



ROETZEL'S AKRON OFFICE ADDS 11 ATTORNEYS

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Roetzel & Andress LPA, Akron's oldest and largest law firm, is pleased to announce the addition of 11 attorneys to its Akron office. The new lawyers have joined the firm over the course of the last few months, with the largest contingent arriving on January 1, 2016. They represent clients in a number of practice areas, including corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, medical defense, real estate, transportation, product liability, environmental law, and energy, oil, and gas development in the Utica Shale region.

The attorneys joining Roetzel are Partners David J. Wigham and Timothy B. Pettorini, Of Counsel attorneys John A. Heer and Lucas K. Palmer, along with Associates Sara E. Fanning, J. Benjamin Fraifogl, Kelsey Krull, Megan M. Millich, Connie A. Porter, Amanda L. Pry, and Nicholas P. Resetar.

"We are delighted to expand our services in Akron with the addition of these very skilled attorneys," Roetzel Chairman and CEO **Jeffrey J. Casto** said. "Each of them brings to the firm expertise in a number of practice areas, a set of exceptional legal skills, and a client-focused commitment to excellence."

Mr. Casto further noted that the significant growth in Roetzel's Akron office was undertaken in response to demands from clients requesting the greater depth and expertise necessary to service their increasingly sophisticated legal needs. The hiring of these additional lawyers will allow the firm to better serve clients on a local level, while continuing to provide a full spectrum of legal services through its collaborative practice model involving more than 170 lawyers in 13 offices.

"Expansion in Akron makes sense on a number of levels, not the least of which is the opportunity that we have to grow right along with the city and business community where Roetzel got its start," said Casto.

Bradley A. Wright, Partner-in-Charge of Roetzel's Akron office, explained that Roetzel's growth in Akron is consistent with the firm's commitment to the City of Akron and the Northeast Ohio region.

"Roetzel has been a part of Akron and its business community for well over a century," remarked Wright. "Roetzel and its attorneys have assumed leadership roles in our community for decades, having served as law directors, elected public officials, and on the boards of many local institutions and charities. We look forward to continuing that tradition for many years to come. We are dedicated to this city and are focused on moving forward with our clients, community partners, and friends."

The firm will continue to focus on growth opportunities in Akron, including attracting other prominent, seasoned attorneys with a commitment to the Greater Akron area.

