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Evans & Dixon L.L.C. Adds Employment and Labor Law Division

Gerald Richardson joins firm, leads new department

ST. LOUIS – Evans & Dixon L.L.C. continues to expand its practice with the addition of an employment and labor law division. Gerald Richardson, an accomplished attorney with nearly 30 years of experience and expertise in labor and employment litigation and counseling, has been named of counsel.

"We saw the addition of this division as a natural fit with workers' compensation and civil litigation," said John Michener, partner and member of Evans & Dixon's management committee. "With Gerald's expertise in this area, we are very confident in the future success of this department."

Richardson has a proven track record. During the past 10 years, the clients he has represented won 86 percent of their cases resolved by litigation. Richardson also successfully negotiated settlements before or during litigation in about 65 percent of his clients' cases. He has extensive experience representing employers in the areas of wrongful termination, employee relations management, sexual harassment, recruiting and hiring, and wage and hour law.

Richardson comes to Evans & Dixon most recently from the Lowenbaum Partnership L.L.C., where he acted as principal counsel. While there, he represented employers in cases involving employment discrimination, retaliatory discharge, breach of contract, employment-related torts and restrictive covenant violations. He also advised employers on a wide variety of issues such as recruiting and hiring, investigations of misconduct, Family and Medical Leave Act administration, Occupation Health and Safety Act compliance and reductions in force.

Licensed in Missouri and Illinois, Richardson is admitted to practice in federal district courts in Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Colorado and the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and District of Columbia Circuits of the U.S. Court of Appeals. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics and his doctorate of law from the University of Notre Dame.

Richardson is a prominent public speaker for a variety of associations, including the Missouri Bar Association and Human Resources Management Association of Greater St. Louis, both of which he is a member. He also is an active member of the American Bar Association, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Illinois State Bar Association, Society of Human Resources Managers, Rebuilding Together-Metro St. Louis, Springboard to Learning & Young Audiences of St. Louis, Notre Dame Club of St. Louis, Missouri Athletic Club and Midtown-Clayton Toastmasters.

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