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Banking & Finance

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Rattner Mark S. Riker Danzig LLP (ORL) ◇
Leading Individuals
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Shur Paul H. Becker & Poliakoff PA (ORL) ◇ *
Stefanowicz Lydia C. Greenbaum (ORL) ◇ *
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Dempsey James Schenck, Price, Smith & King (ORL) ◇
Horn Michael McCarter & English, LLP
Jaffe Rosh H. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Osbourne Anthony Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
Rosenthal Jeffrey Mandelbaum Barrett PC *
Scuderi Thomas Connell Foley LLP (ORL) ◇
Simon Richard Mandelbaum Barrett PC *
Stark Jonathan Reed Smith LLP
Valvanis Nicholas Reed Smith LLP
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1**McCarter & English, LLP****What the team is known for**

McCarter & English's team offers clients a wealth of experience in the banking and finance space, notably with regards to high value financing deals

and in regulatory compliance. Its practitioners are renowned for their strength in assisting with asset-based financing, leveraged acquisitions and loan restructurings. The group acts for both lenders and borrowers, including a broad array of financial institutions, private equity firms and alternative investors.

Strengths

"McCarter & English stands apart for the depth of their knowledge and business-related legal guidance."

Work highlights

McCarter & English represented State Farm Life Insurance Company in negotiating a number of financial deals, including loans totalling approximately \$540 million.

Notable practitioners

Michael Horn is a strong practitioner with considerable experience of advising clients on litigation and regulatory compliance. **Strengths:** "Michael Horn is one of New Jersey's most outstanding legal minds."

Reed Smith LLP**What the team is known for**

Reed Smith is a highly respected firm known for its ability to act on real estate and corporate finance matters. Within its real estate practice, the firm has experience in acting on behalf of lenders and borrowers in respect of offices, hotels, golf courses, and industrial and healthcare properties. The firm also boasts a series of national banks and financial institutions amongst its clients.

Strengths

"A very good and well-respected firm."

Notable practitioners

Daniel Peck represents banks and other lenders in substantial transactions. He has a wide-ranging practice but is best known for his work on deals in the construction and real estate spaces. **Christopher Maurer** is renowned for his ability to assist clients with a number of matters, including construction financings, loan restructurings and acquisitions. **Jonathan Stark** boasts notable strength in providing lender-side counsel on secured and unsecured financing transactions. He has further experience of providing counsel on bond financings. **Nicholas Valvanis** is a respected practitioner in the banking and finance space. He regularly assists

lenders on a wide variety of financings with particular expertise in corporate and real estate work.

Strengths: "Nicholas Valvanis really protects his clients well." "He kept his eye on the prize."

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.**What the team is known for**

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer is a well-regarded firm acting for lender-side clients across a range of commercial transactions, including acquisition and construction financing. The group is also sought after by borrower-side clients, including those operating in the real estate and healthcare sectors.

Strengths

"The team is highly business conscious and very responsive. They demonstrate a strong ability to identify salient points as well as those that are immaterial."

"Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer fields attorneys with impressive knowledge and experience."

"The firm has extensive experience in dealing with complicated transactions."

"The attorneys at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer provide expert knowledge and timely communication from start to finish."

Notable practitioners

Peter Herman is commended for his work for both lenders and borrowers, and advises on a full range of financing transactions. **Strengths:** "Peter Herman is a very responsive attorney who gives practical advice." "Peter is the consummate professional. He is a pleasure to work with." **Anthony Osbourne** is highlighted for his ability to represent both borrowers and lenders in commercial financing transactions involving multiple jurisdictions. **Strengths:** "Anthony Osbourne is simply a pleasure to work with." "Anthony Osbourne is friendly, knowledgeable and very responsive."

Band 2**Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC****What the team is known for**

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi's client list is comprised of banks and institutional lenders. The team is routinely called upon to provide counsel on financing transaction matters, including asset-

based, mezzanine and real estate financings. The group is adept at handling issues containing cross-border elements.

Strengths

"Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi is distinguished by its versatility, efficiency and ease of doing business."

"Their attorneys are multi-disciplined and demonstrate good business acumen and legal talent."

"Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi is very commercially-oriented and has deep knowledge and experience in the middle market space."

"Their attorneys are distinguished by a 'start to finish' approach. They really focus on all details of a transaction."

Work highlights

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi continues to represent JPMorgan Chase Bank in more than 100 real estate and land use matters across multiple states.

Notable practitioners

Rosh Jaffe advises lenders on the full gamut of finance transactions. He is frequently called upon to assist with refinancings, commercial real estate acquisitions and debt restructurings. **Strengths:** *"Rosh is the ultimate professional who acts as a trusted resource."*

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons boasts a strong practice in the banking and finance market. Its practitioners demonstrate their ability to assist clients with a wide range of matters, including loan restructurings and asset-based financings. The team is also adept at representing clients in acquisition and leveraged buyout financings. The group is held in high regard for its ability to act on behalf of both borrowers and lenders.

Strengths

"The team at FBT Gibbons stands out for the quality of its work, responsiveness and overall knowledge of corporate lending."

"Their attorneys demonstrate deep experience and knowledge of both the law and business interests."

"The attorneys at FBT Gibbons provide a combination of deep legal expertise, commercial awareness and a consistently high level of responsiveness."

"FBT Gibbons provides excellent legal guidance and document preparation."

Work highlights

FBT Gibbons continued to represent MTAG Capital LLC's affiliate, Edisto Loan Fund, LLC, as lender, administrative agent, and collateral agent with respect to numerous defaulted loans, including a foreclosure of a commercial real estate loan to SAI SB Center LLC.

Notable practitioners

Michael Lubben has experience of representing both borrowers and lenders in complex issues. His practice involves advising on a broad range of matters, including commercial loans, syndicated transactions and acquisitions. **Strengths:** *"He is practical, understands our needs and business strategic goals, and has a great ability to look forward to help mitigate risks."*

Band 3

Mandelbaum Barrett PC

What the team is known for

Mandelbaum Barrett's banking and finance team represents venture capital funds, banks and institutional lenders, as well as an array of corporate borrowers. The practitioners have strength in handling asset-based lending, refinancings and M&A.

Strengths

"Mandelbaum Barrett fields seasoned professional attorneys with many years of experience in the financial markets."

"The team at Mandelbaum Barrett is distinguished by its management expertise, experience and reputation."

"Mandelbaum Barrett makes the legal process smooth and efficient."

"The banking and finance offering at Mandelbaum Barrett includes extremely knowledgeable and experienced attorneys."

Work highlights

Mandelbaum Barrett represented a financial institution in providing \$65 million for the acquisition of a portfolio of industrial real estate in Lake County and Kane County, Illinois.

Notable practitioners

Jeffrey Rosenthal is experienced in advising regional and community banks, hedge funds, private equity funds, commercial finance companies and borrowers. **Strengths:** *"Jeffrey Rosenthal has many years of experience and is well known in the banking community." "Jeffrey is an incredible attorney. He is also business savvy in his approach."*

Richard Simon has extensive experience in all aspects of commercial lending, including commercial and industrial lending and transactions.

Strengths: *"Richard fully understands the business and legal side of banking law." "Richard's attention to detail and extensive knowledge is truly amazing."*

Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman LLP

What the team is known for

Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman LLP houses a team of well-respected practitioners in the banking and finance space. The group offers expertise in commercial loan transactions, loan restructurings and workouts and foreclosures, among other things. Their clients include national and regional banks as well as financial institutions.

Strengths

"The team is extremely accurate and displays great attention to detail. They are also timely with response times and professional when dealing with bank clients."

"Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman stands out for its industry expertise, timeliness and accuracy."

Work highlights

Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman acted as counsel to TD Bank in connection with its issuance of a \$56,800,000 construction loan to Toll Brothers for the development of a luxury multi-family residential development in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

What the team is known for

Sills Cummis & Gross demonstrates strength in handling issues on behalf of both lenders and borrowers. The team is adept at advising counsel on venture financings, asset-based financings and leveraged buyouts, among other issues.

Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP

What the team is known for

Windels Marx Lane's team is renowned for its ability to handle a wide spectrum of issues, including acquisition financings and asset recovery. The group's clients include both borrowers and lenders.

Notable practitioners

Kevin McNamara is noted for his ability to advise lenders on a wide spectrum of issues, including syndicated transactions and bond financings. He has considerable strength in handling issues arising from the real estate sector.

Other Ranked Lawyers

James Dempsey of Schenck, Price, Smith & King represents financial institutions in significant transactions, including asset-based lending and construction financings.

Mark Rattner is of counsel at Riker Danzig. He receives praise for his commercial lending practice and for his work representing financial institutions.

Thomas Scuderi is chair of Connell Foley's banking and commercial lending practice group. He has extensive experience representing major banks and commercial lending institutions in a variety of transactions. **Strengths:** *"Thomas Scuderi is very knowledgeable."*

Paul Shur of Becker & Poliakoff is experienced in representing lenders and borrowers in a variety of matters, including asset-based lending and sales and lease transactions. He splits his time between the firm's offices in Red Bank and New York. **Strengths:** *"Paul is a very rare attorney. He has the most amazing combination of legal knowledge, skill and experience." "Paul Shur is very knowledgeable in the banking and finance space. He communicates very well and is also cost-conscious." "Paul is simply an excellent ABL attorney." "Paul is well versed and experienced in the law necessary to the business of lending money."*

Lydia Stefanowicz of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis is commended for her commercial lending and real estate finance practice. Her work on CMBS and mezzanine financings is of particular note.

Strengths: *"Lydia Stefanowicz is a good lawyer."*

Bankruptcy/Restructuring

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Connell Foley LLP
Duane Morris LLP
Faegre Drinker
Fox Rothschild
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully, LLC
Band 4
Forman Holt Attorneys At Law
Genova Burns LLC
Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.
Trenk Isabel
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
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Cole Schotz P.C.

What the team is known for

Cole Schotz P.C. is home to a prestigious group of highly regarded practitioners known for the representation of debtors and creditors' committees as well as hedge funds and liquidating trustees. It is experienced in corporate restructuring and insolvency proceedings for distressed businesses, as well as asset sales. The law firm has represented clients in a broad range of industries including technology, retail and biosciences, both nationally and internationally, and is noted for its work in bankruptcy litigation.

Strengths

"The firm's lawyers provide great opinions and strategies to the client."

"Cole Schotz's restructuring group possesses a wealth of experience and expertise."

"The firm's lawyers have a good understanding of the law but also business constraints."

"The firm has extremely capable lawyers with useful insights."

