

FisherBroyles Adds Health and Pharmacy Law Partner Beth Stephens in Atlanta

Beth Stephens has joined **FisherBroyles, LLP** as a partner in the firm's Atlanta office and Health and Pharmacy Law practice group.

"It is a pleasure to welcome Beth to FisherBroyles and to our dedicated team of Atlanta-based partners," said Ted Lavender, an Atlanta-based FisherBroyles partner and member of the Health and Pharmacy Law practice group. "Beth's significant experience involving ERISA and other diverse healthcare plan issues, along with her public policy background, will provide valuable insights and support for our healthcare clients."

Stephens said, "I am very eager to continue my practice and contribute to the successes of FisherBroyles clients who benefit greatly from the firm's cloud-based partnership model and the top-level experience of the firm's former Big Law partners."

In a release, the firm said Stephens focuses her practice on the representation of ERISA and other self-funded employer healthcare plans and their fiduciaries, as well as plan participants, in healthcare reimbursement disputes. She also defends clients under consumer protection laws, including the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and deceptive trade practices laws.

Prior to joining FisherBroyles, Stephens was the senior director of public policy & advocacy at Georgia Watch, a non-profit consumer advocacy organization. In that role, she developed educational resources for healthcare consumers, authored policy papers, and lobbied on behalf of consumers at the state and federal levels on various issues, including

healthcare, access to civil justice, and financial services. Her work has included collaboration with government agencies, policymakers, legislators, academic partners, professional associations, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders.

Previously, Stephens was an attorney in the Health Law Unit at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, where she represented low-income Georgians in a variety of civil legal matters.

Stephens received her J.D. (magna cum laude) from the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts from Emory University.