as a Partner in the Detroit office.

With decades of experience, Alexandra is known for handling all aspects of corporate U.S. immigration with a particular focus on regulatory compliance and policy creation. She was most recently at one of the big four labor and employment law firms where she advised international corporations on the immigration considerations associated with mergers and acquisitions. She also regularly counseled representatives of foreign companies on U.S. immigration matters, including start-up procedures and commercial contracts in preparation for transfer of foreign personnel to the U.S.

Prior to that, Alexandra spent almost two decades at a major global immigration firm where she became the Managing Partner of its Michigan office, a position in which she served for several years. She is currently an adjunct professor with the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law, teaching Immigration Law within the University's innovative Law Firm Practice curriculum.

At Fisher Phillips, Alexandra will become an integral part of the firm's <u>Immigration Practice Group</u> handling all aspects of immigration issues related to employment authorization, employee training and general enforcement and regulatory compliance. She will also advise employers on immigration due diligence and risk management in connection with corporate mergers, acquisitions, and restructuring.

Alexandra joins a talented bench of immigration attorneys in the firm's Detroit office with experience servicing clients in the automotive, manufacturing, transportation, health care, scientific, military, and temporary service provider industries. Due in part to its location, the group is nationally recognized for its ability to quickly and efficiently resolve admissibility issues at the U.S.-Canada border.

"Alexandra is great addition to our skilled bench of immigration attorneys in Detroit," said **David Jones**, co-chair of the firm's Immigration Practice Group. "We have seen an increase in employers seeking advice on immigration matters associated with mergers and acquisitions, and Alexandra's

transactional experience will no doubt bolster the breadth and depth of the types of corporate immigration counsel we can provide both regionally and across the firm's international platform."

Alexandra is a thought leader who is frequently asked to speak and write for various groups and professional associations on a variety of employment immigration law topics. She is well-respected in the industry and has received a number of accolades including her ranking in *Legal 500 USA* and her recognition as a "Leader in Law" by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*. Alexandra earned her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law where she served as Administrative Editor of the *Columbia*

After graduating from law school, Alexandra started her own practice serving the Eastern European communities of Metro Detroit in asylum and removal defense matters. Her work expanded into business immigration, and she subsequently went in-house at a multinational information technology equipment company where she served as immigration counsel.

"Immigration is my life's work," said Alexandra. "I came to the United States as a refugee from the Soviet Union, and that experience puts me in a very unique position to relate to clients facing tightened regulations and increased enforcement when it comes to corporate immigration issues. I truly enjoy partnering with these clients to help them overcome the obstacles standing in their way of hiring the best talent and innovating and competing on a truly global scale."

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