Work highlights

Cole Schotz served as co-counsel to Del Monte Foods and its 17 affiliated debtors in their Chapter 11 cases filed in New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Michael Sirota is well equipped to handle all manner of Chapter 11 cases and other restructuring matters, specializing primarily on debtor sided representations. He cochairs the firm's bankruptcy and corporate restructuring department and represents clients in industries including retail, technology and manufacturing. **Strengths:** "He knows the New

Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Abramowitz Arthur J. <i>Sherman (ORL)</i> ◇
Greenhalgh Walter J. <i>Duane Morris LLP</i>
O'Grady Dennis J. <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Leading Individuals
Star individuals
Sirota Michael <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
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Etkin Michael S. <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Lubertazzi Jr Joseph <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Malone Robert <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Martin Jr Warren J. <i>Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC</i>
Schwartz Joseph L. <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Sherman Andrew H. <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.</i> *
Usatine Warren A. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Band 2
Bauer Morris <i>Duane Morris LLP</i> *
Brody Alan <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>
DiPasquale Joseph <i>Fox Rothschild</i> *
Forman Charles M. <i>Forman Holt Attorneys At Law</i>
Mairo John <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
Modugno Louis <i>Trif & Modugno LLC (ORL)</i> ◇
Rabinowitz Jonathan <i>Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully, LLC</i>
Stolz Daniel M. <i>Genova Burns LLC</i>
Testa Jeffrey T. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Trenk Richard D. <i>Trenk Isabel</i>
Zuber Scott A. <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Band 3
Bass David <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Bernstein Jeffrey <i>McElroy, Deutsch (ORL)</i> ◇
Della Fera Sam <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Hollander Paul <i>Okin Hollander LLP (ORL)</i> ◇
Jareck Ryan <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Lubetkin Jay <i>Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully, LLC</i>
Mankovetskiy Boris <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.</i> *
Band 4
Moore Brett <i>Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC</i>
Perkins Eric <i>Becker (ORL)</i> ◇
Pompeo Michael <i>Faegre Drinker</i> *
Prol Jeffrey D. <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Schellhorn Tara J. <i>Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC</i>
Sodono III Anthony <i>McManimon, Scotland & Baumann</i>
Stein David H. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Theisen Brett <i>Connell Foley</i>
Velocci Frank <i>Faegre Drinker</i> *
Youngman Catherine <i>Fox Rothschild</i> *
Yudkin Felice <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Band 4
Barney Dale E. <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Bonsall Lisa S. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Conlan Mark <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Cooper Jeffrey A. <i>Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully, LLC</i>
Crapo David N. <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
Curtin Kelly <i>Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC</i>
Dobin Andrea <i>McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC</i>
Eliades Dan <i>K&L Gates (ORL)</i> ◇ *
Falanga Stephen V. <i>Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly (ORL)</i> ◇ *
Farley Clement <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Frumkin Jacob <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Komrower Stuart <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
McGill Douglas <i>Webber McGill LLC (ORL)</i> ◇
Parisi Rachel <i>Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC</i>
Placona Sari B. <i>McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC</i>
Plaza Curtis <i>Fox Rothschild</i> *
Roldan Vincent <i>Mandelbaum Barrett PC (ORL)</i> ◇
Weiss John <i>Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.</i>

Jersey bankruptcy space and he can predict how things will go." "Michael is the premier debtors' counsel in New Jersey." "He is the best bankruptcy lawyer in New Jersey." Warren Usatine specializes in handling Chapter 11 restructuring on behalf of both creditors and debtors. He is adept at representing high profile clients in industries including retail and technology. **Strengths:** "Warren is very versatile." **David Bass** provides debtors with Chapter 11 representation and other bankruptcy counsel. His practice also encompasses bankruptcy litigation. **Strengths:** "David is easy to deal with and has an impressive instinct in Chapter 11 cases." **Ryan Jareck** specializes in handling Chapter 11 cases on behalf of debtors, creditors and others. **Felice Yudkin** is recognized for her bankruptcy practice, which includes acting in complex Chapter 11 proceedings. She is experienced in industries including retail, technology and manufacturing. **Strengths:** "Felice can handle anything." **Jacob Frumkin** is well regarded for his ability to advise both debtors and secured creditors. He handles a wide spectrum of issues, including bankruptcy proceedings and restructurings. **Strengths:** "Jacob shows excellent commercial instincts." **Stuart Komrower** is adept at representing creditors and debtors in a variety of bankruptcy matters, including Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 proceedings. **Strengths:** "Stuart is tenacious and very pragmatic."

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for

Lowenstein Sandler LLP is a prominent multi-service firm with a long-established presence in the market. It regularly advises on matters in New Jersey as well as those involving clients based outside of the state. The firm maintains a reputation for acting for creditors' committees, unions and debtors in Chapter 11 reorganizations. The team demonstrates additional strength in representing defrauded investors in bankruptcy litigation.

Strengths

"The team at Lowenstein Sandler consistently demonstrate excellence and a deep commitment to client success."

"Lowenstein's lawyers are attentive and knowledgeable."

"The firm's lawyers are fierce advocates for the clients."

"The team are responsive and insightful."

"Lowenstein's bankruptcy department is distinguishable from others in the industry due to its unique combination of legal acumen and human empathy."

Work highlights

Lowenstein Sandler represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland.

Notable practitioners

Michael Etkin attracts market recognition for his provision of counsel to clients involved in bankruptcy litigation. He frequently represents both sides in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 proceedings.

Strengths: "Michael consistently provides exceptional support." "Michael is an extremely experienced and highly skilled attorney in bankruptcy law." "He treats every client as if they're his only client." "Michael is extremely knowledgeable in bankruptcy and is perceptive in terms of strategy." "Michael offers thoughtful, strategic advice that's both legally sound and practical." **Jeffrey D Prol** focuses his practice on creditor sided bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He is adept at advising on industries including retail and has been commended for his representation of complex high value claimants. **Strengths:** "Jeffrey is accessible, truly listens and thinks of a personally tailored strategy that is highly effective and successful." "Jeffrey is personable and solution oriented." "Jeffrey is patient, diplomatic, smart and empathetic."

Band 2**FBT Gibbons LLP****What the team is known for**

Gibbons P.C. offers a well-regarded group with experience in acting for both creditors and debtors. Its expertise includes workouts and insolvency counseling, bankruptcy litigation and foreclosure actions. The team works across a number of industries, with expertise in retail, healthcare and financial services. It works closely with specialists from other departments to provide a comprehensive bankruptcy service.

Strengths

"Gibbons' lawyers are subject matter experts and very responsive."

Work highlights

Gibbons represented Ankura Trust Company as indenture trustee in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of BlockFi.

Notable practitioners

John Mairo is chair of the firm's financial restructuring and creditors' rights group. He conducts a broad domestic, regional and international bankruptcy and restructuring practice for a range of clients. He offers notable experience in assisting clients with Chapter 11 proceedings in industries including real estate and retail. **Strengths:** "John figures out solutions." David Crapo's experience covers the handling of Chapter 11 cases. His practice also includes acting as patient care ombudsman in a bankruptcy proceeding.

McCarter & English, LLP**What the team is known for**

McCarter & English, LLP is a notable presence in the New Jersey market, with the capability to advise clients throughout the Northeast. The law firm has experience across the full range of bankruptcy matters, including regular work on retail and health care insolvencies, as well as distressed real estate loans. It fields a team of attorneys with experience in federal, state and appellate courts, and regularly advises on out-of-court restructurings.

Strengths

"McCarter & English offers clear and concise counsel."

"The firm's lawyers are very practical."

"The firm has more than sufficient staffing to handle even the most complex matters."

Work highlights

McCarter & English represented a national special servicer in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of Euclid Apts.

Notable practitioners

Joseph Lubertazzi has a stellar reputation in the market and is regularly sought after by lenders for representation in bankruptcy court. **Strengths:** "Joseph is a true one of a kind. He is absolutely incredible and a true pleasure to work with."

"Joseph is one of New Jersey's go-to attorneys in representing secured creditors." Jeffrey Testa has established a well-respected bankruptcy and restructuring practice. He litigates on behalf of debtors, trustees and creditors in the context of Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 proceedings. **Strengths:** "Jeffrey is a real gentleman to work with."

"Jeffrey has great commitment to the client." "Jeffrey is a seasoned bankruptcy lawyer. He is able to dig through and get to the core issues quickly." Lisa Bonsall is a highly regarded practitioner whose bankruptcy work is concentrated on high-stakes litigation. She is experienced in a range of industries, including retail, insurance and manufacturing.

Strengths: "Lisa is a tremendous business partner."

Clement Farley is noted for his ability to represent clients in bankruptcy litigation issues. His clients include both creditors and trustees. He has further experience of advising lenders on loan workouts.

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC**What the team is known for**

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC advises bondholders, other creditors, landlords and trustees on all manner of bankruptcy and restructuring matters. Clients include healthcare providers, real estate companies and fraud markets. The law firm's areas of proficiency include in-court and out-of-court restructurings. Its portfolio includes notable work in matters relating to bankruptcy litigation and foreign assets.

Strengths

"The team is knowledgeable, patient and pleasant to work with."

Work highlights

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman acted as debtor's counsel to Flagship Resort Development Corporation in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

Notable practitioners

Warren Martin garners praise for his broad bankruptcy and restructuring practice, which includes experience in acting for debtors, trustees and unsecured creditors' committees. He is adept in industries including retail, fraud, and finance. **Strengths:** "Warren is an excellent attorney." **Brett Moore** has notable experience on behalf of investment funds in bankruptcy matters with aspects in multiple jurisdictions. **Strengths:** "Brett is a superstar of bankruptcy counsel." Tara Schellhorn has notable experience in significant Chapter 11 cases, in industries including finance, pharmaceutical and real estate. **Strengths:** "Tara is very familiar with the case law and how to get to a result quickly." "Tara is a really fantastic lawyer who knows how to maneuver through the

bankruptcy process." "Tara is an excellent attorney. She has a great deal of substantive knowledge and is practical and responsive to her clients."

Kelly Curtin is experienced in a wide range of bankruptcy issues, with a particular focus on representing unsecured creditors' committees across sectors such as healthcare, retail and manufacturing. **Rachel Parisi** represents a range of clients in Chapter 11 proceedings. These clients include debtors, trustees and unsecured creditors' committees in sectors such as retail, entertainment and healthcare. **Strengths:** "Rachel is smart, personable and very good in the courtroom."

Riker Danzig LLP**What the team is known for**

Riker Danzig LLP offers expertise in a variety of bankruptcy matters, including bankruptcy-related litigation. It represents key parties including debtors, unsecured creditors' committees, landlords, asset purchasers and indenture trustees across a range of sectors.

Strengths

"The firm's lawyers make sure they think 3 steps ahead."

"Riker's bankruptcy department is well run and efficient."

"Riker's attorneys are on top of things, knowledgeable and responsive."

Work highlights

Riker Danzig represented three insurance companies, collectively known as AIG, in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings of the Diocese of Camden.

Notable practitioners

Dennis O'Grady has a wealth of experience in counseling an array of clients on a variety of bankruptcy and restructuring issues. Joseph Schwartz chairs the Riker Danzig bankruptcy and corporate restructuring group. He is renowned for his expert handling of Chapter 11 cases for a variety of bankruptcy clients. He is adept at fraud, commercial real estate and finance markets. **Strengths:** "Joseph understands the ins and outs of bankruptcy litigation." "Joseph is highly respected in the bankruptcy space." "Joseph has a great ability to tackle problems." "Joseph is truly at the top of his field. There are few, if any, finer than him."

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.**What the team is known for**

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. is home to a well regarded team with experience in representing debtors, Chapter 9 and 11 trustees and secured creditors. It is especially notable for its work on healthcare and hospital-related bankruptcies. It also advises on out-of-court restructurings, as well as bankruptcy-related litigation. The firm is frequently sought by management firms to advise on commercial workouts.

Strengths

"I value their ability to step quickly into cases, assess the key issues and then lead negotiations or litigation of any disputed matters. The team has extremely capable lawyers with useful insights."

