



Five Fisher Phillips Attorneys Recognized by San Diego Super Lawyers as Top Attorneys, Rising Stars

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SAN DIEGO (Jan. 20, 2017) – Fisher Phillips announces partners Christopher C. Hoffman, David B. Monks and Regina A. Petty of the firm’s San Diego office have been named to the *San Diego Super Lawyers 2017 Edition*[®]. In addition, Partner James C. Fessenden and Associate David E. Amaya were named as “Rising Stars,” which recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys in the region.

Super Lawyers is a listing of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The objective of the Super Lawyers selection process is to create a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of outstanding attorneys that can be used as a resource to assist in the search for legal counsel. To be listed among the region’s Rising Stars, attorneys must be either 40 years old or younger or in practice for ten years or less.

Hoffman is the founding and managing partner of the firm’s San Diego office. He represents employers in matters ranging from class action litigation to traditional labor matters. Hoffman also spends a significant amount of time counseling clients regarding day-to-day employment issues and assisting them in finding practical and proactive solutions to their legal problems. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of San Diego School of Law (1995) and his B.A. from Santa Clara University (1992). Hoffman was previously selected for inclusion in San Diego Super Lawyers in 2013, 2015 and 2016.

Monks counsels employers on a wide variety of matters, including employee discipline and termination, wage and hour issues, disability accommodation protocols, family and medical leave issues, investigations of harassment and other misconduct and independent contractor issues. His practice has included assisting religious organizations, restaurants, hotels, school districts, credit unions, homeowner associations, professional employer organizations, franchisors, retail markets and medical practices. Monks received his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law (1992) and his B.A. from Rutgers University (1986). He has been selected for inclusion in San Diego Super Lawyers since 2007.

Petty practices in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels and is experienced in multi-district and class action litigation. She advises employers and public agency boards and handles litigation for private and public employers. Petty is the past president of the San Diego County Bar Association and a former member of the board of directors of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. She received her J.D. from Stanford Law School (1992) and her B.A. from

Counsel Association. She received her J.D. from Stanford Law School (1982) and her B.A. from Stanford University (1979). Petty has been listed in San Diego Super Lawyers every year since its inaugural issue.

Fessenden represents public and private employers in all aspects of employment law in both state and federal courts, and before administrative and governmental agencies. He also regularly defends clients in investigations by the DOL, DLSE, EDD, OFCCP, DFEH, EEOC and other state and local agencies, and devotes a significant portion of his practice to counseling clients and developing measures to prevent litigation and governmental investigations. Fessenden earned his J.D. from University of San Diego School of Law (2005), and his B.S., *cum laude*, from Villanova University (2002). He was also selected as a “Rising Star” by San Diego Super Lawyers in 2015 and 2016.

Amaya focuses his practice on the representation of employers in a variety of matters including discrimination litigation and wage and hour class actions. He regularly defends clients in investigations by the DOL, DLSE, DFEH and EEOC. His practice also includes counseling employers on day-to-day workplace issues and providing proactive solutions to their legal problems. Amaya earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the Indiana University School of Law (2008), and his B.S. from the University of California, San Diego (2005). He was also selected as a “Rising Star” in 2016.

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