



Fisher Phillips Adds Labor and Employment Partner in Pittsburgh

THE FIRM'S EXPANSION IN PENNSYLVANIA CONTINUES WITH NEW REGIONAL MANAGING PARTNER FOR PITTSBURGH OFFICE

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PITTSBURGH (February 2, 2021) – Fisher Phillips, one of the country's preeminent labor and employment law firms representing employers, announces the arrival of **Brian Balonick** as a partner in the firm's Pittsburgh office where he will become the Regional Managing Partner for the office. Brian joins as the firm continues to grow in key markets across Pennsylvania. In Pittsburgh, the firm recently added James Glunt as partner and Raeann Burgo and Erica Wilson as of counsel and associate, respectively. Karen Odash and Stephanie Robin recently joined the firm's Philadelphia office as first-year associates.

Balonick has a multi-faceted labor and employment practice which includes representing employers in traditional labor matters, litigating employment and restrictive covenants disputes, and providing preventive employment counseling services on all aspects of labor and employment law. As a part of his traditional labor practice, Balonick has extensive experience in negotiating collective bargaining agreements, defending unfair labor practices before the National Labor Relations Board and representing employers during all stages of the employer-employee relationship. He also litigates restrictive covenant and trade secret cases, as well as employment disputes, representing clients in courts and administrative agencies across the country. Balonick frequently works with employers to create tailored training programs and policies that help establish issue-free workplaces.

At Fisher Phillips, Balonick will lead the Pittsburgh office as its new Regional Managing Partner, collaborating with the firm's growing team of attorneys across Pennsylvania to provide strategic counsel to employers facing unprecedented workplace issues. In addition, Balonick will be an active member of the firm's national Labor Relations and Employee Defections and Trade Secrets practice groups.

"Brian is an impressive employment lawyer whose labor and employment litigation and counseling practices naturally complement and add depth to our growing team. We identified him quickly as the right person to take on the role of Regional Managing Partner for our Pittsburgh office. Adding attorneys with high-level workplace law capabilities and experience in key industries is a part of our strategic growth plan as we continue to expand across Pennsylvania. I have no doubt that his arrival will be extremely beneficial for our clients with operations in the Northeast," said **Chris Stief**, who

presently is Regional Managing Partner of Fisher Phillips' Pittsburgh and Philadelphia offices, but will be turning over Pittsburgh leadership to Balonick.

"Implementing preventive strategies and defending against workplace claims is top-of-mind for all employers right now," said Balonick. "Fisher Phillips' impressive depth of labor and employment services and its extensive national footprint greatly enhances the resources I can provide to my clients. I also am excited to begin partnering with the firm's large group of traditional labor practitioners who assist companies throughout the country with a full range of labor matters."

Balonick earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from Duquesne University School of Law and his B.S. from Pennsylvania State University.

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