

# 47 Attorneys Are Joining Polsinelli in Major Lateral Move, Expanding Several Key Practices and Launching Polsinelli's Philadelphia Office

**(Aug. 8, 2024)** Am Law 100 firm Polsinelli is pleased to share more details about the group of attorneys that is [joining the firm to establish its new Philadelphia office](#) and expand key practices in other markets. In total, 47 attorneys are joining the firm, with practices ranging from employee benefits and executive compensation, employee stock ownership plans (ESOP), employment litigation, commercial and products liability litigation to mergers and acquisitions, financial services litigation, life sciences and real estate.

Notably, the move creates one of the premier executive compensation and ESOP practices in the country and significantly expands Polsinelli's labor and employment practice and bench strength in different areas of litigation and its market strength in the Northeast and California. The group is deeply embedded in the life sciences, health care, energy and financial services sectors, complementing Polsinelli's existing client and industry focus.

In Philadelphia, 24 attorneys are joining Polsinelli as shareholders, one as counsel and 10 as associates. An additional six shareholders are joining across Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago and New York, along with six associates across Los Angeles, Denver and Dallas. In total, 30 attorneys are joining as shareholders, one as counsel and 16 as associates along with several administrative professionals across different locations.

The group is led by **John D. Martini** who, at his previous firm, served as executive partner of the office and practice group leader for Tax, Benefits & Executive Compensation, and will serve as office managing partner for Philadelphia at Polsinelli and as co-chair of Polsinelli's [Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits Practice](#). Additionally, **Thomas Yoo** was named chair of the newly formed Life Sciences Products Liability Practice Group.

Martini is ranked Band 1 by *Chambers USA* and focuses his practice on advising public companies, private equity firms and management teams in connection with all phases of the employment relationship, including executive compensation, corporate governance and employee benefits. Yoo is ranked nationwide by *Chambers USA* for Product Liability & Mass Torts, and his practice includes a variety of product liability matters and commercial disputes. He has been involved in some of the highest profile mass tort litigations in the country, including appointments to defense leadership roles in federal multidistrict litigations (MDL) and statewide coordinated proceedings.

Martini commented, "It is evident that Polsinelli is clearly on a steep success trajectory, and I am thrilled to join the firm on this exciting path. Polsinelli's collective expertise in financial services, energy, life sciences and real estate is a perfect complement for the talent of our team and the needs of our clients. I have spent a lot of time with the firm's leadership team and individual attorneys, and I can confidently say that this is the right move for us."

**Valerie E. Brown**, who has joined Polsinelli's Commercial Litigation Practice as a shareholder in the new Philadelphia office and has a national labor and employment practice, added: "As the legal industry has evolved, our ability as lawyers to consistently deliver optimal outcomes and superior service for our clients depends increasingly upon our ability to address clients' need in a high-touch manner. Polsinelli's growth

trajectory, collaborative culture and commitment to embracing a nimble business model mirrors our team's guiding principles for the way we practice law."

Sorted by practice and in alphabetical order, the following attorneys are joining Polsinelli as shareholders:

### **Commercial Litigation**

- Valerie E. Brown (Philadelphia)
- James E. DelBello (Philadelphia)
- Adria M. Lamba (Philadelphia)
- Daniel Mateo (Miami)
- Patrick J. McCabe (Philadelphia)
- Nipun J. Patel (Philadelphia)
- Eric Yoon (Philadelphia)

### **Corporate M&A**

- Craig Circosta (Philadelphia)
- Megan Cribbs (Philadelphia)
- Paul J. Jaskot (Philadelphia)
- Travis P. Nelson (Philadelphia)
- Michael R. Peacock (Philadelphia)

### **Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation**

- Kerry L. Halpern-Skoglund (Philadelphia)
- John D. Martini (Office Managing Partner Philadelphia, Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Co-Chair, Philadelphia)
- Ryan C. Meadows (Philadelphia)
- Rachel C. Shim (Philadelphia)
- Cory A. Thomas (Philadelphia)

### **Employment Litigation**

- Sara A. Begley (Philadelphia)
- Dana E. Feinstein (Philadelphia)
- Tina Tellado (Los Angeles)

### **ESOP Transactions & Services**

- Kelly L. Bley (Philadelphia)
- Renee P. Lewis (Chicago)
- David N. Pardys (Philadelphia)
- David A. Surbeck (Philadelphia)

### **Financial Services Litigation**

- Andrew Soven (Philadelphia)

### **Life Sciences Products Liability**

- Amy McVeigh (Philadelphia)
- Sarah T. Tremer (Los Angeles)
- Daniel K. Winters (New York)
- Thomas Yoo (Life Sciences Products Liability Chair, Los Angeles)

#### **Real Estate**

- Marcy Hart (Philadelphia)

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