

Two Local Law Firms to Merge

Two longtime Savannah law firms have announced plans to merge their practices on Jan. 1 to form Bouhan + Falligant.

The new firm will combine Bouhan, Williams & Levy, a well-known business and litigation firm that traces its Savannah roots back to 1886, and Inglesby, Falligant, Horne, Courington and Chisholm, an established firm specializing in banking, real estate and bankruptcy law.

The firm will be headquartered at The Armstrong House at 447 Bull St., just north of Forsyth Park.

There will be a lot of history represented in the new firm, but this merger is about looking forward and creating an exciting future, said Danny Falligant, senior partner at Inglesby Falligant.

Combining the strengths of some of Savannah's top attorneys will provide our clients with access to the broadest range of talented legal counsel while maintaining the commitment to integrity and professionalism that has been our hallmark.

Bouhan, Williams & Levy managing partner Lea Holliday will serve as the managing partner at Bouhan + Falligant. Holliday said the legal expertise of lawyers from both firms will fit seamlessly.

Inglesby Falligant will contribute what we consider to be the best group of commercial and residential real estate lawyers in the Southeast, plus an extensive bankruptcy practice, he said.

Our trial lawyers, who are well-known for litigating business disputes and defending malpractice cases, will be complemented by Inglesby Falligant's successful products liability, transportation and family law practices.

As one of Savannah's largest law firms, Bouhan + Falligant will offer general corporate representation, trust and estate planning as well as work in real estate, admiralty, banking, education, intellectual property, employment, bankruptcy, professional malpractice, workers' compensation, environmental, immigration, products liability, transportation, construction and family law.

More than two-thirds of the partners in Bouhan + Falligant have been recognized as Georgia "Super Lawyers"® and "Rising Stars"® by the Thomson Reuters rating service.

Georgia Trend magazine also has recognized more than half of the new firm's lawyers as "Legal Elite" in their respective fields of practice.

Bouhan Williams & Levy has earned a "first tier" ranking among U.S. News and World Report's "Best Law Firms" in admiralty, commercial and personal injury litigation.

The associate ranks at Bouhan Williams are full of rising stars, said Falligant. That firm has produced some of the finest lawyers in Savannah for many years. We've observed their exceptional team from the other side of the table and now can look forward to being on the same side.

Both firms share a strong legacy of community involvement, a tradition that will continue at the new firm, Falligant said.

Holliday said both firms will have a busy several weeks as they coordinate office renovations, oversee technology integration and launch a new website.

We are developing plans to add conference rooms and redecorate the lobby, Holliday said. It will be exciting for all of these talented, highly productive lawyers to practice together under one roof.

About Bouhan + Falligant:

Headquartered at 447 Bull Street in downtown Savannah, Bouhan + Falligant will offer expertise in general corporate representation, trust and estate planning as well as real estate, admiralty, banking, education, intellectual property, employment, bankruptcy, professional malpractice, workers' compensation, environmental, immigration, products liability, transportation, construction and family law.

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