

Little Add Two Shareholders to Kansas City Office

Little, which bills itself as the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management, has added Jeffrey D. Hanslick and Curtis R. Summers as shareholders in the Kansas City office. The addition of Hanslick and Summers, who were previously partners with Husch Blackwell, follows the arrival of shareholder Anthony Romano who made the move to Little's Kansas City office in August.

"Jeffrey and Curt have developed a strong reputation locally and nationally for advising clients on critical issues impacting the workplace, including discrimination and harassment claims and wage and hour litigation," said Daniel B. Boatright, office managing shareholder of Little's Kansas City office. "Their extensive industry knowledge and diverse experiences will enhance our services to clients and expand our presence in the region. We are excited to welcome them to the firm."

The firm's release continues:

Hanslick has extensive experience defending clients in employment litigation matters, including wage and hour class and collective actions, employment discrimination and harassment claims, and contract and commercial disputes. He regularly serves as lead counsel in traditional labor arbitrations, counsels employers on the protection of trade secrets and enforcement of restrictive covenants, and conducts human resources audits and training sessions for clients on labor and employment matters.

Summers balances his practice between litigation and human resources counseling. On the litigation side, he has defended employers at the administrative agency, trial court

and appellate court levels against a variety of discrimination, harassment and retaliation claims. Summers also has experience pursuing claims for violations of restrictive covenants. On the counseling side, Summers focuses his practice on human resources compliance and litigation avoidance strategies, including policy development, training, workplace investigations, and guidance on best practices in the employer-employee relationship.

“Littler has an exceptional reputation and we are excited to join its growing Kansas City office,” said Hanslick and Summers in a joint statement. “We look forward to leveraging the firm’s innovative products and services, geographic reach and network of talented attorneys to expand our offerings to clients.”

Hanslick earned his J.D., cum laude, from Northwestern University School of Law and his B.A., with highest honor, from DePaul University. Summers earned his J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law and his B.S. from Kansas State University.