

Two of Savannah's Top Law Firms Announce Merger

Two major Savannah law firms have officially announced plans to merge on Jan. 1, 2013, forming Bouhan + Falligant.

The new law firm will combine the strengths of Bouhan, Williams & Levy, a well-known business and litigation firm tracing its Savannah roots back to 1886, and Inglesby, Falligant, Horne, Courington & Chisholm, a successful firm specializing in banking, real estate, and bankruptcy law. The firm will be headquartered at The Armstrong House, located 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, bringing extensive experience to his new position. Holliday believes 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 explained. 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 excellence in real estate, admiralty, banking, education, intellectual property, employment, bankruptcy, professional malpractice, workers' compensation, environmental, immigration, products liability, transportation, construction and family law.

The firm's attorneys feature an impressive range of experience and expertise for new and existing business entities, non-profit organizations and estates in transactional and adversarial matters. The firm combines veteran attorneys with rising lawyers, all of whom share a commitment to providing clients with exceptional legal representation.

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 has recognized over 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 which will continue at Bouhan + Falligant.

Our overriding philosophy has been to help others succeed, from our clients to the civic organizations we assist, said Falligant. We know our new partners from Bouhan Williams share that philosophy. Plans are already underway to make the transition as smooth as possible as the two law firms strategically merge, combining attorneys, staff and resources.

It will be busy several weeks as we coordinate office renovations, oversee technology integration and launch a new website, said Holliday. We are developing plans to add conference rooms and redecorate the lobby. 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 St. in downtown Savannah, Bouhan+Falligant will serve as one of the city's largest and most accomplished law firms. The firm's expertise will include 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. The attorneys at Bouhan + Falligant have a strong commitment to clients and to the community, offering exceptional legal counsel defined by integrity and professionalism. For more information, call 912-232-7000 or visit www.bouhan.com.

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