"Sills Cummis has a hard working and broadly experienced team, willing to jump in and do real work to get a case resolved."

Notable practitioners

Andrew Sherman is frequently sought out by unse-

cured creditors' committees for Chapter 11 representation and has a specific niche in healthcare matters. **Strengths:** "Andrew is one of the best with keen insights and instincts and a statesman-like ability to broker resolutions." "Andrew is the undisputed king of representing creditors committees in hospital bankruptcies. Also when it comes to making oral presentations to committees Andy is your man." "Andrew is an exceptional lawyer with great courtroom skills." **Boris Mankovetskiy** represents creditor committees in bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He has a niche in healthcare matters. **Strengths:** "Boris is an exceptional lawyer with an in-depth understanding of the issues." "Boris is a smart and effective attorney who understands the nuances and complexities of hospital bankruptcy cases and is strategic."

Band 3

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC possesses considerable experience in representing creditors and debtors in work such as debtor-in-possession financings, exercising liens, and reorganizations for distressed companies in both Chapter 11 proceedings and out-of-court restructurings. It is also known for enforcing security interests and advising on issues relating to stock acquisitions. The firm routinely represents clients across the insurance, healthcare, energy and banking industries, among others.

Strengths

"The firm's bankruptcy lawyers are very good at what they do."

"The department has the ability to solve complex problems in an efficient and cost effective manner based on industry expertise."

Work highlights

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi acted as mediator in a series of lawsuits filed against vendors of Bed Bath & Beyond.

Notable practitioners

Scott Zuber is the leader of the bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi. He is strong in a broad range of litigious matters in the space. **Strengths:** "Scott is always ready to answer questions and gives good advice." "Scott is the consummate professional and both a skilled and effective attorney." "Scott is an exceptional lawyer." **Sam Della Fera** counsels a range of bankruptcy clients, including trustees, debtors and secured and unsecured creditors' committees. He has expertise in debtors' and creditors' rights. **Strengths:** "Sam is smart, reasonable and knows how to get a deal done."

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for

Connell Foley offers broad strengths acting on creditor and debtor-side work, benefiting from a deeply experienced team of sector experts. The team acts for a broad range of corporates, financial institutions, insurers and other parties.

Notable practitioners

Robert Malone frequently counsels trustees and creditors on Chapter 11 proceedings and bank-

ruptcy litigation. **Strengths:** "Robert identifies nuanced issues and is well versed in cases, precedents and case law. He knows how to negotiate and when to be a strong advocate." **Brett Theisen** is highlighted for his ability to handle bankruptcy and insolvency litigation. He is held in high regard for his experience in providing counsel on a range of matters, including Chapter 11 cases and breach of fiduciary duty claims. **Strengths:** "Brett is always responsive." "Brett has a strong strategic sense for Chapter 11 cases." Dale Barney focuses his practice on advising debtors and creditors on a wide range of issues including litigation. He has in-depth experience in the technology, investment and fraud markets. **Strengths:** "Dale is a phenomenal bankruptcy attorney and a subject matter expert." **Mark Conlan** is sought out for his expertise in representing trustees in Chapter 11 proceedings. He is very well versed in fraud-related disputes.

Duane Morris LLP

What the team is known for

Duane Morris is a prominent firm that is well equipped to handle a range of matters. Its clients receive extensive support in bankruptcy filings and out-of-court financial restructuring services. The team is also adept at handling cross-border insolvency matters.

Notable practitioners

Walter Greenhalgh is very experienced in bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He is well thought of for his expertise, which includes handling Chapter 11 cases. **Morris Bauer** services a diverse bankruptcy clientele in bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He has expertise in mass tort and fraud cases and often represents both debtors and creditors. **Strengths:** "Morris is a seasoned bankruptcy attorney who is highly knowledgeable and creative." "Morris is very responsive and attentive." "Morris is very dedicated and accomplished."

Faegre Drinker

What the team is known for

Faegre Drinker has strong capabilities in bankruptcy litigation, and restructuring both in and out of court, accepting instructions from unsecured creditors' committees and other participants. It is adept in the media, corporate and healthcare markets.

Strengths

"Faegre Drinker's lawyers are always thoughtful and creative in solving problems as they arise."

Work highlights

Faegre Drinker represented Keyframe Capital Partners in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Powin.

Notable practitioners

Michael Pompeo is head of the department at Faegre Drinker. He counsels unsecured creditors' committees on Chapter 11 proceedings and advises clients on related restructuring matters in industries including pharmaceutical, and energy. **Strengths:** "Michael is calm and collected in every situation and quickly becomes a trusted advisor to his clients." **Frank Velocci** continues to impress within the New Jersey bankruptcy and restructuring Bar. He is active within the retail arena, assisting debtors and creditors in debt restructuring and related litigation. **Strengths:** "Frank is a seasoned litigator with a great deal of perspective and technical skill." "Frank is a great litigator and always has

a good handle on the issues."

Fox Rothschild

What the team is known for

Fox Rothschild LLP offers a respected bankruptcy practice with experience in representing creditors, debtors and trustees. It has considerable expertise in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcies. The firm is known for advising on bankruptcy matters involving companies from the fraud, retail and technology industries, among others.

Strengths

"The team is insightful, reliable, solid and personable. The team managed the process efficiently."

"Fox Rothschild has a good national presence in the US for doing bankruptcy work, with a very good East coast and West coast presence to service clients. The team is also smart, creative and practical."

"The team is responsive, when I have a question or issue they're quick to respond. The attorneys are excellent, very congenial and pleasant to work with."

Work highlights

Fox Rothschild prosecuted claims and causes of action on behalf of Custom Alloy Liquidation Trust.

Notable practitioners

Joseph DiPasquale often represents debtors, unsecured creditors' committees and liquidating trustees in Chapter 11 proceedings, in industries including insurance, retail and cannabis. **Strengths:** "Joe DiPasquale is an excellent lawyer." **Catherine Youngman** is known for her representation of trustees in Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 proceedings. She regularly represents lenders and displays a keen interest in the rights of both debtors and creditors. **Curtis Plaza** advises financial institutions, trustees and corporations on a broad range of bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He is adept at representing creditors in industries including media and construction. **Strengths:** "Curtis is very responsive and knowledgeable."

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

What the team is known for

Greenberg Traurig's team represents a range of clients in both in-court and out-of-court matters. The practitioners have considerable strength in handling issues related to restructurings, distressed acquisitions and sales, among others. Its experienced lawyers effectively handle issues that contain both domestic and international elements.

Strengths

"Greenberg has a broad range of skills and ability to respond to client problems."

Work highlights

Greenberg Traurig represented JPMorgan Chase Bank in a putative class action filed against them.

Notable practitioners

Alan Brody's bankruptcy and restructuring practice incorporates the representation of debtors and creditors in Chapter 11 and Chapter 15 proceedings. He is adept at representing creditors in technology and retail matters. **Strengths:** "Alan is user friendly in his approach to client needs."

McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC

What the team is known for

McManimon, Scotland & Baumann offers expertise in a wide range of insolvencies, restructurings and

creditors' rights matters. It fields experience in the representation of trustees, asset purchasers, insurance carriers and landlords, as well as secured and unsecured creditors and debtors. The firm acts for and advises clients in Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 proceedings.

Strengths

"McManimon is fabulous, the team has the capability to handle larger cases."

Notable practitioners

Anthony Sodono is chair of the bankruptcy and restructuring group. He has an extensive practice representing debtors in Chapter 11 matters, and representing Chapter 7 trustees. **Andrea Dobin** is widely recognized within the market for her representation of Chapter 7 trustees. She has additional experience in related matters, generally acting on behalf of creditors. Sari Placona has a growing practice in corporate restructuring, bankruptcy, debtor and creditors' rights and assignment for the benefit of creditors. **Strengths:** *"Sari is a rising star." "Sari is a rockstar. She stands out in a male dominated field."*

Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully, LLC

What the team is known for

Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully is a bankruptcy boutique with considerable skills and experience in representing mid-market commercial bankruptcy clients. It advises on all kinds of bankruptcy cases, with a number of skilled litigators within the ranks. The firm's representation includes creditors, debtors, trustees and other interested parties. It fields a team of bankruptcy specialists with additional experience in acting as Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 trustees and mediators.

Strengths

"The team is meticulous and practical with great legal minds."

"The team offers knowledgeable representation about the laws in the state and is responsive."

"The partners at Rabinowitz devote their full attention to all details of the representation. The team is extremely responsive to all inquiries and spends time responding to client needs and analysis."

Work highlights

Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully served as debtor's counsel to Fresh Pro.

Notable practitioners

Jonathan Rabinowitz is cohead of the bankruptcy and creditors' rights department. He has extensive experience in handling Chapter 11 matters, often in pharmaceutical and automotive markets. **Strengths:** *"John is a walking computer, his knowledge is not lacking in any way." "Clients are always satisfied with John's unique insights into complex legal issues."* **Jay Lubetkin** is co-head of the bankruptcy and creditors' rights department. He is regularly sought out by various clients for Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 representation. He is also a Chapter 7 panel trustee himself. **Strengths:** *"Jay is a trustee of outstanding character." "Jay has a practical approach and is very responsive to client needs."* Jeffrey Cooper has a debtor-sided practice in bankruptcy and restructuring. He has experience in counseling secured creditors, buyers and unsecured creditors' committees in an eclectic array of bankruptcy matters. **Strengths:** *"Jeffrey is detail oriented and client focused." "Jeff is pragmatic and*

responsive. He really finds workable solutions for clients." "Jeff offers excellent representation. He is smart, caring and knowledgeable."

Band 4

Forman Holt Attorneys At Law

What the team is known for

Forman Holt Attorneys At Law is a boutique firm which has experience representing both debtors and creditors in corporate bankruptcy cases. Forman Holt practitioners are experienced in representing a range of clients across industries such as telecommunications, real estate, retail and health-care.

Strengths

"It is a small firm but it has great lawyers."

"Forman Holt brings vast experience and creativity to matters. Their mindset is to create solutions. The team is fully capable to handle complex legal issues in a successful and efficient manner."

"The team is meticulous and practical. The team has great legal minds and the department does wonderful work."

Notable practitioners

Charles Forman is a bankruptcy and restructuring lawyer who specializes in acting as trustee during Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 proceedings. He has further experience in representing both creditors and debtors. **Strengths:** *"Charlie's experience is vast. He is sharp and brings an engineer's detailed approach to legal issues. He is creative in his problem solving and diligent in obtaining success."*

Genova Burns LLC

What the team is known for

Genova Burns LLC is a high-quality firm with deep expertise across a range of restructuring matters. A client base of corporations, individuals and small businesses look to the firm for support in in- and out-of-court restructurings.

Notable practitioners

Daniel Stolz is known for his focus on the representation of debtors in bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He is active in a multitude of Chapter 11 proceedings. **Strengths:** *"Dan is one of the deans of the New Jersey bankruptcy practice. He is a creative attorney."*

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.

What the team is known for

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden is known for its work as local counsel to clients in a range of Chapter 11 filings. The team has particular experience representing trustees and creditors with additional experience guiding companies through their own restructuring.

Strengths

"The firm is excellent at restructuring."

"The team have thoughtful and experienced advisors."

Work highlights

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden represented the Licensees as local counsel in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of Powin.

