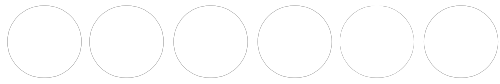


New Roetzel & Andress chairman named

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Law firm
Roetzel &
Andress for
the first time
has a
chairman who
is not based
at its Akron
headquarters.

Robert E.
Blackham,
previously
partner-in-
charge in
Cleveland and

National Practice Group chair, was named
chairman, succeeding Jeffrey J. Casto.

"I am looking forward to continuing the progress and growth of the firm through my position as chairman," Blackham said in a news release. He and Casto worked together the past year to ensure a smooth transition, the firm said in a news release.

Casto, who had been chairman for five years, will remain a partner at Roetzel in the Business & Commercial Litigation group.

The firm's board also elected two new members:

- Denise M. Hasbrook, partner-in-charge of Toledo and partner, Labor & Employment Practice Group, Toledo.
- Ronald S. Kopp, administrative partner, and partner, Business Litigation Practice Group, Akron.

Continuing as board members are:

- Lewis E. Adkins Jr., Cleveland.

- David P. Barker, Orlando, Fla.
- Brian J. Moore, Akron.
- Mark J. Price, Naples, Fla.
- Douglas E. Spiker, Cleveland.