



## **Fisher Phillips Opens Louisville Office: Five Attorneys Join Firm; One to Lead Automotive Manufacturing Practice Group**

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**ATLANTA & LOUISVILLE (January 21, 2009)** - Fisher Phillips, a national labor and employment law firm, announces its expansion into Louisville, Kentucky. Jeffrey A. Savarise, Thomas J. Birchfield, Craig P. Siegenthaler and George D. Adams have joined Fisher Phillips to open Louisville's first nationwide labor and employment firm. All four were formerly partners in the Labor and Employment Practice Group of the Louisville-based law firm of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC. Joining them as Of Counsel is Katherine A. Hessenbruch, who formerly held that position in Greenebaum Doll & McDonald's Labor and Employment Practice Group.

Tom Birchfield, who represents a wide variety of clients in Kentucky and elsewhere, will be the managing partner of the Louisville office. Jeff Savarise, who continues as national outside labor and employment counsel for Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc. (TEMA), will chair Fisher Phillips' Automotive Manufacturing Practice Group. George Adams, Craig Siegenthaler and Katherine Hessenbruch also will continue representing TEMA and a wide variety of other clients in various state and federal jurisdictions. All five attorneys are well versed in providing preventive planning and employment training programs tailored specifically to the automotive industry.

Fisher Phillips Chairman and Managing Partner Roger Quillen said, "Our clients in the automotive manufacturing industry will benefit from the powerhouse team that has joined us in Louisville. These attorneys have a deep understanding of the industry and the challenging labor and employment issues facing automotive manufacturers today. This is like adding a booster to an already powerful engine." Mr. Savarise added, "The automotive industry is far flung, moving into new geographic regions and confronting unprecedented challenges. Now more than ever, TEMA and our other automotive industry clients will benefit from the national presence and extensive legal experience and resources that Fisher Phillips brings to the table."

Automotive industry clients are not the only ones who will benefit from this dramatic change in Louisville's legal landscape. As Mr. Siegenthaler noted, "Fisher Phillips gives us and, more importantly, all of our clients access to a depth and breadth of labor, employment, employee benefits, workplace safety and health, and immigration resources and experience that has not previously been available in the local market." Mr. Adams added, "This nationwide platform greatly enhances our ability to efficiently serve our larger clients, such as TEMA, while still providing the

excellent personal attention that our clients of all sizes have come to expect." Further expansion in the Louisville office, located at 220 West Main Street, Suite 2000, is expected soon.

### **About the Automotive Manufacturing Practice Group**

The Fisher Phillips Automotive Manufacturing Practice Group is composed of attorneys who represent companies involved in automobile, truck, and off-highway vehicle manufacturing. This includes companies that manufacture and distribute parts and assemble final vehicles. The automotive manufacturing industry is unique and faces complex and daunting problems. The attorneys in the Automotive Manufacturing Practice Group know the business and speak the language. These attorneys have extensive experience in helping companies avoid unionization and neutrality agreements. They also know how to help manufacturers negotiate with unions and operate smoothly in a union environment. The firm's litigation experience in the automotive industry involves both employment and other business related matters. This group has the ability and experience to efficiently help automotive manufacturers develop and implement successful strategies to avoid or mitigate labor and employment problems and to operate more efficient and effective facilities.

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