

Haynes Boone's New Virginia Office Receives Widespread Coverage

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Various news outlets have covered the news of 19 lawyers from Smith Pachter McWhorter joining Haynes Boone and quoted the firm's Managing Partner [Taylor Wilson](#).

Below are excerpts of the articles:

[Law360 – Haynes Boone Opens Va. Office with 19 Attys from Local Firm:](#)

In an interview Tuesday, Taylor Wilson, Haynes Boone's managing partner, said all active attorneys at Smith Pachter, which also specializes in white collar defense and investigations, were joining Haynes Boone.

"We have worked with a number of them for quite some time on multiple matters in the past," Wilson said. "I have a great deal of respect for them and the expertise that they have in the government contract areas and construction law and white-collar law."

"This was a great opportunity for our firm to grow our presence in the Washington, D.C., area and to do so by adding and building a leading practice in this area," he added.

[Reuters – Law Firm Tie-Ups Continue with Haynes Boone Combination:](#)

The move brings Haynes Boone to about 650 total lawyers, said Taylor Wilson, the firm's managing partner. He said all of Smith Pachter McWhorter's active lawyers will join the firm.

Wilson said the firm sees the addition as an opportunity to grow its presence in the Washington, D.C., area and strengthen the government contracts practice.

[Bloomberg Law – Haynes Boone Adds 19 Government Contract Lawyers in Va.:](#)

Haynes Boone has added 19 lawyers from Northern Virginia government contracting law firm Smith Pachter McWhorter, the firm said Tuesday.

SPM focuses on government contracts, construction, and white-collar law, Haynes Boone said. The lawyers joining Haynes Boone include Kathryn Griffin, SPM's managing partner, who represents builders, engineers, and technology companies in disputes with the federal government.

The group will work from SPM's current location in Tysons, Va., establishing a new Northern Virginia outpost for Haynes Boone, the firm said.

[Texas Lawyer – Haynes Boone Adds Northern Virginia Office with 19 Lawyers from Boutique:](#)

Haynes Boone Managing Partner Taylor Wilson said in an interview that the firm has had multiple clients in the past that have issues or needs relating to government contracts, and adding the Smith Pachter team grows the firm's capability in an area that matches up nicely with the firm's existing practice.

"We are delighted to find it in the Washington, D.C. area," he said.

Haynes Boone lawyers have in the past worked with Smith Pachter lawyers on multiple matters, he said.

"We are bullish on the idea of this group," he said.

[The Texas Lawbook – Haynes Boone Opens Virginia Outpost:](#)

Haynes Boone announced Tuesday that it has expanded to Virginia by adding 19 lawyers from Smith Pachter McWhorter PLC, a firm with expertise in government contracts, construction and white-collar law.

With the combination, Dallas-based Haynes Boone has established its 15th office. Leslie Thorne, head of the firm's litigation department, said in a statement the move "positions Haynes Boone for further growth in 2023."