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## Jackson Lewis Adds 15 From St. Louis Employment Firm

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Law360, Los Angeles (January 2, 2018, 8:16 PM EST) -- Jackson Lewis PC kicked off the new year with 15 new attorneys, picking up nearly every lawyer from St. Louis-based Lowenbaum Law to bolster its capabilities in serving corporate, municipal and utility clients in employment and labor law matters, the firm said Tuesday.

R. Michael Lowenbaum and 14 of the 17 other attorneys who'd previously practiced at the employment law firm that bore his name are all joining Jackson Lewis, bringing their experience advising and representing clients in union organizing campaigns, labor negotiations, arbitrations and litigation, according to the firm.

The Lowenbaum team helps solidify Jackson Lewis' presence in St. Louis and its surrounding business community, Jessica Liss, managing principal of the firm's St. Louis office, said in a statement Tuesday.

"The new attorneys, all of whom are known for providing proactive, responsive counsel to help employers achieve long-term business goals, will be a significant asset to our office and the firm as a whole," she said. "Their skills complement those of our existing roster of attorneys, and I couldn't be happier to welcome them."

Lowenbaum himself said that joining Jackson Lewis expands his ability to serve his clients.

"We were drawn to the firm's commitment to innovation and diversity, and look forward to utilizing Jackson Lewis' deep network of attorneys and practice groups spread throughout the country to continue to serve our clients in the same efficient, effective manner to which they are accustomed," Lowenbaum said in the statement.

The new additions to Jackson Lewis' roster have experience representing clients across the country in matters before the National Labor Relations Board and state equivalents, federal and state equal employment opportunity agencies, and employment litigation and employment practice counseling, the firm said. The lawyers have worked on issues as wide-ranging as discrimination accusations, wage-and-hour disputes, breach of contract allegations and insurance matters, Jackson Lewis said.

Two Lowenbaum lawyers who didn't jump to Jackson Lewis are instead joining The Wagner Law Group, an employee benefits and Employee Retirement Income Security Act-focused firm, in its St. Louis office, according to a press release from that firm.

Dannae L. Delano and Ivan L. Schraeder joined Wagner, bringing their experience in benefits counseling and litigation defense, joining fellow former Lowenbaum partner Thomas E. Clark, who came to Wagner in early 2015, the firm said.

"Our St. Louis office has quickly established itself as a crucial part of the firm," Marcia S. Wagner, managing director of Wagner Law Group, said in a statement on Tuesday.

Representatives for the two firms didn't immediately respond to requests for additional comment on Tuesday.

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