

Littler Adds Two Shareholders to Atlanta Office

Littler has added Russell A. Jones and Kathryn S. McConnell as shareholders in the Atlanta office. The employment litigation and counseling practitioners join Littler from Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton.

“Our Atlanta office has grown steadily over the years and now comprises more than 40 lawyers,” said L. Traywick Duffie, office managing shareholder of Littler’s Atlanta office. “Adding Russell and Katy, who both bring extensive experience in labor and employment law and a deep knowledge of the region, will further strengthen our team in Atlanta, which recently was among several Littler offices to earn a Tier 1 ranking in the 2018 U.S. News – Best Lawyers® ‘Best Law Firms’ list.”

Jones focuses his practice on providing counseling and training on various issues that arise out of the employer-employee relationship, including compliance with equal employment opportunity laws, union avoidance, wage and hour issues, disability and medical leave requirements, and non-competition and other employment agreements. He also helps businesses comply with state and federal laws related to background checks of employees and job applicants, workplace privacy and information security, policies related to employees’ social media activity, and whistleblowing and retaliation. Jones regularly represents clients in state and federal courts, before administrative agencies, and in the mediation of employment-related claims.

“Having begun my legal career at Littler nearly 18 years ago, I am thrilled to rejoin the Atlanta office and to be part of a firm with unparalleled capabilities and resources,” said Jones. “Littler has handled some of the most complex and

significant labor and employment cases, including several out of the Atlanta office, and I look forward to leveraging Littler's impressive platform to serve the evolving needs of global employers."

McConnell counsels and defends multinational and domestic companies on employment and traditional labor law matters, including discrimination, harassment and retaliation in the workplace; wrongful termination; wage and hour compliance; unfair labor practice charges and union avoidance; and restrictive covenants. She regularly prepares and advises on non-competition, confidentiality, non-disclosure and other employment-related agreements, as well as the development of incentive and commission plans. McConnell's employment litigation practice includes defending employers before state and federal courts, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and equivalent state agencies, and the National Labor Relations Board, as well as representing employers in arbitrations implicating collective bargaining agreements.

"Littler is a dominant force in labor and employment law, with technological capabilities, deep subject matter knowledge and a global footprint that is unrivaled in the space," said McConnell. "I am excited to work with such a talented team of attorneys in the Atlanta office and across the globe to counsel employers operating in the U.S. and globally."

Jones received his J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Tennessee College of Law and his B.S., summa cum laude, from Appalachian State University. He worked as an associate in Littler's Atlanta office from 2000 to 2003. McConnell received her LPC, with honors, from the College of Law in the United Kingdom and her B.A. from the University of Cambridge. She is admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales and, earlier in her career, worked in the London office of an international law firm.