Notable practitioners

John Weiss serves as chair of the bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors' rights practice at

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C. He maintains an excellent practice focused on corporate restructurings, and is active in jurisdictions across the country. **Strengths:** *"John has a good command of complex issues and has the ability to make them simple. He is also a very confident litigator in court." "John is a great leader who has the ability to bring his team and other professionals together in order to accomplish goals. He is a great communicator and he understands what we need to do and why."*

Trenk Isabel

What the team is known for

Trenk Isabel is recognised for its expertise in both in-court and out-of-court restructurings, as well as state and federal insolvency proceedings and bankruptcy litigation. The firm's attorneys have extensive experience representing a diverse range of stakeholders, including debtors, creditors, trustees, landlords, tenants and asset purchasers. In addition, Trenk Isabel has successfully managed complex Chapter 11 proceedings.

Notable practitioners

Richard Trenk serves as chair of the firm's bankruptcy and corporate restructuring practice. He runs a diverse litigation practice that incorporates work for both debtors and creditors.

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.

What the team is known for

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer's team is held in high regard for its capacity to handle a broad spectrum of distressed debt matters. Its practitioners are routinely called upon to provide counsel on out-of-court workouts and foreclosure issues. In addition, the group represents clients facing debt-related litigation.

Strengths

"The team is dedicated to their clients and has a vast knowledge in all areas of the bankruptcy code. The team has a deep bench and has made sure that we have the proper resources allocated."

"Wilentz is a full service firm that is not only responsive, but provides value. I can count on Wilentz to handle matters from start to finish with the needed skill sets."

"The firm stands out for its strong expertise, timely communication and practical legal guidance. The team works efficiently to protect our interests."

Work highlights

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer represented Bogota Savings Bank in a simultaneous state court litigation and in the bankruptcy proceeding of Fortress Holdings, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Notable practitioners

David Stein is head of the bankruptcy and restructuring department. He is an experienced practitioner who predominantly counsels creditors during Chapter 11 proceedings. **Strengths:** *"David is is very thorough and very versatile." "David has a vast knowledge of the bankruptcy code and the banking industry."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Arthur Abramowitz of Sherman Silverstein Attorneys at Law advises the full spectrum of clients in

a variety of bankruptcy and restructuring cases.

Strengths: "Arthur is the attorney you want be like."

Jeffrey Bernstein of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter has a strong practice representing creditors in bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He frequently represents bond holders and insurers in Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 matters. **Strengths:** "Jeff is really good at working with various parties. He works with all parties to get to some kind of resolution."

Dan Eliades brings extensive experience in finance and debtor-creditor relations and has a specific niche representing franchisors.

Stephen Falanga of Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga is highlighted for his ability to advise debtors and

creditors on a range of bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He is renowned for his ability to handle Chapter 11 cases.

Paul Hollander of Okin Hollander focuses his practice on corporate restructuring and bankruptcy, with notable experience with commercial transactions.

Douglas McGill of Webber McGill has a broad range of experience in bankruptcy and restructuring. His client list includes debtors and banking institutions. He is routinely called upon to handle complex Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.

Louis Modugno of Trif & Modugno conducts a broad bankruptcy and restructuring practice capable of servicing asset buyers, Chapter 7 trus-

tees and others. **Strengths:** "Louis is a smart and creative lawyer."

Eric Perkins of Becker integrates his bankruptcy expertise into a wider commercial practice. He possesses notable experience as a Chapter 7 and 11 trustee.

Vincent Roldan is a talented partner in the Mandelbaum Barrett PC bankruptcy and creditors rights group. His practice displays strength in a range of in- and out-of-court proceedings. **Strengths:** "Vince is a skilled and effective attorney. He is both practical and knowledgeable." "Vincent knows the area well and is a really good communicator." "Vincent has deep technical expertise in bankruptcy issues." "Vincent is a super advocate."

Construction

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Leading Firms	Senior Statespeople	
Band 1	Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners	Greene Jr Patrick J Peckar & Abramson, P.C.
Greenberg Traurig, LLP	Fleder Mark Connell Foley LLP	
Peckar & Abramson, P.C.	Leading Individuals	
Band 2	Band 1	Powers Lawrence Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC	Carlowicz Andrew Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst	Sandars III Paul A Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn
Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC	Epstein Robert C Greenberg Traurig, LLP	Band 3
Connell Foley LLP	Estis Dennis A. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *	Bondy Jonathan Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
FBT Gibbons LLP	Greenberg Vogt Jacqueline Mandelbaum Barrett PC *	Cabalar Martin Becker & Poliakoff PA *
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP	Jensen David Greenberg Traurig, LLP	Capasso Anthony Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP
Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas	MacPherson Robert J Cokinios Young (ORL) ◇	Kenny Charles Peckar & Abramson, P.C.
Tesser & Cohen, Attorneys At Law	McBride Michael X. Connell Foley LLP	North John D Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *
Band 3	McKenna Michael F. Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall	Rosen Mark Peckar & Abramson, P.C.
Hedinger & Lawless LLC	Meller Bruce Peckar & Abramson, P.C.	Taraschi Mitchell Connell Foley LLP
Mandelbaum Barrett PC	Nudelman Steven Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *	Band 4
Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP	Shahinian Armen Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC	Forrest R. Brant Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP
Band 4	Tesser Lee Tesser & Cohen, Attorneys At Law	Landgraf James Dilworth Paxson LLP (ORL) ◇
Florio Perrucci Steinhart Cappelli Tipton & Taylor	Toriccollo Peter J. FBT Gibbons LLP *	Riggiola Loryn Zetlin & De Chiara LLP
Becker & Poliakoff, P.C.	Zicherman Michael S Peckar & Abramson, P.C.	Ryan Timothy R. Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman
Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins	Band 2	Serkin Denis Peckar & Abramson, P.C.
Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP	Cohen Steven Tesser & Cohen, Attorneys At Law	Trif Greg Trif & Modugno LLC (ORL) ◇
Zetlin & De Chiara LLP	Lawless Robert Hedinger & Lawless LLC	Werner Gary Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP
* Indicates individual with profile.	Lombardo Lisa FBT Gibbons LLP *	Up-and-coming individuals
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.	Moran Peter Peckar & Abramson, P.C.	Prisco John Becker & Poliakoff, P.C. *
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.		

Band 1

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

What the team is known for

Greenberg Traurig is a preeminent group advising owners and developers on significant construction projects. The firm is adept at handling matters ranging from the negotiation and drafting of contracts to payment disputes, delay claims and claims of defective design and construction.

Strengths

"Greenberg Traurig has legal and contractual knowledge combined with a good practical sense."

"What truly distinguishes Greenberg Traurig's construction department is its blend of deep com-

mercial awareness and practical, forward-looking problem-solving."

"The group is highly responsive and provides top-notch service."

Work highlights

Greenberg Traurig represented RBH Group as construction counsel in the development of a mixed use residential high-rise project and related amenities at Halsey Street, Newark.

Notable practitioners

Robert Epstein receives praise for his representation of public and private owners and developers, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and designers in leading construction projects and disputes. **Strengths:** "Robert is a talented and experienced construction attorney, who is a results-driven

creative thinker." **David Jensen** is commended for his work representing developers and owners in construction contracting matters pertaining to large commercial, residential and infrastructure projects. He is specifically noted for his experience in contract negotiation and drafting. **Strengths:** "David is really good at looking at the existing problem and verbalizing it. He also does a very good job of conceptually understanding things and putting them onto paper." "David is incredibly knowledgeable. He has an ability to know both sides of every argument and see around corners to get into a position that protects the client while being commercial."

Peckar & Abramson, P.C.

What the team is known for

Construction: Mediators
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Carlowicz Andrew Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst
Drasco Dennis J Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn
Isacoff Adrienne Taylor Law Group (ORL) ♦
Keefe Sr. John The Keefe Firm (ORL) ♦
MacPherson Robert J Cokinos Young (ORL) ♦
Smith Peter Connell Foley LLP
Steen Richard Richard H. Steen, LLC (ORL) ♦
Volkert, Jr. Donald Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn
♦ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Pecker & Abramson is a highly regarded construction firm specializing in assisting general contractors and construction managers with the negotiation of contracts and in litigation, mediation and arbitration. It often advises on design and construction defect claims, delay claims and subcontractor claims.

Strengths

"Pecker & Abramson's subject matter expertise is unquestionable. The attorneys are absolute experts on construction law and are also easy to work with and accessible."

"The team's understanding of the local construction market is unmatched."

"The Pecker & Abramson group is extremely responsive and conscientious about providing the best information and value in a timely manner."

Notable practitioners

Patrick Greene is well regarded for his representation of contractors in major litigation and arbitration. **Bruce Meller** is commended for his strength acting for construction managers and contractors in substantial litigation, as well as contract negotiations. **Strengths:** *"Bruce is simply the best at what he does. He always delivers clear and practical insights."* Michael Zicherman is commended for his knowledge of construction litigation and arbitration acting for construction managers. He has significant experience handling issues on both a domestic and international level. **Strengths:** *"Michael is a fair and reputable attorney who is very pleasant to work with and driven to get the deal done for the client."*

Peter Moran advises clients on a broad spectrum of construction disputes, although he has considerable experience of handling design-defect claims related to infrastructure projects. He is also adept in drafting and negotiating construction documents. **Strengths:** *"Peter is a real pro. He is always calm under pressure and always in command of the facts and the law. He is an outstanding construction lawyer."* **Charles Kenny** offers significant experience representing general contractors and construction managers in litigation and mediation. **Mark Rosen** has extensive experience in construction, public contract and surety law and represents clients in a wide array of related litigation. **Strengths:** *"Mark is a great, prominent construction lawyer."* **Denis Serkin** represents construction managers, contractors and developers in a range of contentious and non-contentious construction work. He has notable expertise handling delay, defect and disruption claims, as well as broader transactional work.

Band 2

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi delivers a full array of solutions tailored specifically to addressing challenges facing the construction industry and its stakeholders.

Strengths

"The firm has a robust knowledge base and the ability to handle large, complex matters due to its extensive staff."

"Chiesa attorneys are well-prepared and strategic advocates for their clients."

"The firm offers excellent legal work and practical advice."

"The group has exceptional knowledge of surety law and the surety industry."

Notable practitioners

Armen Shahinian is a respected litigator with notable experience in the construction sector. He is widely respected for his expertise in surety law. **Strengths:** *"Armen is one of the best, if not the best, surety lawyers in the industry."* *"Armen is an expert in the field of surety law matters."* *"Armen has great communication skills, is responsive to inquiries and collaborates well with others."* **Jonathan Bondy's** practice is concentrated in the field of commercial litigation, with a focus on construction, surety and contract issues in New York and New Jersey. As a member of the firm, Jon represents and advises sureties with respect to performance and payment bond claims, the defense of prevailing wage claims, affirmative surety claims, loss recovery, bankruptcy issues and contractor workouts. **Strengths:** *"Jonathan is a good litigator with lots of experience."* *"Jon is a leader in our industry and provides exceptional service and knowledge of the industry."* *"Jon is an excellent surety lawyer."*

Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC

What the team is known for

Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman is a respected, high-profile practice which represents general contractors as well as owners and subcontractors in a range of construction matters. They are recognized for its expertise in handling major contract disputes and they routinely handle delay damages claims and bid protests.

