



Christopher Gibson To Succeed Gary Lesneski as President of Archer

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Christopher R. Gibson, Shareholder and member of Archer's Board of Directors, has been elected to succeed Gary J. Lesneski as President, effective October 1, 2010. Mr. Gibson and **James H. Carll**, who remains firm Chairman, will lead the 175-lawyer firm, which has experienced extensive growth over the last ten years.

Mr. Gibson, 50, is Chair of the Litigation Department and its Environmental Law Practice Group and serves on the firm's Finance Committee. As a member of the Board since 2002, he has played an integral part in the firm's recent growth.

"Chris Gibson has been a key member of the firm's leadership, and we are indeed fortunate to have someone of Chris' talent and experience to move into the presidency," said Chairman Jim Carll. "I look forward to working with Chris as we, together with our Board, continue to focus on the growth and continued vitality of the firm."

Mr. Lesneski, who assumed the role of President in 2001, will be leaving Archer at the end of September to accept the position of Senior Executive Vice President/General Counsel of The Cooper Health System.

"Gary Lesneski has had a tremendously positive impact on Archer over the last 35 years, most particularly as our President since 2001," said Mr. Carll. "Over his period of stewardship, we have expanded to seven offices throughout New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York City, with over 175 lawyers. While we will miss Gary, we know that his new role at Cooper Health System is a dream position that he could not pass by, and we wish him the best of luck in this exciting new venture."

"I have been proud to be part of Archer's growth into a prominent regional law firm," said Mr. Lesneski. "The firm is well positioned for continued success, and will flourish under Chris and Jim's continued leadership. While leaving the firm has been a difficult decision, I look forward to a new challenge, and being part of Cooper's exciting future."

"Gary has been a great influence on the firm and me, and I look forward to building upon the success and growth we achieved under his leadership," said Mr. Gibson. "I'm excited to assume my new role and continue our strategic plan of making Archer a preeminent law firm in the region."

During his 20 plus years in practice, Mr. Gibson has litigated and tried a variety of commercial, employment, construction and personal injury cases, but he is best known as a leading environmental litigator. Mr. Gibson has successfully tried several cases involving hundreds of millions of dollars in response costs on behalf of large chemical and petroleum companies.

Mr. Gibson, holds both a J.D. and B.A. from Villanova University. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of The College of New Jersey. Chris, his wife Lisa and their four children live in West Deptford, New Jersey.

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