



## Fisher Phillips Welcomes Andrew Gallinaro in Philadelphia

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Fisher Phillips, one of the country's preeminent labor and employment law firms representing employers, is pleased to announce that **Andrew ("Andy") Gallinaro** has joined the firm as a Partner in the Philadelphia office.

Andy is an experienced litigator with a focus on representing businesses in complex civil matters often involving trade secrets and restrictive covenants. Andy spent the majority of his career with one of Philadelphia's preeminent litigation boutiques before it was acquired by an international full-service firm. In addition to his commercial litigation practice, Andy has significant experience litigating Title IX matters in cases involving campus discipline in higher education. He also counseled employers regarding the drafting and enforcement of restrictive covenants and defended executives in multiple restrictive covenant cases involving medical device and specialized industrial products manufacturers.

At Fisher Phillips, Andy will put his restrictive covenants experience to work as a member of the firm's Employee Defection and Trade Secrets (EDTS) Practice Group representing employers in restrictive covenant and trade secrets matters in state and federal court. In this role, he will craft and help implement robust frameworks to anticipate, prevent, and detect employee theft and carelessness, and he will be ready to prosecute and defend companies in contentious non-compete litigation and trade secrets disputes.

Andy will also contribute to Fisher Phillips' Higher Education industry group through his past experience handling Title IX cases. He'll partner with the firm's education institution practice group and clients to develop and implement effective policies, procedures, and practices to comply with the complex regulations that apply to higher education, including Title IX. And he'll translate his plaintiff-side experience in this arena into advising and defending colleges and universities in matters involving alleged violations of Title IX.

"Andy will make a great addition to our already talented bench of litigators here in Philadelphia," said **Christopher Stief**, Regional Managing Partner of the firm's Philadelphia office. "He brings years of experience in two very hot areas for us – trade secrets litigation and higher education – he'll bolster the breadth and depth of client service we are known for providing both locally and across the firm's international platform."

“I’ve developed such a deep respect for Fisher Phillips after having worked closely with several of the firm’s lawyers throughout my career,” said Andy. “I am excited to join the firm’s well-known team of practitioners, and I look forward to what this next step in my career represents for me and ultimately my clients.”

With a steadily growing demand for its legal work, Fisher Phillips’ Philadelphia office continues to recruit emerging labor and employment talent as well as established practitioners for opportunities to expand its offerings and service. Andy’s arrival continues the expansion of the Philadelphia office, bringing the lawyer count to 39 and making it one of the firm’s largest offices.

Andy earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from Boston College, and, upon receiving his law degree, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Denis P. Cohen of the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas.

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