

General Counsel to Cumberland Packing Corp Joins Cozen O'Connor

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Pittsburgh – January 18, 2018 – Cozen O'Connor is pleased to announce attorney Gregg M. Kander has joined its Pittsburgh office. Kander—the 29th attorney from Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney PC to join Cozen O'Connor in Pennsylvania in the past nine months—will concentrate his practice on corporate and partnership taxation and business planning.

Cozen O'Connor launched its new, full-service Pittsburgh office in May 2017 with three former Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC leaders, including labor and employment attorney Tom Giotto (who also co-chairs Cozen O'Connor's Labor & Employment Department), commercial and health care litigator Gene Giotto, and corporate attorney Jeremy Garvey, who is now managing partner of the office. With the addition of Kander, the firm continues to expand its statewide presence in Pennsylvania—it has two other offices in the state, one in Philadelphia and another in Harrisburg.

A seasoned corporate attorney, Kander will continue to serve as general counsel to Cumberland Packing Corp., a family-owned, Brooklyn, N.Y.-based business. Cumberland—the maker of Sweet'N Low®, Sugar in the Raw®, Stevia in the Raw®, Agave in the Raw®, Monk Fruit in the Raw®, Honey in the Raw® and other sweetener and food products—is a long-standing Cozen O'Connor client.

"I'm thrilled to be joining Cozen O'Connor. After all, I've been working side-by-side with many of its attorneys for years," Kander says. "As the GC of Cumberland, I've worked closely with several members of the Cozen O'Connor team, including Amy Divino, who handles Cumberland's intellectual property work."

"A great number of our lawyers here in Pittsburgh have worked with Gregg for years at Buchanan; Gregg is an outstanding lawyer and an extremely creative and solution-oriented business counselor. He's a tremendous addition for our growing Pittsburgh office," says Garvey. "Given Gregg's skill sets, his connections to the region and beyond, Gregg will make an immediate impact for us and the firm's clients."

Prior to joining Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, Kander was an attorney at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York City. During that time, he was involved with the proposed reorganization of R.H. Macy & Co., Inc. and P.A. Bergner & Co., as well as the firm's representation of the General Motors Pension Fund and General Electric Capital Corporation in connection with investments both made in a range of real estate acquisitions.

A frequent lecturer on business and tax planning, Kander has published numerous articles on business and tax issues. He also has taught taxation as a faculty member at the National Business Institute and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Civic and charity work are also an important part of Kander's professional life. He was appointed by the mayor to serve as a commissioner for 15 years on Pittsburgh's Minority- and Women-Owned Business Commission. In addition, Kander serves as vice chair of the Board of Steeltown Entertainment Project (training students in film and media) and as legal adviser to Amachi Pittsburgh (empowering children with incarcerated parents). Kander is also spearheading various projects aimed at transforming Braddock, Pa., along with Mayor John Fetterman.

Kander earned his LL.M in Taxation from New York Law School; his J.D. from Boston University School of Law, where he was a Paul J. Liacos and Edward F. Hennessey Scholar; and his B.B.A in Accounting at Emory University.

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