

Fisher Phillips Continues California Growth Plan with Expansion in Sacramento

FOUR ATTORNEYS BOLSTER FIRM'S LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT CAPABILITIES FOR GROWING AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY IN CALIFORNIA

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Fisher Phillips, one of the country's preeminent labor and employment law firms representing employers, is pleased to announce the addition of four attorneys in its Sacramento office: **Michael Saqui** joins as Senior Counsel, **Rebecca Hause-Schultz** joins as Of Counsel, **Heather Domingo** joins as an Associate and **Christina Anton** joins as a law clerk. The new attorneys join from The Saqui Law Group and expand Fisher Phillips' employment and labor relations capabilities in the growing agriculture industry in California and nationally.

Michael brings decades of experience representing growers, packers, and shippers in the agriculture industry. Michael and his team are known for providing labor relations, litigation, H-2A compliance and defense, and counseling services to employers throughout the full spectrum of the agricultural industry. He regularly represents clients before the National Labor Relations Board and other federal and state agencies and courts. Michael has also formulated and implemented preventive labor relations programs, trainings, procedures and union avoidance protocols for employers of all sizes and from virtually all industries. He earned his J.D. from California Western School of Law.

Rebecca draws on her deep roots in agriculture to defend farmers, food processors, manufacturers, and ag-tech businesses in employment litigation lawsuits and help avoid disputes. She litigates cases in federal and state courts, as well as state administrative agencies including the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE) and Department of Fair Employment & Housing (DFEH), with a focus on wage and hour class actions and California Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) claims. A key part of her practice involves teaming with clients to foresee potential concerns, institute best practices, and ensure compliance. Rebecca earned her J.D. from the University of the Pacific – McGeorge School of Law and her B.S. from California Polytechnic State University – San Luis Obispo.

Heather counsels and defends businesses in a variety of employment law matters including wage and hour litigation, Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) actions, discrimination, retaliation, and harassment in both single-plaintiff and class actions. She earned her J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and her B.A. from Loyola Marymount University. During law school, she worked at the California Attorney General's Employment Division, the McGeorge Immigration Clinic, and local labor and employment law firms. Passionate about helping others, Heather was awarded the Unity Bar Scholarship in law school for her commitment to community service.

Christina recently earned her J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. While there, she was the Primary Production Editor for the *University of the Pacific Law Review* and a member of the Traynor Honor Society. During law school, Christina worked as a law clerk for The Saqui Law Group, where she assisted attorneys in handling complex wage and hour cases. She also served as a research assistant and teaching assistant for several law professors and as a student attorney for the McGeorge Bankruptcy Clinic. Additionally, she clerked for the Western States Pension Assistance Project and Legal Services of Northern California and was an advocate for Worker's Rights Program in Sacramento. Christina received her B.S., *cum laude*, in Criminal Justice from California State University, Sacramento in 2016.

"California has a rich history in the agriculture industry. Michael and his team have been a part of that history and we hope to be able to continue that legacy for the benefit of his clients and ours," said **John Polson**, Partner and member of Fisher Phillips' Management Committee. "Fisher Phillips has decades of experience representing agriculture companies in connection with the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, the H-2A temporary foreign agricultural worker program, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, as well as the myriad of state and federal laws that apply to agricultural employers. With Michael, Rebecca, Heather and Christina, we greatly expand those capabilities for our clients across California and throughout the United States, deepening our services for an industry that is growing," added **Alden Parker**, Regional Managing Partner of Fisher Phillips' Sacramento office.

"I am proud of our accomplishments and the fantastic results we were able to achieve with The Saqui Law Group. However, becoming a part of Fisher Phillips will allow us to better serve our clients in the agriculture industry not only in California, but across the country. Having offices in so many locations across the country will give our clients the high level of service they have come to expect wherever their facilities are located," said **Michael Saqui**. "Becoming part of Fisher Phillips benefits everyone, as we all work to achieve the best possible results for our clients and help solve the complex legal issues that exist in today's workplaces."

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