

STEPTOE OPENS EIGHTH OFFICE IN CHICAGO



Step toe enhanced its national litigation practice on January 2, 2007, with the opening of a new office in Chicago. The firm is pleased to welcome nine new partners (**Richard Agin, Christopher Barber, Gary Garner, Nancy Hendrickson, Elissa Isaacs, Peter Meyer, Stephen O'Donnell, Daryl Schumacher, and Jonathan Silverman**), three new associates (**Katherine Helzer, Givonna Long, and Mack Reed**), with plans to add more, and several staff members who will be resident in the office.

“With the addition of this group we will have instant critical mass in Chicago,” said **Roger Warin**, Steptoe’s Chairman.

The Chicago group brings with them a wealth of experience in the financial services and insurance industries. The group will also work closely with Steptoe’s London Office on transatlantic insurance, insurance litigation, and arbitration.

This is the eighth office for Steptoe, following the successful launch of Century City in July 2006. The integration of the Chicago office will be coordinated by litigation partner, **Steven Davidson** and employment partner, **Paul Mickey**, both currently based in Washington.

STEPTOE ADDS LOBBYING PRACTICE

The Scott Group, made up of eight accomplished attorneys and professionals in public policy, joined Steptoe on January 1, 2007. The Scott Group has a balanced, bipartisan, and broadly based government affairs practice. Several of the members have extensive Congressional experience as either elected representatives or committee staff members.

“The addition of the Scott Group will enhance the public policy representations that we can offer our clients and put us in the elite group of top government relations practitioners in Washington,” said **Roger Warin**.

The Scott Group has successfully represented clients in a variety of industries, including financial services, telecommunications, energy, and healthcare.

Scott Group members joining Steptoe as partners are **Scott Sinder, Timothy Columbus, James Barnette, and Douglas Kantor**. **John Fielding** joins as counsel. Former Congressman, **Thomas Bliley, Suzie Brewster, and Leslie Belcher** join as senior advisors for government relations.

