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Fisher Phillips announced the appointment of Edwin G. Foulke Jr., a partner in the firm's Atlanta and Washington D.C. offices, as president of the firm's new company, Fisher Phillips Safety Solutions. Foulke will oversee the development, implementation and management of safety programs for clients across the country, with the goal of achieving ISO 45001 certification. Foulke was a member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group that wrote the ISO 45001 standard, which has been adopted by 70 countries.



The U.S. Department of Justice announced that Joy Lampley-Fortson was appointed by U.S. Attorney General William Barr to serve as an assistant chief immigration judge with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). Located in Washington, D.C., the primary mission of the EOIR is to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously and uniformly interpreting and administering immigration laws. Under delegated authority from the U.S. attorney general, EOIR conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews and administrative hearings.



Akerman LLP announced that partner Jacob A. Brown, deputy chair of its bankruptcy and reorganization practice group, was selected as chair of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar. The section is the primary resource for Florida business lawyers who network with other business lawyers around the state and who seek practical information about business law developments in Florida.



Berman Fink Van Horn P.C. announced that shareholder Charles Van Horn was appointed to a leadership role for the Marriott data breach case. In this role, Van Horn joined a five-person team representing financial institution plaintiffs.



The Employment Law Solution: McFadden Davis, LLC, announced that attorney Raquel Crump was selected as an academy fellow by the National Employment Law Council, an organization committed to enriching the minority bar among management-side employment lawyers.



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Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, announced that Dylan Howard was recognized with the Advocates for Human Rights' 2019 Human Rights Volunteer Award and the American Immigration Lawyers Association's 2019 Arthur C. Helton Memorial Human Rights Award. These awards were presented to teams in recognition of their pro bono representation of a group of 92 men and women who were on a failed deportation flight to Somalia, known as the "Somali 92."

The firm also announced that Alex Koskey earned a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/E) credential from the International Association of Privacy Professionals. A preeminent credential in the field, the CIPP credential means the recipient has gained a foundational understanding of privacy and data protection law and practice, and has knowledge of jurisdictional laws, regulations and enforcement models. The CIPP/E concentration focuses on European and national data protection laws, and Koskey also holds the CIPP/US concentration (earned in 2018), which focuses on the U.S. Private Sector.

Shareholder Joe D. Whitley served as co-chair of the Southeastern White Collar Crime Institute, presented by the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section in early September in Braselton, Georgia. The institute is a two-day program featuring practitioners from around the nation covering topics such as electronic discovery, sentencing issues, white collar enforcement under new Department of Justice leadership, health care fraud enforcement and ethical guidance in conducting internal investigations. In addition to co-chairing the event, Whitley moderated a panel entitled "Through the Looking Glass: A Glimpse at International Criminal Enforcement in 2019."

Linda A. Klein, senior managing shareholder and past president of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Georgia, was appointed to the Board of Councilors of The Carter Center, a nonprofit organization advancing peace and health worldwide. The Board of Councilors is a leadership advisory group that promotes understanding of The Carter Center and its activities among opinion leaders and the broader community.



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Mercer University School of Law announced that Brian Kammer, executive director of the Georgia Resource Center since 2009, was appointed as the new director of Mercer Law School's Habeas Project, beginning the summer of 2019.



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The Habeas Project is the only program in Georgia to handle non-capital, post-conviction cases on a strictly pro bono basis. Much of the clinic's work is on behalf of pro se litigants in criminal or habeas cases pending in the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Mercer University School of Law also announced that 2019 graduates Addison Gantt and Christopher Meredith were accepted to work in the U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Honors program, the largest and among the most competitive of government honors programs. Gantt serves as an honors attorney/advisor for the Office of Legal Education at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Meredith serves in the Executive Office of Immigration Review in Fort Worth, Texas. Mercer was the only law school in Georgia to have students hired into the program in 2019.



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Lenne' Espenschied, consultant, author and speaker, announced the publication of the third edition of her book, "Contract Drafting: Powerful Prose in Transactional Practice" (ABA Fundamentals, 3rd Ed. 2019).



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