

FISHER PHILLIPS HONORED WITH “BUSINESS OF THE YEAR” AWARD BY IRVINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY OF IRVINE

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IRVINE, CA (June 24, 2015) - [The Irvine Chamber of Commerce](#) today named national labor and employment law firm Fisher Phillips as the “Business of the Year” award recipient for 2015. The award was presented by Irvine Chamber President and CEO Tallia Hart and Irvine Mayor Steven S. Choi, Ph.D., during Irvine’s annual Business Luncheon and State of the City address in front of an audience of more than 375 members of Orange County’s business community.

“We are proud to recognize Fisher Phillips with the Business of the Year award for the firm’s demonstrated commitment and leadership to the local community,” said **Tallia Hart**, president and CEO of the Irvine Chamber of Commerce. “Fisher Phillips was selected for its dedicated work with local business associations and various community groups in Orange County. The work of Fisher Phillips’ staff and attorneys has benefited not only the companies they serve, but also the community at large.”

Each year, the Irvine Chamber of Commerce and The City of Irvine acknowledge an Irvine-based company as the “Business of the Year.” The award specifically recognizes businesses in Irvine which best demonstrates the principles of community service, volunteerism and traditions of good corporate citizenship.

Fisher Phillips was honored for its commitment to a number of cause-related organizations. The firm’s staff dedicates time to a variety of initiatives including: the nonprofit Human Options, various Chambers of Commerce, and the Project SELF (Summer Employment in Law Firms) program, which hires qualified high school students from underprivileged backgrounds to work for law firms during the summer in order to enhance their knowledge, experience and self-esteem in the legal field.

Previous Business of the Year honorees have included: Allergan, Irvine City Bank, Edwards Lifesciences, Irvine Medical Center, Kia Motors, Wells Fargo Bank and more.

Irvine-based Firm Recognized for Growth, Commitment

Fisher Phillips is a national labor and employment law firm that provides practical business solutions to workplace legal problems with a strong emphasis on client service. Fisher Phillips represents employers before all courts and government agencies, working with businesses to help them avoid employee claims and lawsuits. The firm started its Southern California presence in Irvine in June of 1990 with two lawyers from Atlanta and a borrowed secretary. The Irvine office grew quickly and now includes up to 33 attorneys. In 2000, the Irvine-based office branched out to a San Diego location, and later spun off to a Los Angeles location in 2011. Twenty-five years later, what started with two lawyers has grown to 56 attorneys in Southern California. The Irvine office has also spearheaded the firm's expansion into other Western U.S. cities including Las Vegas, Portland, Phoenix and Seattle. Nationwide, the firm has 300 attorneys in 31 offices.

The firm and its attorneys have received a number of accolades including: being named 2015 "Law Firm of the Year" for Labor & Employment Litigation by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*; listing in "*Best Lawyers of America*," ranking in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers*; *The Legal 500*; recognition by the Labor Relations Institute "*Top 100 Labor Attorneys in the U.S.*"; *Southern California Super Lawyers - Rising Stars*; and more.

About The Irvine Chamber of Commerce

The Irvine Chamber of Commerce is one of the most influential Chambers in Orange County, representing more than 800 businesses in the area. The Chamber's mission is to promote an economic climate that strengthens the competitiveness of local businesses while offering members a wide range of benefits, services, programs and information. The organization serves as a catalyst for local economic growth by promoting the city as a dynamic business and tourism destination, providing valuable training and networking opportunities, and advocating for the interests of the business community with federal, state and local officials.

The Irvine Chamber is funded by member businesses, signature events, advertising and a Hotel Improvement District voluntary assessment on sold hotel rooms. The Irvine Chamber does not receive any City funding, any portion of the 8% Transient Occupancy Tax collected, nor any resident-funded tax. The Irvine Chamber is one of the most innovative in the nation, and has received a Four Star Accreditation with the United States Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit www.irvinechamber.com.