

Cozen O'Connor Adds 17 Lawyers from Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney

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Philadelphia, May 8, 2017 – Following the opening of its Pittsburgh office last week, Cozen O'Connor welcomes an additional six lawyers from Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC to Pittsburgh and 11 attorneys to the Philadelphia office.

Joining the newly opened Pittsburgh office are Members Peter Ennis, Brian Balonick, Joseph Quinn, Matthew Smith; Bobbi Britton Tucker as Counsel; and Seth Popick as an Associate. They join Thomas Giotto, Gene Giotto, and Jeremy Garvey, who opened Cozen O'Connor's Pittsburgh office last week.

Ennis, Balonick, Quinn and Tucker are joining the firm's Labor & Employment Department. Smith is joining the firm's Commercial Litigation Department, specializing in long-term care litigation. Popick will join the Corporate Practice Group in mid-May.

Cozen O'Connor expects that growth of the Pittsburgh office will continue substantially over the next 12-18 months.

The attorneys joining Cozen O'Connor's Philadelphia office, include well-known labor and employment lawyers Fred D'Angelo, Jr., Robert Hawkins, David Hackett, Frances Rayer, Elizabeth Malloy, Michael Hanlon, James Sullivan, Lauren Fox, Joseph Sirbak II, and Andrew Rolfes. Anna Will Kentz will join as an associate in the Labor & Employment Department.

Among their Labor & Employment clients are Philadelphia Media Network, Southeastern Transportation Authority of Pennsylvania, The School District of Philadelphia, Jefferson Health System, and Main Line Health System.

"We are so thrilled to add this talented and highly reputable group of attorneys to our Pittsburgh and Philadelphia offices," said Michael J. Heller, Cozen O'Connor President and Chief Executive Officer. "These attorneys are well regarded across their practices and add depth and breadth to our national practices."

"The addition of these well-known attorneys continues to strengthen our national platform as we now have Labor & Employment attorneys in every region of the country," said Joe Tilson, Co-chair of the firm's Labor & Employment Department. "This continually expanding footprint provides reach and resources that enable us to serve a substantial number of 'coast-to-coast' clients better."

"We look forward to working with our new colleagues in the Labor & Employment practice at Cozen O'Connor," said David Hackett. "Cozen O'Connor has one of the country's premier Labor & Employment practices, and I have admired its continued commitment to strategic growth."

Peter Ennis represents employers before state and federal courts and agencies involving such claims as sexual harassment; race, sex, age, and disability discrimination; wrongful discharge; breaches of covenants not to compete; wage and hour class and collective actions; ERISA litigation; and injunction proceedings.

Brian Balonick advises his clients in all aspects of labor and employment law, including traditional labor, employment discrimination, and trade secret litigation.

Joseph Quinn has broad experience in collective bargaining and labor arbitration, employment counseling, and employment litigation.

Related Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Health Care & Life Sciences
- Labor & Employment

Matthew Smith focuses his practice on a variety of commercial litigation matters, including long-term care litigation law and negotiating licensing agreements.

Bobbi Britton Tucker devotes her practice to representing employers in all aspects of labor and employment law, including cases related to discrimination, sexual harassment, and wrongful termination.

Seth Popick focuses his practice on corporate law and advises clients regarding periodic reporting obligations under securities law, about public offerings of equity and debt securities, and about general corporate and venture financing matters.

Frances Rayer will strengthen the firm's immigration practice, which saw significant growth earlier this year when a team of five immigration attorneys, led by Scott Bettridge, joined the Miami office from Fox Rothschild. Rayer represents institutional clients and multinational corporations who are seeking to employ foreign nationals in the United States on either a temporary or permanent basis.

Elizabeth Malloy concentrates her practice on employment litigation and serves as a neutral investigator of employment-related claims, as well as student complaints in the educational sector.

Fred D'Angelo, Jr., concentrates his practice on the representation of management in both traditional labor relations and employment litigation.

Robert Hawkins represents employers and rail carriers in labor and employment law matters, especially those involving the transportation, manufacturing, and construction industries. Hawkins will chair the firm's new Railway Labor Act Practice Group.

David Hackett represents and counsels employers concerning the full spectrum of labor and employment-related issues.

Michael Hanlon counsels clients in all aspects of traditional labor and employment law, executive compensation, employment discrimination, and public education.

James Sullivan focuses on labor and employment law and workplace safety and health matters. Sullivan recently completed a three-year term as the management co-chair of the American Bar Association Committee on Occupational Safety & Health Law.

Lauren Fox counsels private and public sector clients on the full range of labor and employment related issues, and has significant experience counseling government entities and education sector employers.

Joseph Sirbak, II, represents employers on matters arising under the Railway Labor Act (RLA) and the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), including union elections, the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, arbitration of grievances, emergency relief against unlawful picketing or other strike activity, and unfair labor practice charges before the National Labor Relations Board.

Andrew Rolfes represents companies and municipalities, in both traditional labor law matters and employment discrimination litigation.

Anna Will Kentz defends and advises employers in a variety of employment and labor-related matters, including investigating and responding to complaints filed with federal and state agencies.

The launch of the Pittsburgh office and additions in Philadelphia come amid continued strong growth for Cozen O'Connor, which recorded a 10 percent increase in revenue in 2016.

Over the past two years, the firm has made a number of large lateral acquisitions including:

60 attorneys in a merger with Chicago-based Meckler Bulger Tilson; 14 attorneys from the nationally recognized Miami-based intellectual property boutique Feldman Gale; 10 attorneys and government professionals from Dickstein Shapiro launching the nation's preeminent State Attorneys General Practice; and 10 attorneys from Pepper Hamilton including the "Gold Standard" in Institutional Response and a nationally prominent construction litigation group.

About Cozen O'Connor

Established in 1970 and ranked among the top 100 law firms in America, Cozen O'Connor has more than 925 attorneys who help clients manage risk and make better business decisions. The firm counsels clients on their most sophisticated legal matters in all areas of the law, including litigation, corporate and regulatory law. Representing a broad array of leading global corporations and middle market companies, Cozen O'Connor services its clients' needs through 26 offices across two continents.

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