Notable practitioners

Michael McKenna is widely respected for his expertise in major construction disputes arising from significant infrastructure projects and commercial developments. Timothy Ryan is noted for his experience in litigating construction design, delay and defect claims. He represents general contractors, subcontractors, construction managers and design professionals on all facets of construction law.

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for

Connell Foley is a leading construction firm with vast experience assisting governmental entities, owners, developers and contractors with contract negotiation and litigation. The group regularly handles claims involving delay, defective design and construction issues as well as bidding disputes and lien filings.

Notable practitioners

Mark Fleder is valued for his ability to handle major construction projects and litigation on behalf of public owners and general contractors. Michael McBride is highly regarded for his deep expertise advising owners and developers on major construction projects and disputes. **Strengths:** *"Michael is a top-notch attorney."* **Peter Smith** is deeply experienced in the litigation and arbitration of construction disputes and is recognized for his work as an arbitrator and mediator. **Mitchell Taraschi** is cochair of Connell Foley's construction group and delivers successful litigation outcomes for a diverse array of construction industry clients. His projects include large-scale developments of residential, commercial, industrial and mixed-use projects in New Jersey and New York, including projects in Newark, Jersey City, Hackensack, Manhattan and Queens.

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons is a well-known practice which frequently represents general contractors and owners in contract drafting and negotiation, P3 matters, litigation and alternative dispute resolution. The group is also experienced in claims involving design and construction defects, delay, public bidding and breach of contract.

Strengths

"The firm's significant expertise was a given but its client service was over and above expectations."

"Gibbons has a great team of extremely responsive and supportive attorneys."

"The firm is distinguished by its attention to detail, understanding of complex transactions from legal and practical perspectives, and its responsiveness to client needs."

Work highlights

FBT Gibbons represented Georgia Renewable Power and its affiliates in a dispute with a contractor and subcontractor concerning the construction of biomass power plants in Georgia. The team secured a favorable settlement that resolved parallel arbitration and federal court proceedings involving claims of defective design and construction, fraud and breach of warranty.

Notable practitioners

Peter Torricollo is co-managing partner of the firm and is esteemed for his practice representing general contractors and owners in leading litigation and arbitration. He regularly handles negligence and delay claims. **Lisa Lombardo** represents both plaintiffs and defendants and has experience drafting and negotiating contracts. She works with owners, contractors, subcontractors and designers on contracts for projects involving academic centers, public schools, laboratory facilities, office buildings, energy facilities, public/private projects and building additions of various sizes. **Strengths:** *"Lisa is very good at her craft and has attention to detail."*

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP

What the team is known for

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis is an established practice focused on representing developers, owners, condominium associations and general contractors in litigation. The group is experienced in handling a broad range of disputes, including claims

relating to defective construction and design, negligence and construction delays.

Strengths

"The team has deep knowledge of construction litigation matters."

"The group is very conscious of commercial dynamics."

"Greenbaum attorneys has excellent commercial awareness."

Work highlights

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis represented the owners of a residential construction renovation project in Glen Ridge in asserting claims of construction delay, unapproved changes and defective construction against the builder, Orchard Hills Design & Construction.

Notable practitioners

Dennis Estis is regularly called upon for his advice in litigation and arbitration. He is recognized for his expertise in condominium work. **Strengths:** *"Dennis is extremely knowledgeable."* **Steven Nudelman's** practice encompasses a wide spectrum of issues ranging from construction lien claims and disputes to contract negotiations and drafting. He represents a wide range of clients, including owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors and design professionals. **Strengths:** *"Steven is an excellent attorney who has deep specialization in construction liens."* John North's expertise includes disputes involving condominium association law. **Strengths:** *"John is an extremely impressive and thorough attorney."*

Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas

What the team is known for

Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas is an esteemed practice with significant experience representing engineers and architects in litigation. It is also well versed in acting for design professionals in mediation and arbitrations.

Notable practitioners

Andrew Carlowicz focuses his practice on advising architects and engineers on construction disputes. He is also well regarded for his work as a mediator and an arbitrator. **Strengths:** *"Andrew is a knowledgeable construction lawyer."* **Lawrence Powers** has deep expertise in advising clients in construction litigation. He is recognized in the market for his extensive experience representing design professionals.

Tesser & Cohen, Attorneys At Law

What the team is known for

Tesser & Cohen is a dedicated construction firm specializing in representing managers and contractors. It possesses particular strength in matters involving construction contracts, as well as regularly handling issues relating to condominiums and lien law.

Notable practitioners

Lee Tesser is adept at advising construction managers and contractors on contract negotiation. He is also an experienced litigator, with notable expertise in cases involving condominiums and lien law. **Steven Cohen** is noted for acting for contractors in disputes and is well versed in cases concerning lien law. He routinely handles claims related to construction defects and contractor performance.

Strengths: *"Steven is very skilled at representing subcontractors."*

Band 3

Hedinger & Lawless LLC

What the team is known for

Hedinger & Lawless is a boutique firm with notable expertise in construction litigation. It regularly represents contractors in complex claims.

Notable practitioners

Robert Lawless is noted for his representation of contractors in significant disputes. He regularly handles litigation arising from residential and publicly funded projects.

Mandelbaum Barrett PC

What the team is known for

Mandelbaum Barrett assists clients in navigating the legal technicalities of building, developing and managing construction projects. It represents a range of clients, including owners, developers, contractors and design professionals in contract negotiation and drafting, project oversight and dispute resolution.

Strengths

"The firm is nimble, responsive and provides assertive advocacy, while respecting client preferences."

"Mandelbaum Barrett has excellent litigators who are very knowledgeable in the field."

Work highlights

Mandelbaum Barrett represented Black Equities Group, the owner/developer of a major industrial property in Kearny, New Jersey, which was being rehabilitated. The team negotiated and drafted the agreements with the general contractor and construction manager and handled the environmental abatement project contracts and approvals.

Notable practitioners

Jacqueline Vogt is adept at advising owners, developers and contractors in major contract negotiations. She also deftly handles construction defect disputes. **Strengths:** *"Jacqueline is one of the most knowledgeable construction lawyers in the tri-state area."* *"Jacqueline is a knowledgeable, excellent construction lawyer and litigator."* *"Jacqueline is responsive and sensitive to timelines."*

Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP

What the team is known for

The construction group at Murphy Schiller & Wilkes is well known for representing clients in both the construction and real estate markets. The group stands out for handling transactional and complicated construction matters, for a variety of clients in public and private sectors. The team has notable experience on topics such as contract drafting & negotiation to litigation, risks and insurance.

Strengths

"The Murphy Schiller & Wilkes team has extensive industry experience in construction law."

"The attorneys are highly qualified to handle complex construction matters."

Notable practitioners

Anthony Capasso is a partner and cochair of the firm's Construction and Litigation group. He has a focus on construction and real estate disputes, with a particular emphasis on high exposure construc-

tion including design error cases. He represents clients in a variety of matters from contract drafting to disputes, in both public and private spheres.

Strengths: *"Anthony is exceptionally knowledgeable in the field."* *"Anthony is an experienced and excellent construction litigator. He is a zealous advocate but is also practical and pragmatic."* Brant Forrest is a partner and cochair of the firm's construction and litigation group. He represents a variety of clients from developers to surveyors in both state and federal courts. He has experience in handling large infrastructure projects, including airports and power plants. His background in the construction industry allows him to understand construction projects and achieve favorable outcomes for his clients.

Band 4

Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor, LLC

What the team is known for

Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor's construction practice draws from their wealth of government experience and helps clients navigate the governing legal principles, statutes, regulations and public agencies involved in procurement. They represent a range of clients, including owners, designers, general contractors, subcontractors, sureties and more.

Becker & Poliakoff, P.C.

What the team is known for

Becker & Poliakoff has a strong presence across the state, with a reputation for representing the owners of construction projects, including associations and developers. The firm has notable expertise in acting for condominium and community associations, including in litigation. It is also noted for its strength in the public-private partnership space. The team's sector expertise covers retail, education and health-care.

Strengths

"The firm's lawyers are exceptional communicators, who are very organized and plan ahead."

"The Becker & Poliakoff team is smart, knowledgeable and easy to work with."

"The attorneys understand both the legal and technical engineering components, which allows them to navigate complex processes with precision."

Work highlights

Becker & Poliakoff represented Avora at Port Imperial Condominium Association in filing a construction defect lawsuit against project developer, Landsea Homes, its design professionals, general contractor and subcontractors, seeking recovery for damages caused by alleged deficiencies in the design and construction of the building.

Notable practitioners

Martin Cabalar is known for his representation of condominium and homeowner associations as general counsel and in construction and real estate litigation. He also has experience representing contractors in construction and contractual disputes. **Strengths:** *"Martin is a skilled lawyer and negotiator."* *"Martin is well-experienced in condominium litigation."* *"Martin's knowledge of our commercial situation coupled with his excellent strategy, exper-*

tise and advice make him invaluable." "Martin is very sharp and works well with clients and consultants." **John Prisco** handles a range of construction disputes, including defect work and design error claims. His clients include condominium associations. **Strengths:** "John's attention to detail and effective communication to his clients and their opposition is unmatched." "John is extremely knowledgeable and pleasant to work with."

Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins, P.C.

What the team is known for

Javerbaum Wurgaft is a respected group with experience of handling a wide array of matters, including delay and disruption claims and lien law issues. The firm's clients include contractors, subcontractors and owners.

Notable practitioners

Dennis Drasco is renowned for his experience in handling construction litigation and the mediation and arbitration of those cases. **Strengths:** "Dennis is a respected trial attorney." "Dennis is an effective mediator." Donald Volkert is a former judge, who is now using his longstanding experience in both state and federal courts, to handle mediations and arbitrations for a variety of clients, including those in the construction space. **Strengths:** "Donald is a very knowledgeable lawyer." Paul Sandars is the managing director of the firm and well versed in the handling of construction disputes on behalf of owners and contractors, including cases involving condominiums.

Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP

What the team is known for

Schenck, Price, Smith & King has experience in helping clients navigate through all phases of the construction process. It advises public or private owners, design professionals, construction managers, contractors and subcontractors from initial planning and design through to project completion.

Notable practitioners

Gary Werner is commended for his expertise in both contract negotiation and litigation.

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP

What the team is known for

Zetlin & De Chiara is a respected construction law boutique distinguished for its representation of architectural and engineering firms, as well as owners and developers. The firm has notable strength in litigation and arbitration, in addition to contract review and negotiations. The team handles a wide range of public and private sector developments, including retail, infrastructure, industrial and residential projects.

Strengths

"The Zetlin & De Chiara team has great abilities and talent as well as being responsive."

"The firm does a good job understanding the business aspects of transactions."

Notable practitioners

Loryn Riggiola is known for her representation of design professionals in a range of disputes. Her construction expertise spans delay and defect claims. **Strengths:** "Loryn is a great litigator and really good attorney."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Adrienne Isacoff of Taylor Law Group is renowned for her ability to handle arbitration and mediation on behalf of owners and educational institutions arising from a range of construction disputes. **Strengths:** "Adrienne is a big player in the mediation space."

John Keefe is a seasoned construction attorney, with deep experience handling mediations arising across the sector.

James Landgraf of Dilworth Paxson is recognized for his handling of construction contracts and litigation on behalf of owners and contractors.

Strengths: "James is a notable construction practitioner."

