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PHELPS DUNBAR EXPANDS TUPELO LITIGATION PRACTICE WITH NEW PARTNER



TUPELO, Miss. – Phelps Dunbar LLP is pleased to announce that Mark N. Halbert has joined its Tupelo, Mississippi office as a partner practicing in the area of litigation with a focus on employment law.

Mr. Halbert has more than 20 years of litigation experience, with extensive experience in employment litigation, tort claims, commercial litigation and estate disputes. He represents management in a variety of employment matters including employment discrimination claims, wrongful termination, fair labor standards and practices, and employment policies.

He also represents business clients in contract negotiations, breach of contract claims, non-competition and non-solicitation clauses, and lease disputes. Mr. Halbert's tort litigation work includes premises liability claims, trucking accidents and malicious prosecution. He has extensive experience in chancery court matters involving will contests, breach of fiduciary duty and general probate disputes.

He is licensed to practice law in Mississippi and Arkansas, and he has litigated cases in state and federal courts, including appeals to the Fifth and Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Court of Federal Claims.

Mr. Halbert earned his J.D., with honors, in 1996 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law and his bachelor's degree in public administration from Harding University in 1991.

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