

## Roetzel & Andress and Brouse McDowell Announce Strategic Expansion with Addition of Brouse McDowell Attorneys

**AKRON, Ohio** (August 22, 2024) — Roetzel & Andress, a Legal Professional Association, and Brouse McDowell, a Legal Professional Association, two of Akron's oldest and most respected law firms, are pleased to announce we have reached an agreement for a strategic expansion through Roetzel's hiring of 43 attorneys from Brouse McDowell. This move will create one of the most comprehensive legal service providers in the region, and will significantly strengthen Roetzel's corporate and transactional, real estate, health care, bankruptcy and restructuring, employment, and litigation practice groups.

Roetzel, founded in 1876, and Brouse McDowell, established in 1918, bring together centuries of combined history and experience in providing exceptional legal services. The integration of these experienced attorneys, effective October 1, 2024, will enhance Roetzel's ability to deliver high-quality legal counsel across a broad spectrum of practice areas.

### Key Benefits of the Expansion:

- **Expanded Expertise:** The addition will enhance the firm's capabilities in the areas of corporate and transactional law, real estate, health care, bankruptcy and restructuring, employment, and litigation, providing clients with deeper expertise and broader resources.
- **Increased Capacity:** With the addition of 43 Brouse McDowell attorneys, Roetzel will be better positioned to meet the growing needs of the clients of both firms and continue to offer excellent service in complex legal matters.
- **Client-Centric Approach:** Both firms share a client-first philosophy, and the acquisition will allow for a more integrated and collaborative approach to client service, ensuring continuity and stability.
- **Expanded Geographic Reach:** The strategic expansion will add two of Brouse McDowell's office locations in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and Youngstown, Ohio, to Roetzel's network, bringing the total number of office locations to 15 and further extending Roetzel's regional presence.

### Statements from Managing Partners:

"We are thrilled to welcome the Brouse McDowell attorneys to our team. This expansion represents a significant step forward in our strategic growth plan, enhancing our ability to serve clients with even greater expertise and resources," said Robert E. Blackham, Chairman of Roetzel & Andress. "Our combined firm will be uniquely positioned to provide comprehensive legal solutions across multiple practice areas."

"While looking for a strategic partner, we were focused on finding a firm with a similar culture, a shared focus on client service, and a true commitment for the communities we serve," said Daniel K. Glessner, Managing Partner of Brouse McDowell. "We could not have found a better fit than Roetzel."

### **About Roetzel**

Roetzel is a full-service law firm with offices located throughout Ohio and Florida, and in Chicago. The firm provides comprehensive legal services to national and international corporations, closely held and family-run businesses, institutions, organizations, and individuals. For more information, visit [www.ralaw.com](http://www.ralaw.com).

### **About Brouse McDowell**

Brouse McDowell is a full-service business law firm with the talent, diverse experience, and national reach of a large firm. With more than 100 years of history, the firm has a long tradition of delivering sophisticated legal counsel to clients that range from sole proprietorships to the nation's largest corporations. For more information, <http://www.brouse.com>.