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Service Focus

- Counseling and Advice
- Litigation and Trials

OVERVIEW

In 2022, Fisher Phillips became the first and only national management-side labor and employment firm to invest in a full-time attorney solely dedicated to leading pro bono and community engagement initiatives. As the firm's Director of Pro Bono & Community Engagement, Corey engages attorneys and staff in each Fisher Phillips office to realize the Firm's vision of making a positive difference in the communities where we live and work through pro bono legal representations, community engagement, and philanthropy.

Under Corey's leadership and in coordination with pro bono liaisons in each Fisher Phillips office, the firm's pro bono initiatives provide opportunities for attorneys in each of our offices to give back to our communities in a variety of ways, including:

- **Employment advice and counsel for non-profit organizations that serve underrepresented and disadvantaged communities**

- **Military veteran** legal clinics and representations referred by legal services organizations;
- **Representing asylum seekers** in immigration proceedings through partnerships with organizations including Kids in Need of Defense and the Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network;
- **Domestic violence restraining order** representations referred by local legal service organizations;
- **Court-appointed representations of minors** in family law and similar proceedings (i.e., adoptions, dependency actions and serving as guardian ad litem); and
- **Gender affirming name change representations** through local referral organizations.

Corey also leads the firm's FP Cares community engagement initiatives, through which staff and attorneys in our offices across the country give back to our communities through service projects and philanthropic initiatives. Fisher Phillips teams partner with local organizations every holiday season and throughout the year to organize donation drives and volunteer activities. A summary of our 2022 FP Cares holiday initiatives can be found [here](#).

Corey has spent his entire legal career at Fisher Phillips, starting as a summer associate and spending years as an employee defection and trade secrets litigator. As an associate, Corey led the firm's Atlanta office pro bono initiatives, forming partnerships with the Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta, Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network, and the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation's Domestic Violence Project. Additionally, Corey has worked in political campaign management roles across the country, most recently leading voter protection efforts in Georgia during the 2020 and 2021 elections.

Recent Experience

- In departing employee case, successfully convinced Alabama court to apply Georgia law in dispute, thereby invalidating non-compete covenant and allowing client's new business to operate in Georgia. *DJR Assocs., LLC v. Hammonds*, 241 F. Supp. 3d 1208 (N.D. Ala. 2017).
- As a member of the University of Georgia School of Law's Appellate Litigation Clinic, Corey earned a victory for a pro bono client in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. After full briefing and oral argument, the court reversed the district court, allowing Corey's client to proceed with his § 1983 8th Amendment claim in a published decision. [*Brooks v. Warden*](#), 800 F.3d 1295 (11th Cir. 2015).

Credentials

Education

- University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2015
- Brown University, B.A., 2009

Bar Admissions

- Georgia

Court Admissions

- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Georgia Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

Recognitions

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch (2022 - 2026)
- Selected for inclusion in the *Daily Report's* 2019 "On the Rise" class
- 2015 ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor and Employment Law
- 2015 Donald P. Gilmore, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor & Employment Law

Affiliations

- Chair, Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta SpringBoard
- Co-Chair, Atlanta Pro Bono Roundtable
- Board of Directors, Dad's Garage Improv Theatre
- Board of Directors, State Bar of Georgia Labor & Employment Section Mentorship Academy
- Advisory Committee, Atlanta Legal Aid Society

- Member, Association of Pro Bono Counsel
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Atlanta Bar Association

INSIGHTS

News

Mar 16, 2023

Fisher Phillips Named Law Firm of the Year by Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta

Event

9/23/21 and 9/28/21

“New Normal” Approaches to Employee Mobility, Information Safeguards and Competitive Advantage in the Post-Pandemic World

News

Jun 19, 2019

Corey Goerdts Selected to Daily Report’s “On the Rise” Class of 2019

Publication

Dec 18, 2018

Fisher Phillips Attorney Shares Tips on Workplace Safety in the Restaurant Industry

Publication

Oct 1, 2018

Atlanta Attorney Guides New Restaurant Owners Through Potential Labor and Employment Landmines

WEB EXCLUSIVE - April 2018: The Top 19 Labor And Employment Law Stories