



# Chief of Philadelphia Civil Rights Unit Joins Archer

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*-- Further expansion of Firm's Philadelphia Office --*

PHILADELPHIA - February 15, 2006- Archer, P.C. is pleased to welcome Carlton L. Johnson, the former Chief Deputy City Solicitor of the Civil Rights Unit for the City of Philadelphia. He joins the firm as a Partner and will serve as Co-Chair of the Firm's newly-created Government Relations and Civil Rights practices. Mr. Johnson will be based in the firm's expanding Philadelphia office and will begin on March 6, 2006.

In the firm's Philadelphia office, Mr. Johnson will be re-united with partner Jeff Scott, who joined the firm in December 2005 and was Mr. Johnson's second in command in the Civil Rights Unit at the City Solicitor's office, Alan Tucci, who also recently joined the as a partner in the Corporate Department, Jeff Kolansky, a partner and former head of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Major Trials Unit, who is Co-Chair of the firm's White Collar Criminal Practice, as well as the firm's recently formed Homeland Security and Immigration practice group, Richard Tuttle, who has extensive experience handling insurance coverage, civil rights and other complex litigation commercial and personal injury litigation, and Gerry Rigby, the founding partner of the Philadelphia office and a member of the firm's Corporate Department.

"Carlton Johnson brings a valuable perspective on government, business, politics and legal strategies to Archer" said Archer President, Gary J. Lesneski. "As a founding Co-Chair of two exciting new practices --Government Relations and Civil Rights -- he offers our clients more than two decades of public sector experience." The Government Relations Group will be Co-Chaired by former Camden County Prosecutor, Vincent Sarubbi. "Mr. Johnson will also co-Chair the firm's newly created Civil Rights practice group, along with Haddonfield based partner, John Connell, who also has extensive experience defending civil rights claims against New Jersey law enforcement agencies and officers."

Carlton Johnson is pleased to join Archer, stating "When we formed the Law Department's Civil Rights Unit nearly twenty years ago, it was a small, start-up group. We were able to build it and to bring it national recognition for its innovative approach to problem solving and to helping the citizens of Philadelphia. I look



forward to utilizing my knowledge of the public sector and of governmental relations in my new role at Archer, a Firm clearly positioned for future growth.”

As the Chief Deputy City Solicitor of the Civil Rights Unit, Carlton Johnson handled and oversaw the management of civil rights claims against the City and its employees. Most of the cases involve representation, primarily in the federal court, of the Police Department and the Prisons in matters alleging deprivation of civil rights where personal injury is involved. The Unit also handles litigation cases against the Department of Human Services and its employees, arising from child-welfare issues. Mr. Johnson practiced with the Philadelphia’s Law Department since 1984. Mr. Johnson, is a graduate of Temple University Law School, and is actively involved with the Law School Alumni Association.

Commenting on the impact of the firm’s continued growth in Philadelphia, Firm Chairman, James H. Carll said: “As we add new attorneys with varied practices to our roster, we can better serve our clients as a true full service, regional law firm.”

## Related People



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