

Press Release

Munsch Hardt, Harrison Bettis McFarland Join Forces to Propel Strategic Growth in Texas

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Munsch Hardt and Harrison Bettis McFarland LLP announce they will be joining forces to enhance services and capabilities available to clients, effective Nov. 1, 2014.

The addition of Harrison Bettis attorneys to Munsch Hardt's Houston office is the latest development in Munsch Hardt's aggressive plan for strategic growth. With these eight experienced business litigation attorneys, Munsch Hardt will now be comprised of more than 125 attorneys in three Texas offices – Dallas, Houston and Austin.

"Munsch Hardt is committed to growing and maintaining its presence in Texas and providing top legal services to its clients worldwide. The Harrison Bettis group shares that same vision," said Phil C. Appenzeller, Jr., chief executive officer of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr. "Both firms are committed to providing sophisticated, cost-effective legal services focused on our clients' needs."

Munsch Hardt offers a full-service, commercial legal platform, with practice areas that include admiralty and maritime, business litigation, corporate, energy, environmental, finance, health care, immigration, labor and employment, real estate, restructuring, and more. With the Harrison Bettis litigators on board, Munsch Hardt will bolster its business litigation and products liability practices with greater depth in industries such as oil and gas, construction, manufacturing, transportation, waste management, medical device and insurance coverage.

For Harrison Bettis, the move will enable them to provide clients with sophisticated legal counsel on virtually every issue they face.

"In considering our own growth strategy, we have focused on looking for a partner who could offer our clients the expanded platform and legal capabilities they desired," stated D. Mitchell McFarland, managing partner of Harrison Bettis McFarland. "We are fortunate to have found a solid partner in Munsch Hardt."

All Harrison Bettis attorneys, James M. Bettis, Jr., Mark Deaton, Clifford L. Harrison, D. Mitchell McFarland, Carrie Schadle and B. Lee Wertz, Jr., will join Munsch Hardt, effective Nov. 1. They will be based in Munsch Hardt's Houston office in historic Pennzoil Place, where the Firm relocated earlier this year.

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