

Akerman Adds Four Partners in Atlanta

Akerman LLP announced the addition of Sul Kim, Erica Mason, Anthony Morris and Peter Spanos in its Atlanta office.

In a release, the firm said the four new partners raise the headcount to 11 lawyers in the 10 months since the office opened.

Kim, Mason and Spanos practice in labor and employment, while Morris works in commercial litigation.

Kim joins from Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP. The firm said she represents employers in matters involving union organizing campaigns, National Labor Relations Board proceedings, workplace safety and health issues, race, national origin, age, disability, religion and sex discrimination and harassment claims, and wage and hour claims. Kim has experience with foreign-based international companies, especially those in the automotive and manufacturing sectors.

Erica Mason, Partner, Labor and Employment Practice Group
Mason joins from Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP. As national and regional employment counsel for her clients, she routinely defends employment claims before state and federal courts and agencies across the country, including successfully litigating five sexual harassment class actions against the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and dozens of class and collective actions against privately represented individuals and groups.

Anthony Morris, Partner, Litigation Practice Group
Morris joins from Dentons US LLP. He focuses his practice on business litigation, in addition to professional ethics and entertainment. He represents some of the world's largest

companies, with an emphasis on multinational insurance companies, in complex litigation matters, including class actions. Morris litigates high dollar coverage claims with insureds and handles all types of coverage disputes, with a particular focus on those alleging bad faith, and has experience in the substantive law regarding first-party property loss. He also defends corporate directors and officers in negligence, breach of fiduciary duty and securities fraud claims, attorneys in malpractice claims, and entities in sexual misconduct claims involving their personnel. He also routinely represents clients in appellate courts.

Peter Spanos, Partner, Labor and Employment Practice Group
Spanos joins from Barnes & Thornburg LLP. He has decades of experience representing clients in all major areas of labor and employment law, including federal and state employment law guidance and litigation, wage and hour law compliance and claims, trade secrets, unfair competition, and non-competition matters. In addition, Spanos provides legal counsel pertaining to collective bargaining, union organizing, elections, unfair labor practices, grievances and strikes.

Associate Ana Dowell also joined the Atlanta office from Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart. She represents employers in a variety of employment law matters, including alleged violations of Title VII, ADA, FMLA, and FLSA.