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Fisher & Phillips LLP Opens Boston Office; Second New England Location *Leading labor and employment law firm also opens in Memphis*

ATLANTA & BOSTON (January 10, 2012) – Fisher & Phillips LLP, a national labor and employment law firm, today announced its expansion into Massachusetts with the opening of an office in Boston. Joseph W. Ambash, a leading Massachusetts employment law attorney, is the Boston office's Managing Partner. The Massachusetts office is the firm's second location in New England. The firm also has an office in Portland, Maine.

Ambash joins Fisher & Phillips from Greenberg Traurig LLP, where he was co-chair of the Boston office's labor and employment practice and headed the firm's international compliance training program for managers and employees on employment-related issues.

An experienced labor and employment law attorney with over 35 years of experience, Ambash advises employers and practices in all areas of employment law, including labor-management relations, employment discrimination, wrongful discharge litigation and preventive labor relations. Ambash has represented clients before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), the Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission, and Massachusetts state and federal courts.

Additionally, Ambash has represented management in representation cases, unfair labor practice cases, strikes and other labor disputes. He was counsel for New Process Steel in the landmark 2010 Supreme Court case ruling that the NLRB can not function without three members. He also represented Brown University in the precedent-setting NLRB case holding that graduate assistants are not employees under the National Labor Relations Act. He has served as chief negotiator for major collective bargaining agreements in the private and public sectors.

Ambash is rated AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5, and has been included multiple times in both *Chambers & Partners* and *Best Lawyers in America*, and has been listed multiple times in *Super Lawyers* and *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*.

"Fisher & Phillips has the same dedication to clients that I have applied in my career," said Ambash. "I look forward to helping the firm grow its practice in Massachusetts and across New England."

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Fisher & Phillips Chairman and Managing Partner Roger Quillen noted the decades of experience Ambash brings to the firm. "Throughout his career, Joe has provided outstanding counsel and representation to clients on a host of labor and employment law matters. His experience and expertise will be of great value to Fisher & Phillips and to our clients, who will be the ones to reap the benefits of his skills and dedication."

Jonathan Shapiro, the managing partner in Portland, ME, said he and his New England colleagues are excited to have Joe join the firm. "Most of us in Maine are licensed in Massachusetts and know that our clients will benefit from Joe's addition to our regional team."

Ambash is a Harvard Law School graduate, *cum laude*, and did his undergraduate work at Yale University, *magna cum laude*. He created and served as executive editor of the *Massachusetts Labor Relations Reporter*, the *Massachusetts Discrimination Law Reporter* and the *Employment-At-Will Reporter*.

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The firm also announced that it has opened an office in Memphis, Tennessee, bringing its total number of offices to 27.

About Fisher & Phillips LLP (www.laborlawyers.com)

Fisher & Phillips LLP represents employers nationally in labor, employment, civil rights, employee benefits and immigration matters. The firm has 270 attorneys in 27 offices. Founded in 1943, it is one of the first U.S. law firms to concentrate its practice exclusively upon representation of employers in labor and employment matters. In addition to Boston and Portland, ME, the firm has offices in Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Denver, Fort Lauderdale, Houston, Irvine, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, New Jersey, New Orleans, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, OR, San Diego, San Francisco, Tampa, and Washington D.C.

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