



Archer & Greiner Taps Ex-City Solicitor To Lead Philly Office

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In a *Law360 Pulse* article, Archer partner **Shelley Smith** is featured following her appointment as managing partner of the firm's Philadelphia office. The article highlights Shelley's extensive legal and leadership experience, her deep ties to Philadelphia, and her plans to help the office continue to grow while strengthening its identity and connections within the city's legal, business, civic, and cultural communities.

A lifelong Philadelphian, Shelley previously served as Philadelphia City Solicitor for eight years, the longest tenure of anyone to hold the position, and practiced in the City's Law Department for more than 13 years. She joined Archer as a partner in 2016 and continues to represent clients in commercial litigation and labor and employment matters.

"I am always excited to take on a new challenge, especially a leadership challenge," Shelley told *Law360 Pulse*. She described collaboration, strategic problem-solving, and an understanding of Philadelphia's interconnected communities as important elements of her approach to the new role.

Firm president **Marc Rollo** told *Law360 Pulse* that Shelley's experience and longstanding relationships in Philadelphia made her a natural choice for the position. "Shelley knows Philadelphia in a way very few lawyers do," Marc said, noting her deep roots in the city's legal and business communities, her extensive litigation experience, and her collaborative approach to leadership.

Shelley succeeds partner **Patrick Doran**, who has served as managing partner of the Philadelphia office since 2023. During his tenure, Patrick helped position the office for its next chapter and played an important role in Rollo's transition to firm president in January 2026. Patrick now serves as a senior member of Rollo's Cabinet and continues to advise on firmwide matters.

"Patrick has done an excellent job leading the Philadelphia office, and he played a pivotal role on my own transition team over the past year," Marc said. "Pat set the Philadelphia office up well for its next chapter, and I'm grateful the firm will continue to benefit from his judgment and experience as a senior member of the Cabinet and a very trusted advisor on firmwide issues."

Shelley's appointment is part of a series of recent leadership changes at Archer, including new managing partners in the firm's New York City and Wilmington offices and new leaders for several practice groups. Marc said the changes reflect the firm's continued investment in its leadership and client teams, with a focus on maintaining continuity while bringing fresh perspective and energy to the firm's offices and practices.

For the complete article: <https://bit.ly/4hsWIJ3> (a subscription is needed)

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