

Fisher Phillips Continues Growth Across Pennsylvania with Brian Casal in Philadelphia

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PHILADELPHIA (March 29, 2021) – Fisher Phillips, one of the country's preeminent labor and employment law firms representing employers, announces the addition of **Brian Casal** as a partner in the firm's Philadelphia office. Casal joins on the heels of **Brian Balonick** who joined Fisher Phillips last month as the firm's Pittsburgh office Regional Managing Partner.

Casal combines almost two decades of employment litigation and counseling. He regularly defends and advises employers on union organizing, collective bargaining, labor board proceedings and labor audits; civil rights and pay claims, as well as merger and acquisition due diligence. Casal also handles matters relating to the Railway labor Act, advising freight and commuter railroads in all aspects of labor, employment and regulatory issues, often appearing before the National Mediation Board. At Fisher Phillips, Casal will expand the firm's labor relations capabilities in Philadelphia and collaborate with attorneys in Pittsburgh to provide employers with statewide workplace counseling. Casal earned his J.D. from Temple University's James E. Beasley School of Law and his B.A from Gettysburg College.

"Brian is an excellent addition to our growing roster of labor and employment attorneys across Pennsylvania," said **Chris Stief**, Regional Managing Partner of Fisher Phillips' Philadelphia office. "With Brian's arrival, we reemphasize the message we shared when Brian Balonick joined us a few weeks ago: we are intensely focused on building a one-stop-shop labor and employment option for employers with operations anywhere in the Commonwealth. Brian was the right fit for expanding those capabilities in Philadelphia and beyond, and I know our clients will greatly benefit from his arrival."

Casal also will be a key addition to Fisher Phillips' Government Relations subsidiary, *FP Advocacy*, joining forces with Co-Principals, **Rick Grimaldi** and Ben Ebbink. "Brian has a deep political and policy background and will be a welcome addition to the FP Advocacy team," said Grimaldi, who also is a partner in the firm's Philadelphia office.

Fisher Phillips has experienced steady growth across Pennsylvania over the past six months. Both Brian Casal and Brian Balonick join the firm on the heels of James Glunt, who joined as a partner in Pittsburgh, and Raeann Burgo and Erica Wilson who joined as of counsel and associate, respectively. Karen Odash and Stephanie Robin recently joined the firm's Philadelphia office as firstvear associates Please reach out to our <u>Media team</u> for any news inquiries.

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