## Phillips Murrah expands into **Dallas**

Oklahoma City-based law firm Phillips Murrah announces it has opened an office in Dallas with the addition of Director Mark the Golman t o Firm. Golman, who is leading the expansion efforts south of the Red River, focuses his practice on the purchase and sale of businesses and assets, the negotiation long-term supply agreements and financing arrangements, corporate counseling, and bankruptcy



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insolvency-related matters.

"The opportunity to practice with an entrepreneurial firm in a structure that allows me to provide clients with top-notch services at lower rates was very attractive," he said. "The fact that I have long-term relationships with many of my new colleagues only added to my interest in opening a Dallas office for Phillips Murrah."

Golman, a partner at Strasburger & Price for the prior 20 years, joined Phillips Murrah at the time of his prior firm's recent merger with a national firm. His background includes as lateral hiring partner for 18 years serving

intermittently as CMO at his previous firm, skills that he brings to the new Dallas office as Phillips Murrah seeks to grow through lateral additions in litigation, employment and real estate. His joining Phillips Murrah was preceded by a decade-long working relationship through a common membership in ALFA International.



Mark Golman

"Expanding into Dallas fits perfectly with our overall growth strategy," said <u>Thomas G. Wolfe</u>, Phillips Murrah's President and Managing Partner. "Dallas is a true growth market whose economic base is large and diversified. The opportunities in Dallas have been recognized across the nation."

Determining factors in Phillips Murrah's decision to enter the Dallas legal market include Golman's joining the firm as well as proximity of the two markets and existing client relationships.

<u>Dawn M. Rahme</u>, a member of the Firm's Executive Committee, said, "We have significant clients in the Dallas area, including some that overlap with those Mark brings to the Firm. Additionally, a number of our Oklahoma City-based lawyers are licensed to practice in Texas and maintain strong relationships there."

Shannon K. Emmons, also a member of the Firm's Executive

Committee and Co-Chair of the firm's Labor and Employment Practice, added "With an office in Dallas, we will be able to enhance relationships with existing clients while also growing our footprint and client base in Texas."