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**Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP Hires Former Global Retail General Counsel To Serve Clients in Commercial Finance and Corporate Transactions**

**CINCINNATI, November 26, 2019** – [Calfee, Halter and Griswold LLP](https://www.calfee.com/) announced today that [Larry K. Wilcher](https://www.calfee.com/professionals-larry-k-wilcher) has joined the law firm’s Cincinnati office in its [Commercial and Public Finance](https://www.calfee.com/capabilities-practices-commercial-and-public-finance) practice group and will support Calfee’s [Corporate and Capital Markets](https://www.calfee.com/capabilities-practices-corporate-and-capital-markets), [Compliance/Regulatory Services](https://www.calfee.com/capabilities-practices-compliance-regulatory-services) and [Public Law](https://www.calfee.com/capabilities-practices-public-law) practices as well.

For the past 12 years, Wilcher served as group vice president, general counsel and secretary to Bass Pro Group, LLC, the holding company for Bass Pro Shops® and Cabela’s®, retailers of outdoor recreational products; Big Cedar, LLC, operator of outdoor themed resorts; and White River Marine Group, LLC, the world’s largest builder of fishing and recreational boats with brands including Mako®, Nitro®, Triton®, Tracker®, Ranger® and Regency®. As general counsel, Wilcher supported the company's $5.5 billion acquisition of Cabela's Incorporated. He also led the acquisition of Fishing Holdings, LLC, manufacturer of Ranger® and Triton® boats, and the asset purchase of Legend boats.

[Brent D. Ballard](https://www.calfee.com/professionals-brent-d-ballard), Calfee’s managing partner, said, “Our clients will benefit from Larry’s 35 years of multidisciplinary experience in legal strategy, risk management, mergers and acquisitions, global trade, compliance, finance, corporate law and real estate.”

Prior to his service with Bass Pro Group, Wilcher served for 17 years as general counsel and secretary to Dollar General Corporation, a Fortune 200 company with 135,000 employees and 15,000 retail locations in 44 states including a significant global sourcing operation in Asia. At Dollar General, Wilcher was responsible for the legal, real estate, risk management and internal audit departments, and he represented Dollar General in government affairs matters with the U.S. Congress and the executive branch.

[John A. Mongelluzzo](https://www.calfee.com/professionals-john-a-mongelluzzo), Calfee’s Cincinnati market partner-in-charge, said, “Having served as general counsel of two global companies, I truly value the depth of experience and knowledge that Larry Wilcher brings to Calfee’s diverse corporate client base. Cincinnati has strong roots in both international commerce and in the retail industry. It is a challenging time for corporate and legal leaders of international businesses, and Larry will be instrumental in helping our clients navigate the highly complex financing, compliance and trade issues they face.”

Wilcher joins the firm as it actively focuses on further expanding its international practices in corporate transactions and intellectual property, which serve U.S. companies doing business globally and international companies – especially Asian companies – conducting business in the U.S.

Wilcher said, “Calfee’s strong reputation in the Midwest, coupled with its depth of experience globally and particularly in Asia, are highly valued by the types of business clients I have represented and will continue to represent. In previous roles as general counsel for companies with national and global interests, I experienced firsthand the benefits of working with the Lex Mundi network of independent law firms across the U.S. and in 100 countries, and I am pleased to be joining Lex Mundi’s Ohio member firm. Calfee is strategically increasing its global capabilities across practice areas as well as across sectors and industries in order to best serve U.S. and international clients, and that is a win-win-win for all involved.”

Wilcher previously served as a partner with Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP where he focused his practice on general business matters including mergers and acquisitions, SEC defense, corporate governance and crisis management. He earned his law degree from Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law, and he is licensed to practice in Kentucky and Tennessee.

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