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Wiggin and Dana Announces the Addition of a New Litigator to Labor, Employment and Benefits Practice Group



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Wiggin and Dana is pleased to announce it has expanded its Labor, Employment and Benefits practice group with the addition of Mary Gambardella, a former partner at Epstein, Becker & Green. Ms. Gambardella joins Wiggin and Dana as a partner in its Stamford office. A seasoned litigator, Ms. Gambardella will continue to represent clients in a broad range of industries, including banking and financial institutions, manufacturing, pharmaceutical, entertainment, marketing and market research, sales and insurance on matters that are regional and national in scope.

"We are thrilled that Mary has joined our firm. She is an excellent lawyer who has incredible experience with employment litigation and will help the firm strengthen and expand that practice area", said Wiggin and Dana's Chair, Maureen Weaver.

Ms. Gambardella regularly represents clients in litigation before state and federal courts, administrative agencies, and regulatory bodies involving all aspects of employment law, including class actions and individual discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful discharge, wage/hour, and employment contract claim cases. Ms. Gambardella also advises management with respect to employee handbooks and policies, severance packages, reductions in force, sensitive employee terminations, management and human resource training, internal investigations, and wage/hour audits and investigations.

Ms. Gambardella is the author of Employment Litigation, part of the Employment Law series published by Law Journal Press. She also authored *Another Victory for the Consumer: Hinchiffe v. American Motors Corp.*, 3 Bridgeport L. Rev. 381 (1982). In addition, Ms. Gambardella has been co-instructor for Federal Publications biannual Employment Law Seminars. A frequent lecturer on employment law topics, Ms. Gambardella recently served on the faculty for Sterling Education Services, where she participated in a presentation entitled *Connecticut Wage & Hour Laws and FLSA Update*.

Ms. Gambardella graduated cum laude from Albertus Magnus College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1980 and earned her Juris Doctorate *cum laude* from University of Bridgeport School of Law in 1983. She is a member of the Defense Research Institute's Trial Tactics Committee. She is admitted in to practice in Connecticut and New York. In addition to her formal bar and court admissions, she has litigated in a number of other

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states, and has been admitted *pro hac vice* in federal courts in such states, including Indiana, Minnesota, Texas, and Virginia.

About the Wiggin and Dana Labor, Employment and Benefits Practice Group Our labor, employment and benefits lawyers provide prompt and comprehensive legal services to a wide range of employers. Our goal is to be valuable partners to our clients, carefully guiding management through the maze of increasingly complex labor and employment laws and regulations that face our business clients today. We represent companies in all sizes, from the large, multi-state corporation to the small start-up business, in a wide array of industries, including manufacturing, biotechnology, health care, utilities, banking, construction, financial services, insurance, retail, publishing and education.

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