



## Rising Star: Fisher Phillips' Matthew Simpson

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Matt Simpson was featured in *Law360* on April 22, 2015. The article “Rising Star: Fisher Phillips' Matthew Simpson” discussed how Matt helped a consumer reporting agency defeat attempts to certify a class action in Georgia consisting of thousands of people who had adverse background reports, which helped him snag a spot among Law360’s top employment attorneys under 40.

Matt, one of five employment attorneys on *Law360*'s Rising Stars list, crafted the certification arguments that helped sway a federal judge to side with The Phillips Agency in a case of first impression. The decision not only clarified essential elements needed to bring claims under the Fair Credit Reporting Act but also made it more difficult to certify a class under certain FCRA provisions, he said.

As for his client, a mid-sized, family-owned agency, the stakes were incredibly high. Matt said the amount of time and money it would have spent fighting a nationwide class could have been crippling to its business operations.

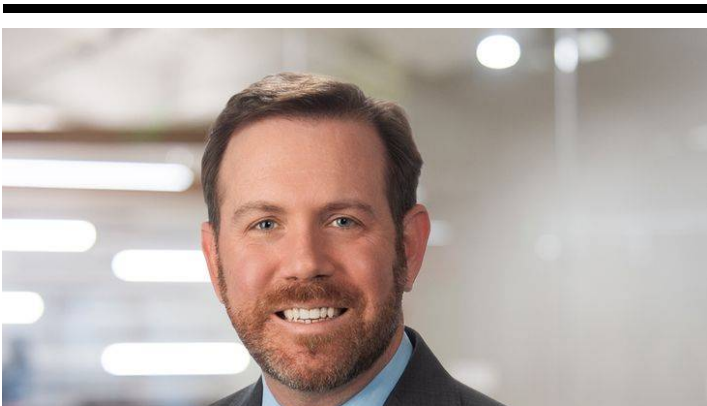
“Being able to basically narrow this issue to an individual plaintiff allowed the company to go forward and to basically continue its operations the way that it had before,” he said.

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