

Hagood Tighe of Fisher Phillips Named to Local Legal Elite List

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COLUMBIA, SC (October 4, 2012) - Fisher Phillips announced today that partner J. Hagood Tighe of the Columbia office has been named by his peers as one of the Midlands' top ten labor and employment attorneys for the *Greater Columbia Business Monthly's* Legal Elite 2012 listings.

Greater Columbia Business Monthly invited Midlands attorneys to nominate fellow attorneys they consider the best across ten different practice areas. Tighe was recognized for his longstanding work in labor and employment law. This is the third consecutive year that he has been listed among the Midlands' Legal Elite.

Attorneys who live and work in the Midlands area and who are members of the South Carolina Bar are eligible to vote. Attorneys must vote for an equal number of attorneys outside of their own firms and may not vote for themselves. The top ten attorneys in each category will be published in the October issue of *Greater Columbia Business Monthly*.

"I feel especially honored to be included in these listings because the nominations are collected from our peers and colleagues," said Tighe. "I am flattered by this recognition of our firm's work from the Midlands legal community.

Tighe, who is certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court as a Specialist in Employment and Labor Law, practices exclusively in the area of labor and employment law, representing management in union campaigns and employment litigation. While he maintains an active litigation practice, he also focuses on providing practical and proactive advice designed to minimize the risk of litigation. He is a regular speaker at conventions and trade shows nationally and also provides training for supervisors and managers on harassment, EEO compliance, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and many other areas.

Tighe is also active in the Midlands community. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board for the Central Carolina Community Foundation and is actively involved in many other civic organizations.

Tighe has been listed in *South Carolina Super Lawyers* since 2009; *Chambers USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers* since 2007; and in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2008, including Lawyer of the Year for 2012. *Columbia Metropolitan Magazine* named him one of its "50 Most Influential People" for 2011.

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