



Gfeller Laurie LLP is pleased to announce the expansion of its footprint in the Northeast by opening a new office in Rutland, VT and adding partners Thomas P. Aicher and Kaveh S. Shahi, along with associate Ellie Gebarowski-Shafer and their staff. The new Gfeller Laurie LLP Vermont office is located at 110 Merchants Row, Suite 3, Rutland, VT.

"We are excited to welcome Tom Aicher, Kaveh Shahi, and their team to our firm. Expanding into Vermont is a natural fit with our firm's business objectives and strategic plan. Tom and Kaveh are fantastic attorneys who bring a wealth of litigation experience and tremendous reputation and standing in Vermont and beyond," said co-founding partner Charles F. Gfeller. "Tom is nationally known in the ski industry and serves as Outside Special Counsel to the National Ski Areas Association. He adds invaluable depth to our sports and recreation litigation team that serves the ski industry, as well as other recreational and sports industries, in various parts of the United States and now Vermont. Kaveh is known as a fantastic litigator who has significant trial experience and will also add tremendous depth to our overall litigation team."

Tom has been engaged in trial practice since 1991 and regularly defends Vermont's winter and summer resorts with respect to sports injury claims. In 2016, he was named Outside Special Counsel to the National Ski Areas Association acting as national counsel to the ski industry on risk management issues and judicial trends. Gfeller Laurie LLP now boasts four former presidents of the prestigious Association of Ski Defense Attorneys including Charles Gfeller, Steve Zweig, Maryjo Zweig and now Tom Aicher. Tom is a former principal and shareholder with Cleary Shahi & Aicher P.C.

Kaveh is engaged in a diverse trial and appellate practice in the areas of insurance defense, insurance coverage, civil rights, construction, medical, legal, and dental malpractice, employment law, and commercial SEC cases. He carries the highest rating from Chambers and Best Lawyers and is a Fellow of the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Further, he is a member of the Defense Research Institute, Supreme Court Historical Society, and International Association of Defense Counsel. Kaveh is also a former principal and shareholder with Cleary Shahi & Aicher P.C.

Ellie Gebarowski-Shafer focuses her practice on wills, estate planning, guardianship cases, and other probate matters. She assists clients seeking to navigate the family court system whether it be marital separation and divorce, enforcing a custody order, or assisting youth in juvenile matters. In addition, she handles the defense of tort claims relating to personal injury, property damage, and other liability claims. Ellie was formerly an associate with Cleary Shahi & Aicher P.C.

Now with a total of eight offices in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York (two locations), New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Vermont respectively, Gfeller Laurie LLP represents clients in litigation matters spanning a variety of industries including Insurance, Sports & Recreation, Financial Services, Construction and Commercial Litigation, and Healthcare and Professional Liability. For more information, call (860) 760-8400 or visit www.gllawgroup.com.