



Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. Expands Into Ohio

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Dickie, McCamey and Chilcote, PC, Pittsburgh's fifth largest law firm, announced today that its regional expansion is continuing with the firm's entrance into the Ohio market. Dickie, McCamey and Chilcote, a nationally recognized litigation, insurance defense, and corporate law firm, is opening a new office in Steubenville, Ohio, as part of a growth strategy that also includes new offices in Philadelphia and Central New Jersey. The new offices, all opening between June and August of 2000, bring the firm's total to five locations in the eastern United States, including the firm's Wheeling, WV office and Pittsburgh headquarters.

Jeffrey T. Wiley, Managing Director with Dickie, McCamey and Chilcote, announced the move and explained that the firm's westward growth into Ohio comes as the result of significant client input.

"We believe very strongly in communicating with our clients; and, during our discussions we have consistently heard their desire to partner with a law firm that has the ability to handle a multitude of assignments in multiple jurisdictions. Eastern Ohio--along with Philadelphia and Central New Jersey along the Route 1 Corridor--was the next logical step in our growth," Wiley continued.

Attention to client needs was echoed by Richard C. Polley, one of the shareholders leading the new Ohio office. "A significant number of our clients are finding it necessary to consolidate the number of law firms they use in their regional or national operations. The new Ohio office positions Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote to better serve existing clients with business and insurance interests in Ohio. Additionally, we will have the ability to grow the firm not only in Ohio, but regionally as well. It's clearly a win-win situation for our clients and the firm," said Polley.

Five attorneys will comprise the initial compliment of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote's Ohio Group, with additional attorney and support staffing planned to accommodate projected growth:

Melvin F. O'Brien will concentrate in the areas of Medical Malpractice, Insurance Law and Litigation, Products Liability, and Toxic Tort. Mr. O'Brien received his B.A. from Bowling Green State University in 1988; and his J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1994. He is authorized to practice in the states of Ohio and West Virginia, and is a member of the Ohio and West Virginia State Bar associations. Mr. O'Brien has been a resident of Steubenville, Ohio for 33 years.

Christopher J. Gagin will concentrate in the areas of Commercial, Complex and Major Litigation; Corporate and Business Law; Insurance Law and Litigation; and Real Estate. Mr. Gagin received his B.G.S. from the University of Michigan in 1990; and J.D. from the University of Akron in 1993. He is authorized to practice in Ohio, and is a member of the American Bar Association and Ohio State Bar Association. Gagin resides in Steubenville, Ohio.

Richard C. Polley, Shareholder, will concentrate in the areas of Technology Law, Toxic Tort,

Products Liability, General Insurance Law and Litigation, Construction Law, and Commercial, Complex and Major Litigation. Mr. Polley received his B.S. from Allegheny College in 1978; and J.D. from University of Pittsburgh in 1981. He is authorized to practice in the states of Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and is a member of the American, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia Bar associations. He resides in Wexford, Pa.

John T. Pion, Shareholder, will concentrate in Medical Malpractice Defense and Transportation Law, including representation of trucking companies and railroads. Mr. Pion received his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1982; and his J.D. from Duquesne University in 1985. He is authorized to practice in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, and is a member of the District of Columbia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania Bar associations. He resides in Upper St. Clair, Pa.

Brant Miller will concentrate in the areas of Insurance Law and Litigation, Railroad Litigation, Product Liability, Medical Malpractice, Commercial and Complex Litigation, and Real Estate. Mr. Miller received his B.A. in from Washington and Jefferson College in 1995 and his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1998. He is authorized to practice in the states of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Ohio Bar Associations. He resides in McDonald, Pa.

The law firm of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, founded a century ago, provides legal services in the areas of bankruptcy; commercial, complex and major litigation; construction law; corporate and business law; corporate compliance and governance; employment law; environmental law; estates and trusts; health law; insurance law and litigation; product liability; real estate; technology law; telecommunications law; toxic tort; white collar criminal defense and workers' compensation. For further information, call 412-281-7272 or visit Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote's website at www.dmclaw.com.

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