

# **Foley Expands Labor & Employment Practice With Addition of Katharine Beattie in Boston**

Foley & Lardner LLP announced today that Katharine Beattie, an experienced labor and employment litigator and counselor, has joined the firm's Boston office as a partner in its Labor & Employment Practice Group.

Beattie represents and counsels employers on a wide range of employment issues, including discrimination and harassment, leaves of absence, wage and hour disputes, employment classification, wrongful termination, trade secret protection, and the enforcement of noncompetition and nondisclosure agreements. She has extensive experience representing clients in cases before federal and state courts, arbitrators and administrative agencies, including state fair employment and human rights agencies.

Beattie's practice also includes managing and conducting internal investigations of harassment and discrimination claims, wage and hour compliance issues, whistleblower claims, and allegations of ethics and code of conduct violations. She frequently advises clients on a range of collective bargaining issues and appears before the National Labor Relations Board with respect to unfair labor practice charges and union election proceedings.

In addition, Beattie provides labor and employment guidance on corporate merger and acquisition transactions, and she regularly negotiates and drafts executive employment agreements on behalf of both publicly and privately held companies.

Beattie comes to Foley from Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., where she was a member of the Employment, Labor & Benefits Practice Group. Before that, she served as vice president at NTT DATA, Inc., where she managed commercial and employment litigations, advised human resources and business executives on all aspects of employment law, and handled internal investigations, training and compliance.