Smithey Law Group Opens Washington, D.C. Office to Represent Federal Workers and D.C. Employees

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WASHINGTON DC, DC, UNITED STATES, August 19, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Smithey Law Group LLC, a Maryland employment and labor law firm with more than 25 years of experience representing both employers and employees, has opened a new office in Washington, D.C. The expansion gives federal workers, D.C. government employees, and private-sector workers in the District direct access to one of the region's most recognized employment law practices.

The firm was founded by attorney Joyce Smithey, whose career in employment law spans more than two-and-a-half decades across Maryland, New Hampshire, and the District of Columbia. Ms. Smithey has built a reputation for bringing the same level of commitment and depth of knowledge to every matter.

Employment Law Services for D.C. Workers and Employers

Smithey Law Group LLC focuses exclusively on employment and labor law matters, giving clients the benefit of a firm whose entire practice is built around workplace rights. The firm's D.C. office will serve clients across a full range of employment law issues, including:

- Wage issues and unpaid wages,
- Employment discrimination.

Washington, D.C., presents a distinct set of employment law considerations, including the application of federal employment statutes alongside D.C.-specific protections that often provide broader coverage than federal law alone. Smithey Law Group's attorneys are admitted to practice in both Maryland and the District of Columbia and are well-versed in navigating both frameworks on behalf of their clients.

About Attorney Joyce Smithey

Joyce Smithey earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Pepperdine University in 1993 and her Juris Doctor from Boston University School of Law in 1999. During law school, she

served as a district court intern for the Maryland State's Attorney's Office and authored academic work on housing discrimination law. After beginning her legal career in New Hampshire, she returned to Maryland, ultimately becoming an equity partner and Chair of the Labor and Employment Practice Group at Rifkin Weiner Livingston LLC before founding Smithey Law Group LLC in 2018.

Ms. Smithey is admitted to practice in Maryland, the District of Columbia, New Hampshire, and the U.S. Supreme Court. She is recognized as a Chambers USA Band 1 attorney in Maryland, a distinction reserved for the most highly regarded practitioners in a given field, and has been named to The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 list in the areas of Employment Law – Individuals, Employment Law – Management, and Litigation – Labor and Employment.
Additional recognitions include:

- 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Civil Rights & Plaintiff Employment Lawyers
- 2025 Maryland's Top 100 Women – The Daily Record
- 2025 Maryland's Top 50 Women Attorneys – Super Lawyers
- 2025 Maryland's Top 100 Attorneys – Super Lawyers
- Maryland Super Lawyer, Employment and Labor Law – Multiple-time recipient
- Women to Watch 2022 – Baltimore Business Journal
- BBJ's 2022 Women of Excellence
- 2019 Leadership in Law – The Daily Record
- Greater Baltimore's Best Places to Work 2024 – Baltimore Business Journal
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

Ms. Smithey is an active member of the Maryland State Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section, where she serves as Section Council Member, Legislative Liaison, and President-Elect. She also serves on the board of the Maryland Employment Lawyers Association and is a member of the National Employment Lawyers Association, the Women's Bar Association of Maryland, and the DC Bar Labor and Employment Law Section, among other organizations.

The Washington DC employment attorneys at Smithey Law Group have also established a record of thought leadership in the field, including authoring the Fourth Edition of the Maryland Rules Commentary and contributing to the MSBA Maryland Employment Law Deskbook. The firm's attorneys are regularly invited to speak at employment law conferences across the country and have been featured in both national and international media.

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