

**MORGAN LEWIS EXPANDS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PRACTICE –
OPENS DALLAS OFFICE AND EXPANDS CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES OFFICES**

Effective September 13, 2004, eight partners joined Morgan Lewis from Jenkens & Gilchrist, a major national law firm. The expansion increases Morgan Lewis presence across the nation, with the opening of a Dallas office, while also strengthening our Employee Benefits, Executive Compensation, Business Finance and Litigation Practices. In particular, our new partners bring with them superior knowledge and skills regarding employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) matters.

John A. Kober, Riva T. Johnson, and Erin K. Turley form the foundation of Morgan Lewis' new **Dallas** office, while **David Ackerman, Theodore M. Becker, Brian D. Hector and Elizabeth S. Perdue** join our growing **Chicago** office. Each of these lawyers has significant experience in various facets of ESOP transactions and with matters related to ERISA litigation, securities laws, and qualified and non-qualified retirement plans, stock options, 401(k), health and welfare and Keogh plans. They have represented companies, selling shareholders, banks, venture funds, private equity investors and fiduciaries, and have significant experience in legislative and regulatory compliance. In addition to handling ESOP and benefits litigation, Mr. Becker also has a broad-based commercial litigation practice.

Scott Adamson also joins Morgan Lewis and will be resident in our **Los Angeles** office. Mr. Adamson focuses his practice primarily on representing privately held and publicly traded companies in complex corporate transactions. Mr. Adamson also advises technology and emerging growth companies and routinely advises clients on corporate aspects of ESOP transactions.

In addition to these eight partners, six associates and two paralegals will join Morgan Lewis in Dallas and Chicago.

Please join Morgan Lewis in welcoming these new attorneys to the firm. More information on the Labor and Employment Law Practice Group can be found on www.morganlewis.com. Contact information for each attorney is listed below.

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