Fisher Phillips, one of the country’s preeminent labor and employment law firms representing employers, and members of the firm’s Knowledge Management and Information Technology Teams received multiple honors from the International Legal Technology Association’s (ILTA) 2021 Distinguished Peer Awards.

Evan Shenkman, Chief Knowledge and Innovation Officer received the Innovative Leader of the Year Award for his creative approaches that contribute to the legal profession and his outstanding achievements for maximizing the value of innovative technologies. Innovators of the Year are “open-minded and motivated leaders” who proactively plan and successfully implement technologies that move the needle. At Fisher Phillips, Evan has led transformational changes to how the firm leverages technology to enhance client service and make the practice of law more efficient. Among his many accomplishments are the rollout of programs that use predictive data analytics and A.I., enhanced internal and external client collaboration, and the delivery of advice to clients and prospects in novel ways.

Amanda Bayless, Data Scientist, and Stacy Rushing, Senior Knowledge Management & Data Analytics Counsel, received the Young Professionals to Watch Award. The recognition highlights Young Professionals (under 40 years old) in all segments of the ILTA community who inspire others, have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments to-date and, critically, show great promise for the future. They were honored for their indispensable roles on the firm’s Information Technology and Knowledge Management teams, where they have led data-driven projects that have benefitted the firm’s clients, attorneys, and society at large.

Fisher Phillips also was honored as the runner-up for two awards: Transformative Project of the Year, and Trailblazer of the Year. These recognitions celebrated the launch of the firm’s COVID-19 Employment Litigation Tracker and the firm’s efforts in Predictive Data Analytics. The firm launched its landmark litigation tracking map as the nation’s first comprehensive and interactive database of COVID-19-related employment litigation. Since its debut in early 2020, the Fisher Phillips COVID-19 Employment Litigation Tracker has been the go-to source of data analytics for employers looking to ensure they keep one step ahead of workplace lawsuits stemming from virus-related concerns, and has been cited in various media outlets, including Forbes, CNN, Law360, and The Atlantic. And for
over a year the firm’s tracker has been the top hit on Google when searching “COVID-19 employment litigation.”

In 2010, ILTA launched the Distinguished Peer Awards program to honor the achievements of those who leverage the strategic advantages of technology in the legal profession. Within the member community, the awards recognize outstanding achievements in organizational and individual excellence, as well as leadership and professionalism; and business partners are recognized for superior achievements in innovation.

Recipients were presented their awards during the virtual award ceremony on January 25, 2022. For more information about the 2021 Distinguished Peer Award program, please click [here](#).

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