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Dixon Hughes Goodman merges in RyanSharkey

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Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP, a Top 20 firm based in Charlotte, North Carolina, is expanding in the Washington, D.C., area by adding RyanSharkey, a firm based in Vienna, Virginia, effective Dec. 1, 2019.

As part of the deal, RyanSharkey's 50 staff members, including 10 partners and managing directors, will be joining DHG's more than 2,300 employees. They will be relocating to DHG's Tysons Corner, Virginia, office, which will now have 200 team members. After the deal, DHG will have approximately \$475 million in net fees based on the most recent fiscal year-end. DHG ranked 17th on *Accounting Today*'s 2019 list of the Top 100 Firms. DHG also will have an even bigger lead as by far the largest firm in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions.

"In addition to growing DHG's presence in the market, we are also seeking to expand our service offering capabilities in the tax and advisory service lines for the industries we serve," said DHG CEO Matt Snow in a statement. "We are committed to building an optimistic, collaborative Capital market team that has ongoing potential for high performance. Welcoming the RyanSharkey professionals not only supports this commitment but also adds a number of key client relationships and bolsters DHG's presence in the market."



The atrium at Dixon Hughes Goodman's headquarters in Charlotte, N.C. Courtesy of Dixon Hughes Goodman

RyanSharkey has been providing tax, financial reporting, risk advisory and assurance services since 2003. The partners and managing directors who will be joining DHG include Edward Ryan, David Sharkey, Tony Ricciardella, Michael Davis, Ashley Dunn, Fran Randall, Travis Sherman, Ricky White, Kate Desai and Sallye Williams.

"We look forward to continuing our commitment to our clients and our people as we begin a new chapter with DHG," stated Ryan, a partner and co-founder of RyanSharkey. "DHG's vision for the future, their people-focused culture and their strong industry alignment are reasons why we look forward to joining forces," said David Sharkey, partner and co-founder of RyanSharkey. "We share an appreciation for similar values and culture within our firms and are truly excited about our future with DHG."

In January, DHG acquired JC Griffin, a Fort Worth, Texas-based consulting firm that specializes in data analytics for health care businesses.