Robert MacPherson of Cokinis | Young is experienced in counseling clients on P3 matters and acts as construction contract and dispute counsel for contractors, subcontractors and owners in both public and private work. He is also highly regarded for his work as a mediator and arbitrator. **Strengths:** "Robert is a very seasoned construction mediator." "Robert is a top-notch attorney." "Robert is a super fantastic and knowledgeable attorney, as well as a very trusted and learned man."

Richard Steen is an accomplished construction arbitrator and mediator. He has extensive experience across the gamut of construction-related disputes.

Greg Trif of Trif & Modugno handles a range of construction disputes in state and federal courts, as well as in arbitration. His clients include contractors and private owners. He fields additional expertise in the negotiation of construction contracts.

Strengths: "Greg is an excellent lawyer who brings an aggressive edge, which is key."

Corporate/M&A

Band 1

DLA Piper LLP (US)

What the team is known for

DLA Piper LLP is a highly regarded firm known for its international reach and the breadth of its expertise in business deals. The team is experienced in cross-border transactions, securities law and corporate finance. The firm works with startups, entrepreneurs and global corporations in the technology, medical device and life science industries, among others.

Strengths

"DLA Piper's service is excellent. The attorneys are very attentive and provide good communication and coordination between their offices."

"DLA has the depth and breadth as a law firm to handle any matter that arises."

Work highlights

DLA Piper LLP advised Sana on its \$1.1 billion acquisition by Workday.

Notable practitioners

James Fischer's expertise includes the handling of both domestic and international corporate acquisitions. **Strengths:** "Jim is deeply responsive." "Jim is incredibly service-oriented, responsive and very keenly focused on meeting the client's needs."

Andrew Gilbert represents companies from a range of industries in business sales, acquisitions and other corporate and financing matters. **Strengths:** "Andrew is very commercial and experienced."

Emilio Ragosa operates a respected practice in a number of hi-tech industries, involving the representation of companies in M&A, IPOs and venture capital matters. **Scott Cowan** is a strong choice of counsel for sophisticated transactions, especially

as they occur in the healthcare and life sciences spaces. He frequently advises on M&A corporate financing matters.

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for

Lowenstein Sandler LLP is a preeminent full-service firm with a dominant presence in the middle market, noted for its impressive roster of experienced attorneys. The firm represents a wide variety of clients, including family-owned businesses, startups and hedge funds. It has a solid private equity practice, including regularly acting as general counsel to portfolio companies. The team is able to advise on the full range of governance, tax and IP questions arising from corporate transactions.

Strengths

"The attorneys are very available, communicative

Corporate/M&A
Leading Firms
Band 1
DLA Piper LLP (US)
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Band 2
Dentons
McCarter & English, LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
Band 3
Chiesa Shahanian & Giantomasi PC
Day Pitney LLP
Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman LLP
Band 4
Cole Schotz P.C.
Connell Foley LLP
FBT Gibbons LLP
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
Orloff, Lowenbach, Stifelman & Siegel
Reed Smith LLP
<i>* Indicates individual with profile.</i>
<i>◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.</i>
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

and responsive.”

“I really enjoy working with Lowenstein Sandler. They’re very responsive, have broad and deep expertise and they know our business well.”

“Lowenstein couples high-end expertise with excellent client management and pragmatic solutions.”

Work highlights

Lowenstein Sandler LLP advised Altair on its acquisition by Siemens for \$10.6 billion.

Notable practitioners

Peter Ehrenberg chairs the firm’s corporate department and is a highly esteemed figure in the New Jersey legal market. He is accomplished in the handling of corporate transactions for various companies. **Alan Wovsaniker** routinely represents biopharmaceutical companies in mergers and acquisitions, as part of his broad corporate practice. Anthony Pergola acts for tech companies and equity capital trusts on corporate transactions, with a particular focus on financing deals. **Strengths:** “I really enjoy working with Anthony. He provides fantastic guidance.” **Nicholas San Filippo** has experience in handling large strategic acquisitions for chemical companies, among others, and his work has involved elements in several Asian jurisdictions and Australia. **Jeffrey Shapiro** has a broad transactional practice and advises clients in a range of sectors, including non-profits as well as private and public companies. **Strengths:** “He puts in the work and is an incredible thought-leader.” “Jeffrey is highly skilled and has been a consistent joy to work with. He’s smart, thorough but also pragmatic and creative with solving client problems.” **Annie Nazarian Davydov** is recognized as an emerging star in the New Jersey M&A market. Clients praise her for the exceptional advice she offers on high value deals across a broad range of industries. **Strengths:** “Annie is a very practical attorney and a good negotiator.” “Annie couples impressive expertise with a pragmatic approach to problem-solving.”

Corporate/M&A
Senior Statespeople & Eminent Practitioners
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Ehrenberg Peter H. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Wovsaniker Alan. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Eminent Practitioners
Crane R Max. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Aiello John. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Boyajian Victor. Dentons US LLP
Fischer James M. DLA Piper LLP (US)
Gilbert Andrew P. DLA Piper LLP (US)
Band 2
Cannone Frank T. FBT Gibbons LLP
Cohen Steven. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Felton W Raymond. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *
Navarino Jason D. McCarter & English, LLP
Pergola Anthony O. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Ragosa Emilio. DLA Piper LLP (US)
Sunberg Randall B. Baker McKenzie (ORL) ◇
Band 3
Colella Paul. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Cromie John D. Connell Foley LLP
Rosenberg Ira A. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *
San Filippo Nicholas. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Stamelman Andrew J. Sherman Atlas Sylvester
Stevenson Edward B. Chiesa Shahanian & Giantomasi PC
Tucker H. Glenn. Chiesa Shahanian & Giantomasi PC
Band 4
Atlas Harold S. Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman LLP
Connolly William G. Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman
Cowan Scott. DLA Piper LLP (US)
Forlenza Philip D. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Harris Brett R. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. (ORL) ◇
Helmer Michael E. Squire Patton Boggs (ORL) ◇
Schwartz David. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Smith Laurence. Day Pitney LLP
Band 5
Bogutz Steinberg Tami. Flaster Greenberg PC (ORL) ◇ *
Carniol Rhonda. Chiesa Shahanian & Giantomasi PC
Foger Ami. Saiber LLC (ORL) ◇
Katz Ilan. Dentons
Lally Gerald. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Lubben Michael. FBT Gibbons LLP
Montagna Veronica H. McCarter & English, LLP
Novak Benjamin David. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Papier David J. Dentons
Schaff Michael F. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. (ORL) ◇
Shapiro Jeffrey. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Vaillant Michele. McCarter & English, LLP
Yan Betty. Arnold & Porter (ORL) ◇
Up-and-coming individuals
Adejemilua Onome. McCarter & English, LLP
Nazarian Davydov Annie. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Wilkins William L. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *

Band 2

Dentons

What the team is known for

Dentons has a well-known group with an excellent practice in the technology and life sciences space. It works closely with venture capital firms and offers a startup program geared toward assisting entrepreneurs with business, financial and legal advice. The team is able to leverage the firm’s global network of offices to advise on national and interna-

tional mandates.

Strengths

“Through a complicated transaction, Dentons was always one step ahead.”

“Dentons offers a deep bench and a responsive, personal service.”

Work highlights

Dentons advised iCAD on its \$100 million acquisition by DeepHealth, a subsidiary of RadNet.

Notable practitioners

Victor Boyajian’s expertise lies in the securing of funding for businesses through private equity investors and venture capitalists. He is frequently sought out by companies within the tech industry. He is widely regarded as an international thought leader for his work in the emerging company space.

Strengths: “Victor is a very dynamic attorney in addition to being technically proficient.” **Ilan Katz** is a respected attorney who represents clients in significant M&A and joint venture transactions. David Papier operates a diverse corporate practice for a broad roster of clients. His experience includes advising tech companies, venture capital funds and lenders on financing and acquisitions. **Strengths:** “He provided top-notch advice and legal work at every stage.”

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English LLP handles a wide range of matters for mid-market enterprises, including corporate finance, M&A and joint ventures. The firm displays strength in the emerging markets sector, working with diverse clients, from technology-focused companies to those in the pharmaceutical and financial services sectors. The team is also able to offer high-end advice on complex compliance matters.

Strengths

“I find the firm to be extremely capable in handling complex matters.”

“McCarter & English is a one-stop shop for great legal advice on everything a business needs to know. They are thorough and explain well.”

Work highlights

McCarter & English, LLP represented Banyan in connection with its merger with Bilt Rewards.

Notable practitioners

Jason Navarino is recognized for his abilities in domestic and cross-border M&A and joint venture work. He offers additional expertise in tax issues. **Strengths:** “Jason Navarino has a practical approach in understanding our business.” “Jason Navarino is a very intelligent, excellent lawyer.” Veronica Montagna advises both public and private company clients on a range of corporate transactions. She has notable expertise in transactions in the healthcare and banking spaces. **Strengths:** “Veronica is smart, efficient and reliable.” “Veronica is a great adviser on business legal matters. She reasons well and thinks about the best path towards accomplishing business needs.” **Michele Vaillant** is an excellent choice of counsel for complex M&A and general corporate matters. She is active both domestically and internationally. **Onome Adejemilua** is an up-and-coming talent whose practice is concentrated on the representation of public and private companies and private equity firms in a suite of transactions. **Strengths:** “Onome Adejemilua is

excellent and very responsive."

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

What the team is known for

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP possesses a strong group with an enviable life sciences, pharmaceutical and technology practice. It displays considerable strength in M&A and private equity transactions for a wide range of high profile medical device and pharmaceutical clients. It is particularly adept at brokering strategic collaboration agreements between pharma companies worldwide. The team is also able to advise on the full range of securities matters.

Strengths

"The attorneys have always been extremely helpful and responsive with the highest of service level and professionalism."

"The attorneys are very client-focused, extremely responsive, solution-oriented and give good advice."

"Morgan Lewis offers really strong client communication. They were really experienced and knowledgeable on the subject matter."

Work highlights

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP advised Contentstack on its acquisition of Lytics.

Notable practitioners

Steven Cohen represents technology, pharmaceutical and hardware companies in a broad range of strategic transactions, including acquisitions, financing and restructuring. He is chair of the emerging business and technology practice.

David Schwartz's experience includes advising pharmaceutical and biotech companies on M&A and a range of financing matters, including public offerings and loans. **Strengths:** "David Schwartz is an exceptional attorney. He's extremely knowledgeable and responsive." Benjamin Novak primarily represents emerging growth companies in the life sciences and technology spaces. He also counts private equity firms and venture capital funds among his clientele.

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

What the team is known for

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. offers clients a sophisticated corporate service, with expertise in M&A and a variety of other commercial transactions. The firm's expertise spans a range of industries, including healthcare, entertainment, manufacturing and construction. Clients include Fortune 500 companies, midmarket businesses and startups.

Notable practitioners

Managing partner Max Crane possesses broad expertise across the spectrum of corporate matters, including M&A and financings. **Strengths:** "Max Crane is an excellent practitioner." Ira Rosenberg routinely represents pharmaceutical companies in acquisitions, licensing matters and collaboration agreements. **Strengths:** "I found Ira to be extremely professional. He knew the market and worked to get a deal done." William Wilkins has a growing transactional practice, earning praise for his work with both private and public companies on M&A, joint ventures and commercial transactions. **Strengths:** "William Wilkins is fantastic. He's super responsive and analytical."

