Fisher Phillips Ranked Among the Top in The Legal 500

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ATLANTA, GA (June 3, 2015) – Fisher Phillips announced that the firm is featured in the U.S. edition of The Legal 500. The national labor and employment law firm is ranked among the top firms in the areas of employee benefits and executive compensation; immigration; labor and employment litigation; labor management relations; and workplace employment counseling. In addition, 10 attorneys are highlighted for their legal work.

The Legal 500 is published annually and compiled in part based on feedback from 250,000 in-house counsel. Researchers also conduct in-depth interviews with attorneys to determine the firm’s strategic direction.

Fisher Phillips Chairman and Managing Partner Roger Quillen said: “It was heartening to hear some of the words used to describe our work and our attorneys such as ‘outstanding,’ ‘go-to,’ ‘very knowledgeable’ and ‘well-respected.’ Every day we strive to deliver superior legal services, and we are pleased that our clients recognize our commitment to meeting their needs.”

The following is a listing, by category, of the 10 Fisher Phillips lawyers who are recommended in The Legal 500 along with excerpts from the reasoning for the ranking.

Employee benefits and executive compensation
Sheldon Blumling

“Among its focus areas, it advises on all types of qualified plans, defined contribution plans, ESOPs (Employee Stock Ownership Plan), multi-employer plans, executive compensation and welfare
arrangements. The team works with plan sponsors on all types of plan design issues, especially with respect to the ACA. (Affordable Care Act)

**Immigration**
Kim Thompson
Shanon Stevenson
Jessica Cook

“The Atlanta-based team handles both outbound and inbound immigration work. On the outbound side, advice includes pre-processing application materials and coordinating consular processing for the transfer of employees. It continues to be active on compliance and enforcement issues, and partners with an external company to provide clients with an online I-9 verification system to manage I-9 risks. It recently handled I-9 and E-verify processing for an airline, including providing training to the client’s employees. The team is frequently instructed to advise on O-1 visas for athletes, including gymnasts, cyclists and squash players, scientific researchers and individuals employed by manufacturing and aerospace companies.”

**Litigation**
Suzanne Bogdan
Joseph Ambash

“The firm recently dismissed a major 98-plaintiff harassment case on behalf of a major corporate client, defeating the motion for class certification and severing all claims. The firm is also strong in FLSA, ERISA and FINRA work on behalf of household-name banking clients.”

**Labor management relations**
Michael Mitchell
Keith Pyburn
Mason Alexander

“Fisher Phillips has a wealth of experience in all types of employment matters. Within this space, services include helping non-union clients remain union-free, and representing unionized clients in collective bargaining, arbitration, strikes and lockouts, and unfair labor practice cases. The team has extensive experience in corporate campaigns, decertification elections, multi-employer and corrective bargaining.”

**Workplace and employment counseling**
Jennifer Sandberg

“With its extensive knowledge of the market, Fisher Phillips is often called upon by clients to provide day-to-day counseling and training, often specific to certain industries. It covers the broad spectrum of issues including labor, employment, immigration and employee benefits, and training sessions
cover matters such as hiring, discipline and termination, employment practices and policies, harassment and discrimination, union avoidance, Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act and drug testing, among others.”