

Amundsen Davis Expands In Midwest With Mich. Firm Combo

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Law360 (September 11, 2026, 4:28 PM EDT) -- Amundsen Davis LLC announced that it has combined with Michigan-based Paesano Akkashian PC, giving the Midwest firm four new partners in the Detroit area and its first office in the state.

Partners Anthony R. Paesano, Brian M. Akkashian, Alec M. Torigian and Matthew J. Enright joined Amundsen Davis at the start of September, the firm said Tuesday. The new Michigan attorneys, who work in the Detroit suburb of Bloomfield Hills, bring experience in commercial and business litigation, automotive supply chain, securities transactions, real estate finance, and estate and business planning, Amundsen Davis added.

Managing partner Lew Bricker told Law360 Pulse in an emailed statement Friday that the combination gives Amundsen Davis a stronger bench and broader geographic reach, with the firm now featuring over 270 attorneys across 14 offices in six states.

"This is more than a combination of two firms -- it is a coming together of talent, perspective, and ambition," Bricker said. "We're bringing together leaders who know their industries, understand their clients and aren't afraid to think differently about what comes next. This combination strengthens our ability to serve clients throughout the Midwest and the country with the sophistication, industry knowledge, and responsiveness they expect."

Paesano, who is co-manager of the Michigan office, told Law360 Pulse in an emailed statement that for him and his colleagues, the combination allows for them to explore new ways of expanding the scope of their legal work while also being able to take on more complex matters.

"We've always believed that progress should be purposeful," Paesano said. "This merger builds on a foundation we're exceptionally proud of and creates new momentum for the future. It's the rare opportunity to carry forward what defines us while expanding the impact of what we do."

A graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Paesano focuses his practice on representing clients such as businesses, investors, financial institutions, public companies, and boards of directors on a wide range of corporate advisory matters including M&A, securities law and compliance, Amundsen Davis said.

Akkashian also graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and is co-managing partner of the Michigan office, Amundsen Davis said. He primarily works on complex commercial litigation and business disputes including contract disputes, shareholder conflicts, automotive litigation, fraud claims, employment litigation, insurance defense and torts, the firm said.

"This merger marks an exciting point in our journey, bringing new possibilities while staying grounded in the principles that have guided us there," Akkashian told Law360 Pulse in an emailed statement Friday.

Enright graduated from Wayne State University Law School and focuses his practice on dispute resolution, while Torigian graduated from Michigan State University College of Law and primarily handles contract litigation, shareholder disputes, warranty claims and other commercial and financial matters, Amundsen Davis said.

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