Band 3

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC has a notable team that advises clients on strategic acquisitions and sales, as well as financings and governance issues. It also has notable expertise in securities offerings. Clients include financial services, technology and life sciences companies, as well as real estate developers.

Strengths

"The attention to detail is excellent. The advice is appropriately positioned but also business-minded."

"The firm's strengths lie in the quick response times, excellent transparency and ability to focus directly on the matter at hand. They provide clear, practical advice, highlighting potential future risks or opportunities without overwhelming clients with unnecessary information."

"They provide thoughtful and diligent representation that is efficient and responsive to client's needs. They're extremely responsive, diligent and thoughtful."

Notable practitioners

Edward Stevenson assists consumer goods manufacturers, among other clients, with acquisitions and other transactional matters. He also provides a broad range of other corporate advice. **Strengths:** "Ed is a consummate professional. He knows the M&A space, provides clear advice and supports the business demands through closing." "Ed takes the time to understand the business so that his advice is practical." Glenn Tucker of Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi maintains a longstanding practice focused on an array of corporate transactions, including M&A. **Strengths:** "Glenn is an excellent transactional lawyer who places client needs at the forefront." "He is a very smart, hardworking attorney who represents his clients, and the profession, well."

Rhonda Carniol is a strong corporate attorney who advises clients on significant M&A transactions and joint ventures. **Strengths:** "Rhonda is a savvy, commercial lawyer. She is someone you want in your corner when you need a deal to get done." "Rhonda was the whole legal package."

Day Pitney LLP

What the team is known for

Day Pitney LLP has significant expertise in corporate transactions and related regulatory concerns, in particular SEC compliance matters and M&A deals. It acts for a range of clients, including those in the information technology, pharmaceutical and financial services sectors. The team regularly works with banks and other large financial institutions.

Strengths

"They're great; really solid, knowledgeable and responsive."

Notable practitioners

Laurence Smith regularly works with companies from a number of industries on M&A and financing transactions.

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC

What the team is known for

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC represents private and public companies and entrepreneurs in financing transactions, corporate compliance

and M&A transactions. It provides complementary expertise in securities law, advising clients on public and private offerings. The firm works with clients in sectors such as insurance, real estate and technology.

Strengths

"I am very confident that they can handle complex matters. The attorneys are very responsive and accessible."

"They handle complex and important matters efficiently, and are extraordinarily responsive."

Work highlights

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC represented World Insurance Associates in its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Abacus Insurance and Financial Services.

Notable practitioners

John Aiello is recognized for his expertise in handling complex corporate transactions and securities matters. **Strengths:** "John Aiello gets sophisticated corporate matters done." "He is a very technically proficient attorney." "John is an excellent M&A lawyer." **Paul Colella's** expertise includes the handling of both financing matters and corporate transactions, with particular experience in representing clients in the insurance industry. **Strengths:** "He's a great attorney. He is super responsive, detail-oriented and an excellent strategic thinker." "Paul is a good lawyer. He is both conscientious and transaction-oriented." Philip Forlenza has a practice focused on the handling of business acquisitions and divestitures. He has additional expertise in corporate finance and securities matters. **Strengths:** "Philip Forlenza is an excellent corporate attorney." "He is highly responsive." **Gerald Lally** advises clients on sophisticated M&A, securities matters and financings. He is additionally skilled in the provision of tax law advice. **Strengths:** "Gerald is a great asset to our organization and partner in business."

Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman LLP

What the team is known for

Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman LLP fields a strong corporate group with considerable experience in advising clients on joint ventures, debt financings, SEC compliance and corporate governance. The firm is also notable for its expertise in restructuring and tax issues. It advises clients in a range of sectors, including tech, banking, energy and healthcare.

Strengths

"They are super responsive and always give great advice. They take the time to understand the client's business."

"Sherman Atlas offer responsiveness and a focus on delivering practical guidance."

Work highlights

Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman LLP represented Student Transportation of America on the equity acquisition of an Ohio bus company.

Notable practitioners

Andrew Stamelman supports companies from an eclectic array of industries on the full scope of corporate deals. **Strengths:** "Andrew Stamelman is a great and trusted adviser who blends the technical with the practical." Harold Atlas represents clients in corporate matters including sales and purchases, collaboration agreements and company reorgani-

zations. William Connolly provides a range of companies with expert transactional advice. He is well equipped to assist clients with business ownership transfers and corporate restructuring, among other matters.

Band 4

Cole Schotz P.C.

What the team is known for

Cole Schotz handles the full range of corporate work, advising on M&A, joint ventures and finance transactions. Its diverse sector expertise includes in technology, health care and media, with experience in private equity and venture capital.

Strengths

"They are super responsive, deeply knowledgeable and commercial. They are able to provide the exact right expertise for any issue that we bring them."

"Their ability to handle complex and sophisticated matters is excellent because they combine technical legal expertise with strong judgment and practical execution."

"The team consistently demonstrates high ownership, fast decision-making and an impressive ability to solve complex problems collaboratively."

Work highlights

Cole Schotz P.C. represented National Waste Services in connection with a business transaction combination with Long Island Waste Services.

Notable practitioners

Jennifer Horowitz is a key contact.

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for

Connell Foley LLP is a respected local firm with multiple offices across the state. It focuses on mid-market work for clients including family-owned businesses and public companies. Expertise includes M&A transactions in addition to private equity work, commercial agreements and corporate governance issues.

Strengths

"Connell Foley offers great customer service and high technical ability."

"They attorneys are very professional and knowledgeable."

Notable practitioners

John Cromie is notable for his expertise in divestitures, among other transactions, and also provides advice on governance and finance matters.

Strengths: *"John Cromie is a skilled and experienced attorney."*

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons represents clients in a range of industries, including household names, operating in both the middle and upper market. The firm has additional expertise in banking and finance matters.

Strengths

"FBT Gibbons has an excellent calibre of attorneys who are very business-oriented."

"FBT Gibbons' corporate group handles complex and sophisticated matters extremely well. The service levels and responsiveness are also superb."

"The attorneys are efficient, knowledgeable and responsive."

Notable practitioners

Frank Cannone has experience in handling a range of matters, including M&A, the negotiation of strategic alliances and securities work. He regularly represents a diverse array of private and public companies. He serves as chair of the firm's corporate group. **Strengths:** *"Frank is an amazing attorney."*

"He is well-versed in M&A." **Michael Lubben** has recognized expertise assisting with complex M&A transactions and corporate financings. His clients include public companies, financial institutions and private equity firms. **Strengths:** *"Michael Lubben is an excellent attorney."* *"He has solid M&A experience and is easy to work with to get the deal done."*

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP

What the team is known for

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP is a well-established New Jersey firm with a solid corporate team. It demonstrates particular strength in real estate-related transactions and also provides advice on corporate finance and M&A. The team represents clients in the automotive and healthcare industries, among others.

Strengths

"The firm offers a quick response with practical business advice."

"They understand complex situations and are solution-focused. They always bring recommendations to the table."

Notable practitioners

Raymond Felton represents both purchasers and target companies in M&A transactions. He is chair of the corporate department and also serves as the firm's managing partner. **Strengths:** *"I like Ray Felton a lot and think he is very responsive."* *"Ray Felton always takes the time to understand client needs and share insights on what is needed. He is technical and yet easy to work with."* *"Ray Felton is very smart, measured, very technically sound and very practical. He's a corporate lawyer's corporate lawyer; very business-savvy."*

Orloff, Lowenbach, Stifelman & Siegel

What the team is known for

Orloff, Lowenbach, Stifelman & Siegel is a quality corporate law firm that represents a broad client base. The team is experienced in real estate, technology and financial services deals, among others.

Reed Smith LLP

What the team is known for

Reed Smith LLP has a strong transactional profile with particular strength in life sciences. It advises on the full gamut of corporate transactions in the

pharmaceutical, medical device and biotech sectors. The team also frequently provides advice to alternative energy companies in transactional and corporate governance matters.

Strengths

"The attorneys are high calibre, very professional, very smart and know what they're doing."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Tami Bogutz Steinberg of Flaster Greenberg PC is a respected corporate attorney who advises clients on complex M&A and joint venture agreements.

Strengths: *"Tami kept us abreast of all possible issues and worked hard to make sure every detail was addressed."* *"Tami Bogutz Steinberg functioned as true adviser for my transaction. She provided timely responses to all questions and raised numerous points to ensure my full understanding."* *"Tami is an absolute star. Her recall on all matters is fantastic."*

Ami Foger of Saiber maintains a busy practice advising a diverse range of clients on governance matters and M&A. His sector expertise spans manufacturing, energy and technology, among others.

Strengths: *"Ami is an excellent lawyer who is knowledgeable, responsive and collaborates well with deal team members and advisers."* *"Ami is the kind of lawyer who tries to look for solutions, not just identify problems."*

Brett Harris of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. attracts market recognition for her expertise in navigating corporate issues on behalf of non-profit organizations. **Strengths:** *"Brett has been an outstanding partner to our business for many years. She is thoughtful, highly responsive and consistently provides clear, practical guidance."* *"Brett is detail-oriented and communicates well with our team."*

Michael Helmer of Squire Patton Boggs possesses experience covering a wide range of corporate transactions. **Strengths:** *"Michael Helmer has good business acumen and is a trusted adviser to the firm. He is very responsive."*

Michael Schaff of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. is particularly well known for his work representing clients in the healthcare space. He serves as cochair of the firm's corporate, health and cannabis law practice groups. **Strengths:** *"Michael is a fantastic attorney. He is super analytical, super practical and easy to speak with. He delivers high quality results."* **Randall Sunberg** of Baker McKenzie is experienced in counseling clients on a range of corporate and securities matters, and is praised in particular for his work in the life sciences space. **Strengths:** *"He's incredibly well-respected and one-of-a-kind."*

Betty Yan of Arnold & Porter advises companies within the life sciences industry on a variety of corporate matters.

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
Leading Firms
Band 1
Day Pitney LLP
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Band 2
Faegre Drinker
FBT Gibbons LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Daniele Mark A. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Doyle David P. <i>Day Pitney LLP</i>
Graw Andrew E. <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP *</i>
Neri Joan M. <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Band 2
Kimball Jane <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Oswald-Mruz Christine <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP *</i>
Witman Leonard J. <i>Witman Stadtmauer, PA (ORL) ♦</i>
Up-and-coming individuals
Monson Megan <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP *</i>
* Indicates individual with profile.
♦ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Day Pitney LLP

What the team is known for

Day Pitney has a market-leading group of outstanding employee benefits and compensation experts, able to offer clients the full range of transactional and compliance experience. The team is widely praised for its work on health plans, pension plans and bonuses and is also highly sought after for its advice on multi-employer plans and both qualified and nonqualified retirement plans. The law firm acts for large employers, including Fortune 500 companies, across the retail, banking and automotive industries.

Notable practitioners

David Doyle is a well-regarded attorney who regularly advises companies on a complete range of employee benefits and executive compensation matters, including tax and ERISA matters.

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for

Lowenstein Sandler holds significant expertise in a wide range of employee benefits issues relating to health and welfare plans and employment agreements. The team is particularly adept at handling ERISA matters for LLC and partnership corporate entities. It is additionally experienced in corporate governance issues relating to executive compensation matters, equity arrangements and the benefits aspects of M&A.

