

# Buchalter Welcomes New Shareholder in Portland

Buchalter is pleased to welcome new Shareholder Leah Lively in the Firm's Portland office as a member of the Labor & Employment Practice Group. Lively joins from Davis Wright Tremaine.

"Leah is an exceptional addition to the Firm," said Adam Bass, President and Chief Executive Officer of Buchalter. "She comes to us as a highly recognized and respected attorney in the Labor and Employment space. She will make significant contributions to our practice group, and to the Firm as a whole."

Lively is an experienced litigator and counselor who has tried more than 40 jury trials in multiple states and jurisdictions during her career. Her practice centers on defending employers against claims of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, wrongful discharge, and wage and hour violations. When employers need to get ahead of potential disputes, Lively conducts workplace investigations and counsels businesses on employment law compliance, risk, and best practices. Licensed to practice in Alaska, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, Chambers USA has named Lively as one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in Labor & Employment (Oregon) every year consecutively since 2008.

In addition to her experience defending wage and hour claims, including class actions, Lively served as lead defense counsel in a putative wage/hour misclassification class action in Oregon and co-managed the defense of a 40,000 putative class-member case for a national restaurant chain in California. Further, Lively also advises and represents businesses in non-compete and employment-related trade secrets disputes.

“The exceptional legal services that Buchalter provides to its clients, and the breadth and depth of its lawyers, offers a unique opportunity to further develop my practice and serve our clients,” said Lively. “I am delighted to join the Firm.”

“I am so pleased to welcome Leah,” added Portland’s Office Managing Shareholder, Todd Mitchell. “She adds a wealth of knowledge and expertise in Portland and the Firm as we continue to grow our full service platform in Portland and across the Pacific Northwest.”