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# Five New Shareholders Appointed at Sandberg Phoenix

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On November 1, five members of Sandberg Phoenix assumed their new roles as shareholders, named to their position for their outstanding legal abilities and commitment to client service. Formerly associates or counsels with the firm, the new shareholders for the 2016 fiscal year are:

## Thomas Addis

A member of the Business practice group, Tom's areas of practice span general business law, including business transactions such as mergers and acquisitions, buy-sell arrangements, drafting and negotiating terms of a multitude of documents related to the sale of stock or assets as well as real estate, contract law, general corporate law and commercial law. Tom also represents financial institutions with regulatory compliance, loan documentation, workouts and product development. He has extensive litigation experience representing financial institutions and defending certified public accountants in accounting malpractice suits.

## Nicole Larch

As a member of the Health Law practice group, Nicole focuses her practice on medical malpractice defense for physicians, hospitals and long-term care and nursing homes. She has also defended cases involving products and premises liability. Nicole has successfully represented physicians and hospitals in all aspects of litigation, including investigation, discovery and motion practice in medical malpractice and wrongful death trials.

## Stephen Murphy

Steve focuses his practice in the areas of business litigation and insurance law, primarily coverage and bad faith, and has handled all phases of litigation, from claim investigation, commencing litigation, discovery, motions for summary judgment, mediation and trial. He has also successfully resolved cases through arbitration. Steve routinely authors featured articles for the Sandberg Phoenix Insurance Coverage E-Newsletter, which keeps him abreast of new developments in Missouri and Illinois insurance law.

**Sara Obermark**

Sara focuses her practice primarily on medical malpractice litigation and business litigation. Handling health law matters including state board disciplinary proceedings, professional liability and medical malpractice cases, Sara works with hospitals, physicians, nurses, health and wellness centers, home health agencies and long-term care and senior living facilities. She is also highly experienced in business litigation matters, working with many small- and medium-sized enterprises on breach of contract actions, personal injury, premises liability and homeowner & condo association issues.

**Nick Van Deven**

Formerly serving the firm as counsel, Nick handles a variety of litigation matters at both the trial and appellate levels in Missouri, Illinois and the federal system. Most of those matters have a real estate component. Nick litigates disputes concerning commercial and residential real estate, title insurance, construction contracts and mechanic's liens, construction disbursing, land partition, municipal liability, premises liability, corporate governance, trusts, trade secrets, unfair competition, creditor's rights, collections and land tax disputes.

As shareholders, these individuals will continue to provide expert legal counsel to their clients, while having a greater responsibility to direct the activities of the firm and guide it to further success.