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Parsons Behle Adds Commercial Litigation, **Employment Atty**

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Law360 (November 16, 2022, 4:14 PM EST) -- Parsons Behle & Latimer PC announced that it expanded its commercial litigation and employment practices in Nevada with the hire of a Reno-based shareholder from area firm McDonald Carano Wilson LLP.

Sarah Ferguson joined Parsons Behle on Monday, after spending a little over five years with McDonald Carano. She also spent three and a half years with Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP in New York City, before returning to her hometown of Reno to start a family.

Ferguson told Law360 on Wednesday that she chose to join Parsons Behle because of the people she met and management's overall approach of running the firm.



Sarah Ferguson

"I was really impressed by the attorneys I met here and in Salt Lake City, with both the quality of their practice and their friendly approach to running their business," she said. "They also have a transparent approach to their business, and they take the value of the people at the firm very seriously."

A graduate of New York Law School, Ferguson splits her practice between commercial litigation and employment matters, in which she represents companies from industries such as aerospace, mining, energy, financial services and pharmaceuticals.

"They're looking to expand their employment practice here in Nevada," she said. "Getting one up and running, expanding it and bringing it to our clients here was really exciting to me."

Along with her litigation and employment practice, Ferguson has also represented a wide range of pro bono clients including New York residents suing a landlord over a building fire, Nevada children in family court and incarcerated Nevada residents.

She also serves as a board member of the Lilley Museum at the University of Nevada, Reno, and as the vice president of the board of directors of Northern Nevada Legal Aid.

"Sarah brings to Parsons Behle & Latimer's Reno office a decade of experience in complex commercial litigation and employment law," said office managing shareholder Michael R. Kealy in a statement. "She is a talented, driven and respected lawyer. We are proud to have her join our Nevada team and contribute to the excellence we strive to maintain as we represent our clients."

In June, Parsons Behle made a major hire in Utah, merging with the local firm Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough PC, which added 31 attorneys and an office in Park City, Utah, to its operations in the state.

Parsons Behle currently has over 180 attorneys across its eight offices in Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Utah, according to the firm's website.

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