

Greenberg Traurig Opens New Minneapolis Office

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Law360 (February 4, 2019, 4:36 PM EST) -- Greenberg Traurig LLP has opened a new office in Minneapolis with three DLA Piper lawyers, marking the firm's 30th location in the U.S., the firm announced Monday.

The managing shareholder is finance and restructuring attorney Michael B. Fisco, who is joined by newly hired shareholders Michael M. Krauss and Arleen A. Nand, the firm said.

"Greenberg Traurig is business-minded and entrepreneurial — a perfect fit for our team and clients," Fisco said in a statement. "We are excited to spearhead the firm's expansion in Minneapolis and become an integral part of the Twin Cities' community."

The core capabilities of the new office, Greenberg Traurig's 39th globally, include commodities and structured finance, restructuring and bankruptcy, corporate trust and structured products litigation, finance and financial services litigation and agribusiness, according to the firm website.

Greenberg Traurig CEO Brian Duffy told Law360 the firm chose Minnesota because of the state's roster of Fortune 500 companies, and the region because it aligns with Greenberg Traurig's focus on business, innovation, diversity, quality of life and serving the community.

Previously, there had been a "glaring omission" in the firm's U.S. footprint, said Duffy, adding that the plan to open the new office had been in the works for at least seven years. He expects the firm will eventually expand the office to be full-service.

For now, Fisco, Krauss and Nand have joined from the local office of DLA Piper.

"These three as our founders fit nicely into the core practices of the firm, but our expectation would be that we continue to grow that office over the coming months and years," Duffy said.



Michael B. Fisco



Michael M. Krauss



Arleen A. Nand

Fisco focuses his practice on corporate debt restructurings, bankruptcy and related litigation matters, representing indenture trustees, corporations and investment funds in distressed debt restructurings across the country. He also counsels clients on finance and insolvency matters in Asia, South America and the United Kingdom.

Krauss, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, advises banks, institutional trustees and investors on residential mortgage-backed securities litigation and actions alleging breach of trust. He also represents clients in fraud suits and related government investigations. Previously, as a prosecutor, Krauss tried multiple cases to verdict and argued more than 10 appeals before the Second Circuit.

Nand, who served as the U.S. Head of Agricultural Finance for DLA Piper, has represented banks, corporations, cooperatives and private equity firms with more than \$25 billion in cross-border and domestic leveraged financed transactions. She counsels clients on all aspects of commodities finance throughout the production, processing and distribution value chain, and also represents clients on transactions involving various domestic and foreign collateral issues.

Greenberg Traurig currently has more than 2,000 lawyers spread throughout the U.S., Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Asia. In 2017, the year it turned 50, Greenberg Traurig topped Law360's list of the largest U.S. law firms, capping off decades of steady growth by ousting Jones Day from the No. 1 spot.

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