

Fisher Phillips Earns First-Tier Ranking From U.S. News & World Report-Best Lawyers

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT FIRM AMONG TOP IN THE NATION

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ATLANTA, GA (September 15, 2010) - Fisher Phillips announced that the law firm has received a "First-Tier Ranking" for management-side labor and employment law from *U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers*. In addition to the national recognition, several of the firm's offices received "Metropolitan First-tier Rankings." They are Atlanta, Columbia, SC, Irvine, CA, Las Vegas, Louisville, Fort Lauderdale, New Orleans, Orlando, Portland, ME and Portland, OR. The New Orleans office also received a "First-Tier Ranking" for Employee Benefits Law.

Firm Chairman and Managing Partner Roger Quillen said: "This is another validation of the value our attorneys deliver to our clients. Our commitment to providing value is in the firm's DNA dating back to our founding almost 70 years ago. Doing only one thing - representing employers in labor and employment matters allows our clients to benefit from a focused, businesslike approach to workplace legal issues."

The methodology for the *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms" involved surveying thousands of law firm clients; leading lawyers and law firm managers; partners and associates; and marketing officers and recruiting officers. Each were asked what factors they considered vital for clients hiring law firms, for lawyers choosing a firm to refer a legal matter to, and for lawyers seeking employment.

Surveys went to 52,480 clients; 43,900 lawyers, including every U.S. lawyer listed in Best Lawyers; 2,314 marketing officers and 2,322 recruiting officers as well as to 8,597 firms without marketing or recruiting office contacts. Associate surveys went to 2,322 firm associates and 1,775 summer associates. The marketing-officer, recruiting-officer, associate, and summer-associate surveys included a total of 724 questions.

Every Fortune 100 company and 587 of the Fortune 1000 companies provided 194,370 firm practice-area evaluations; 6,190 clients provided 11,181 comments about law firm practice areas and individual lawyers; and 8,842 lawyers provided 594,012 firm practice-area evaluations.

In addition to information from these surveys, the rankings incorporate the 3.1 million evaluations of 39,372 individual leading lawyers collected by *Best Lawyers* in its most recent annual survey. Fisher

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Phillips placed 54 attorneys in the most recent elite group.