

Seyfarth Shaw Bolsters Benefits Practice in Atlanta

ATLANTA (April 27, 2012) — Leading law firm Seyfarth Shaw LLP announced today that Nicole D. Bogard has joined as a partner in the firm’s Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Department in the Atlanta office. Bogard was previously with a boutique employee benefits law firm.

With more than 17 years of experience in the health and welfare benefits arena, Bogard regularly represents clients with matters before the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services, and she has represented employers on numerous health and welfare employee benefit compliance issues including COBRA administration, HRAs and HSAs. She has experience counseling clients on the design, implementation and day-to-day operations of health and welfare plans, flexible benefits plans, wellness and severance programs and Voluntary Employee Benefits Associations. She has also advised clients on compliance issues with regard to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Internal Revenue Code and Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

“I look forward to enhancing my client relationships with the greater range of services in the Seyfarth Atlanta office, in conjunction with the firm’s broad, national platform,” said Bogard. “Seyfarth has one of the nation’s largest and most diverse Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation practices, which is incredibly attractive to my clients affected by the waves of new benefits legislation and regulation affecting them. I’m thrilled to be joining a team with the depth of experience to address more of my current clients’ needs while continuing to build my practice.”

“Nicole is a well-respected attorney within the employee benefits legal industry with a great reputation in the Atlanta community,” said Peter Miller, Seyfarth Shaw Chair of the Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Department. “A natural leader, Nicole will be a key player in our Atlanta Benefits department as well as throughout our national teams as part of our multi-disciplinary group. We are delighted to have her on board to bolster our presence locally and nationally.”

“It is hard to imagine a better cultural fit than Nicole,” said Steve Kennedy, Seyfarth’s Atlanta Office Managing Partner. “She has an engaging and friendly manner, and she is an accomplished lawyer who operates in a very team-based way with partners and associates alike, which is a perfect match with how we work both with our clients and across offices and practices.”

Bogard received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from the Marquette University Law School, *cum laude*. She is admitted to the Georgia Bar, Florida Bar, Michigan Bar and Wisconsin Bar.

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