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## **KUTAK ROCK ACCELERATES GROWTH IN STATE**

### **Addition of Six Experienced Lawyers Boosts Legal Service Capabilities**

Kutak Rock LLP, a national law firm with a growing Arkansas presence, has announced the addition of several new attorneys in the firm's Little Rock and Northwest Arkansas offices. The firm has hired **J. Phillip Malcom**, **David L. Williams**, **W.A. McCormick** and **Emily A. Lackey-Neal** to open its litigation practice in the Little Rock office, which has traditionally focused on corporate and securities law and public finance. The northwest Arkansas office, based in Fayetteville, has added depth in the areas of corporate and real estate transactions, and litigation, with the hiring of **Terry W. Pool** and **W. Douglas Martin**. The firm attracted Malcom, Williams and Lackey-Neal from other Little Rock firms, while McCormick is the former Chief Deputy Prosecutor for Pulaski County. Pool, with Arkansas ties, was attracted from a national law firm in Dallas, Texas, and Martin, originally from Fayetteville, has been practicing in Nashville, Tennessee. With the new additions, Kutak Rock now has 26 lawyers in Arkansas.

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Gordon Wilbourn, a partner of the firm in the Little Rock office, said the establishment of a litigation practice in Little Rock fulfills a longstanding strategic goal of Kutak Rock. “The Little Rock office represents a number of major clients in general corporate and corporate finance matters,” Wilbourn pointed out, “and we have long needed to offer these clients litigation services. The new people that have joined the firm can deliver the outstanding services that our corporate clients expect and deserve.”

With respect to the new Fayetteville lawyers, Wilbourn said they represent the continuing growth that office has experienced. “We are continuing to add seasoned lawyers in northwest Arkansas because our clients increasingly require a level of experience and expertise not otherwise available in that market.

**Little Rock**

With over 29 years of experience, Phil Malcom brings to Kutak Rock a reputation of the highest caliber and a large portfolio of litigation business. A 1975 graduate of Southern Methodist University – Dedman School of Law, his principal concentration is in medical malpractice and pharmaceutical product liability defense. “Kutak Rock is a great firm to work for,” Malcom said. “It gives us the support we need to provide the best possible service for our clients.”

Like Malcom, David Williams, who has been practicing for 26 years, is one of Arkansas’s premier litigation lawyers. A 1978 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, he represents a number of large corporations in a broad range of business litigation matters. His litigation experience includes multi-state class actions, product liability claims, franchise and distribution disputes and matters related to banking, antitrust and securities. Williams said,

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“Kutak Rock’s breadth and depth of resources is a unique asset for Arkansas litigation clients, and the cooperation I get from colleagues here is exceptional. I have the support base of a national firm, with more than 80 litigators in a network of offices across the country. That kind of strength is a great selling point for clients.”

McCormick, a 1987 graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law, comes to Kutak Rock with 16 years of experience serving as a prosecuting attorney with Pulaski County and supervising a staff of 44 lawyers. The firm expects him to transition well from a criminal prosecution environment to defending clients in civil actions. He will work closely with Malcom, mostly on medical malpractice and pharmaceutical liability cases.

Lackey-Neal, a 2003 graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law and a second-year litigator, comes to the firm after working with another firm in Little Rock that focused on litigation defense. She expects to work primarily with Malcom, but will assist with other litigation matters as needed.

**Northwest Arkansas**

Wilbourn said Terry Pool’s experience serving major corporate clients in corporate and real estate transactions makes him a perfect fit for Kutak Rock’s clientele in northwest Arkansas. Pool earned his law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1994, and is licensed to practice law in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, as well as being a certified public accountant in Oklahoma. Pool has extensive experience in a broad range of transactional matters, focusing primarily on corporate and commercial real estate transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, residential and retail developments, lending, equity finance and taxation. “My career has afforded me the opportunity to represent many national and regional

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corporate and real estate concerns throughout the United States, and I feel privileged to bring my practice to northwest Arkansas with a firm of such national prominence as Kutak Rock,” Pool said. Like Pool, Doug Martin also graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law, and he practiced in Fayetteville for about a year after his 1997 graduation before moving his practice to Nashville, Tennessee. He has six years of experience representing clients in a range of business litigation matters as well as arbitration and mediation proceedings. Wilbourn said Martin brings excellent skills and solid experience to Kutak Rock and will add expertise to a busy litigation practice in the northwest Arkansas office.

Kutak Rock LLP’s more than 325 lawyers conduct a diversified practice in corporate law and corporate finance, litigation, public finance, real estate, health care, securitization, banking, bankruptcy, insurance, technology law, antitrust, environmental law, and employment and employee benefits law from offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Des Moines, Fayetteville, Irvine, Kansas City, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Pasadena, Richmond, Scottsdale, Washington, D.C. and Wichita.

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