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Angelos, Stone Join Forces

Former State Senator Will Give Angelos' Firm Presence in Dundalk

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The Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos expanded again yesterday as the firm announced a merger with the practice of state Sen. Norman R. Stone Jr.

Stone, D-Baltimore County, will direct the Angelos firm's workers' compensation practice from Angelos' office at Steelworkers' Hall and from the office of Howard & Stone in Dundalk. His longtime partner, Charlton T. Howard, also is joining the Angelos firm.

Stone said yesterday he has been working at Angelos' firm for the past two weeks, while continuing to operate Howard & Stone with his partner of more than 30 years.

The senator, who has known Angelos for two decades, said the two had been discussing the merger for several months.

"I've always had a great deal of respect for Pete and I thought it would be a great opportunity for me," he said.

Stone, 57, earned an LL.B. from the University of Baltimore Law School in 1960. He served in

the state House of Delegates from 1963 until 1967, when he was elected to the state Senate.

The senator said he will continue his general practice while overseeing the Angelos firm's workers' comp group. As in years past, he plans to postpone his more complicated cases during the legislative session.

Angelos issued a statement praising Stone as "not only an excellent lawyer but a person of great quality who is understandably held in the highest esteem by those who know him."

"He will be of tremendous help in directing our practice in the Dundalk area and in bringing his solid and well-rounded background as a lawyer to our firm," Angelos said.

The firm also announced that Scott Shellenberger, an eight-year veteran of the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office, will join the firm in mid-December.

Shellenberger, whom Angelos

described as "an aggressive, very skilled trial lawyer," has headed the state's attorney's office's sexual assault unit for the past three years.

Angelos said Shellenberger, who will work out of the firm's Baltimore office, "has the personal and professional qualities our office has been seeking in the new people we are adding."

The Angelos firm, which has been expanding and opening new offices since Angelos purchased the Baltimore Orioles last summer, now has four office locations and 42 attorneys.

Earlier this month, Angelos announced that longtime

Semmes, Bowen & Semmes litigator J. Thomas Caskey would join his new non-asbestos personal injury team in his Towson office.

H. Russell Smouse, who heads the group, joined Angelos last summer. He said the team now has eight lawyers and plans to add more.



Sen. Norman R. Stone Jr.