Strengths

"Lowenstein demonstrates excellent subject matter expertise that we require for our business purposes."

"The firm's strengths include honesty, a sharp point of view, depth of experience and a human touch that makes you feel you have a true partner."

"The team is exceptionally responsive."

"The lawyers are very helpful, knowledgeable and insightful."

"The department stands out for its patience, technical expertise and willingness to meet the clients where they are at. The lawyers have a friendly disposition, navigate complexity and work collaboratively."

Work highlights

Lowenstein Sandler represented Vistar Media in its merger with T-Mobile and advised on related executive compensation and tax matters.

Notable practitioners

Andrew Graw expertly assists companies with the forming of bonus arrangements, as well as negotiating employee benefits provisions in the context of corporate acquisitions. **Strengths:** *"He is always helpful and very knowledgeable."* **Christine Oswald-Mruz** is adept at handling a range of benefits matters, including advising on equity participation plans, establishing bonus arrangements and structuring employee benefit agreements in relation to corporate mergers. **Strengths:** *"Christine Oswald-Mruz provides great service and demonstrates an excellent knowledge of our business."*

Megan Monson regularly assists executives with a variety of contractual matters regarding compensation, bonuses and restrictive covenants. She also advises corporations and financial institutions on employee benefit cases and integration processes. **Strengths:** *"Megan is incredibly knowledgeable, highly responsive and consistently goes above and beyond to deliver thoughtful, practical advice."*

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English is highly reputed for its counsel on all manner of benefits and compensation issues surrounding employee health, welfare and pension plans, as well as severance and incentive arrangements. The firm additionally provides ERISA litigation representation and counsel on IRS regulation compliance. It acts for a number of high-profile public and private companies and is notable for its work for start-ups and venture-backed companies.

Strengths

"Their deep knowledge of our company, business objectives and culture, allow the firm to provide highly focused, practical and trusted guidance that goes beyond standard industry support."

"The team displays deep ERISA experience and is highly responsive and flexible."

Work highlights

McCarter & English assisted a multinational manufacturing company with merging a recently acquired subsidiary's 401(k) plan into the company's and the preparation and submission of a favorable determination letter to the IRS.

Notable practitioners

Mark Daniele is an exceptionally well-regarded lawyer within the employee benefits and executive compensation sphere. He is particularly adept at handling the establishment and amendment of ERISA and health plans and IRS audits. **Strengths:** *"Mark Daniele is an excellent partner and provides stellar service."* *"He has an extensive understanding of the company, culture and business, and has*

been able to act as the quarterback to find the right resources and help solve problems." **Jane Kimball** regularly advises companies on a wide range of employee benefit and executive compensation matters. She has expertise in relation to retirement, healthcare and benefit plans, as well as experience handling contentious matters and ERISA topics.

Strengths: *"Jane Kimball is excellent to work with and has deep expertise in the benefit space."* *"Jane's ERISA expertise is exceptional."* *"She has gone over and beyond making sure all our company needs have been professionally handled."*

Band 2

Faegre Drinker

What the team is known for

Faegre Drinker has a highly regarded group with demonstrable skills across employee benefits and executive compensation matters. The team routinely advises plan sponsors and fiduciaries and is well versed in the gamut of ERISA-related work.

Strengths

"The lawyers have keen insight into our unique industry and are willing to explore every nuance and option that may be available to us."

"They understand not only legal requirements, but also business realities in giving practical guidance." *"We appreciate the firm's technical expertise and relevant experience."*

"I'm confident in their abilities to handle complex and sophisticated matters."

Notable practitioners

Joan Neri has a wealth of expertise in ERISA and DOL compliance matters and regularly assists clients in the retail, finance and education sectors. **Strengths:** *"Joan is incredibly detail-oriented and responsive."* *"Joan is extremely knowledgeable, responsive and an absolute pleasure to deal with."* *"Joan is extremely knowledgeable about ERISA law, knows all details and can speak to it from all aspects."*

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons offers a well-regarded team that provides robust advice on a wide array of employee benefits and executive compensation matters. It advises corporates and senior executives in connection with their employment and severance agreements, as well as assisting with the design and implementation of equity-based compensation plans. The department also frequently advises clients on benefits and compensation issues relating to corporate transactions.

Strengths

"The lawyers at FBT Gibbons are responsive, thoughtful and thorough. They act as a partner invested in the success of the institution."

Work highlights

FBT Gibbons assisted Montclair State University with its acquisition of Bloomfield College and reviewed the former retirement and welfare benefit plans.

Notable practitioners

Steven H Sholk is a key contact.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Leonard Witman of Witman Stadtmauer, PA is noted for the depth of his experience in tax and executive compensation issues.

Energy & Natural Resources

Energy & Natural Resources	
Leading Firms	
Band 1	
Cozen O'Connor	
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Senior Statespeople	
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Hoffman John A. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. (ORL) ◇	
Leading Individuals	
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Eisenstark Gregory Cozen O'Connor *	
Foley Colleen Saul Ewing LLP	
Genzer Stephen B Saul Ewing LLP	
Goldenberg Steven S Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC	
Laskey James H. Norris McLaughlin P.A.	
Meyer James Riker Danzig LLP	
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Bevan Murray E. Bevan, Mosca, Giuditta & Zarillo, P.C.	
Connolly Michael J. Cozen O'Connor *	
Howe Nathan K&L Gates (ORL) ◇	
Karmel Matthew A. Offit Kurman (ORL) ◇	
Koonz Barbara J. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *	
Mosca, Jr William K. Bevan, Mosca, Giuditta & Zarillo	
* Indicates individual with profile.	
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.	
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	

Band 1

Cozen O'Connor

What the team is known for

Cozen O'Connor has a well-regarded team with notable expertise in transactional, contentious and regulatory work in the energy sector. It offers significant experience acting for utility companies as well as handling matters concerning renewable energy. The team often appears before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Strengths

"The team at Cozen O'Connor is distinguished for its strong technical skills and superior negotiating skills."

Work highlights

Cozen O'Connor has assisted Jersey Central Power & Light Company as it has sought approval for an amended service company agreement and mutual

assistance agreement.

Notable practitioners

Gregory Eisenstark focuses his practice on the representation of regulated utility companies. He handles base-rate cases and power purchase agreements, among other matters. **Strengths:** "Gregory anticipates our needs, works with us to get our strategy and execution right and then works diligently to be an effective part of our team." Michael Connolly maintains a broad practice which includes acting in regulatory proceedings and litigation on behalf of clients in the energy and utilities sectors.

Saul Ewing LLP

What the team is known for

Saul Ewing's practice benefits from its team's vast experience acting for public utilities in complex regulatory matters. It offers significant strength in rate cases and also represents clients in appeals when necessary. The firm fields notable expertise in high-value transactions, including M&A and corporate reorganizations.

Notable practitioners

Colleen Foley is regularly sought out by energy companies and public utilities for her expertise in regulatory issues. She boasts significant experience in a variety of matters, including M&A and financing transactions. Stephen Genzer has over four decades of experience acting for clients before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. He offers significant expertise in rate cases and regularly advises on regulatory compliance.

Band 2

Archer & Greiner, P.C.

What the team is known for

Archer & Greiner, P.C. has gained recognition for its energy and natural resources practice, which provides transactional and regulatory assistance to clients in relation to clean and renewable energy projects. It acts for both private and municipal entities.

Bevan, Mosca, Giuditta & Zarillo, P.C.

What the team is known for

Bevan, Mosca, Giuditta & Zarillo offers notable expertise in utility and renewables issues. The team is experienced in rate cases, PPA negotiations and regulatory and compliance proceedings.

Notable practitioners

Murray Bevan regularly acts for clients before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, drawing on his

prior experience working as chief of staff to the BPU President. William Mosca maintains a broad practice, spanning transactional and regulatory work as well as litigation. He routinely acts for telecommunications companies and utilities and offers notable experience appearing before the BPU.

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC

What the team is known for

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla is a New Jersey-headquartered firm with an impressive energy, climate change and public utilities group. The firm is often called upon for its expertise in regulatory matters, as well as high-value transactions such as mergers. It acts for a variety of clients, ranging from energy companies to financial institutions.

Strengths

"The team at Giordano Halleran & Ciesla has a unique insight into state level energy law and regulations and also understands the contractual issues involved in energy projects."

Work highlights

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla has represented New Jersey Large Energy Users Coalition in a natural gas utility rate case before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Notable practitioners

Steven Goldenberg offers vast experience advising clients in the energy sector on regulatory matters. His wide-ranging practice includes rate cases, mergers and compliance advice. He also chairs the firm's energy, climate change and public utilities group. **Strengths:** "Steven Goldberg is one of the preeminent attorneys in New Jersey utility regulation. His knowledge is deep and his understanding of the law and the impact matters will have on his clients' budgets is impressive." "Steven is an excellent lawyer with deep and wide experience." "Steven is very plugged into the industry."

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP

What the team is known for

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP is commended for its strong energy and natural resources practice, which advises clients on an array of regulatory and transactional work predominantly pertaining to projects, especially within the solar sector. It adeptly assists developers in obtaining regulatory approvals and with zoning issues, and further possesses experience representing clients before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Strengths

"The team is comprised of excellent, experienced attorneys."

Work highlights

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP has assisted L'Oreal USA in the development and operation of clean and renewable energy facilities, for example via negotiating and drafting energy services agreements, securing renewable energy incentives, and facilitating community solar subscriber agreements.

Notable practitioners

Barbara J. Koonz has gained commendation for adeptly assisting clients in an array of regulatory and transactional mandates in the renewable energy space, such as acquisitions, leasing, and project consultation. In her capacity as chair of the firm's energy & renewable resources practice group, she has prominently assisted clients such as developers, large corporates, and nonprofit organisations, and has experience representing them before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. **Strengths:** *"Barbara is current and up to date with all of the new laws and regulations around solar."*

Norris McLaughlin P.A.**What the team is known for**

Norris McLaughlin has a strong team with impres-

sive experience representing public utilities before regulatory bodies, including the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. The firm offers notable expertise in rate cases as well as transactional matters. It is noted for its solar energy group, which focuses on all legal matters relating to solar technology.

Notable practitioners

James Laskey is a highly experienced corporate attorney and chairs the firm's solar energy practice. He is called upon for his advice on transactional matters as well as regulatory issues affecting clients in the utilities and energy space.

Riker Danzig LLP**What the team is known for**

Riker Danzig fields a skilled team with notable experience representing utility companies in regulatory proceedings. It regularly appears before the New Jersey Board of Utilities.

Strengths

"Riker has great depth and bench strength and can handle large, complex matters."

Work highlights

Riker Danzig defended Rio Tinto Minerals in a con-

tamination lawsuit.

Notable practitioners

James Meyer is well regarded in the market for his experience acting for utility companies in regulatory proceedings. He regularly acts for electric utilities seeking approval for projects from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Other Ranked Lawyers

John Hoffman of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. is highly regarded in the New Jersey market and has over half a century's experience acting for public utilities in regulatory matters.

Nathan Howe of K&L Gates stands out for his advisory practice that covers a broad spectrum of regulatory issues, alongside projects-related workstreams for local, interstate and international clients, notably for projects located in New York.

Matthew Karmel of Offit Kurman is noted for his work advising energy sector clients across a range of issues including environmental and sustainability law, renewables, and waste management.

Environment

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Leading Firms
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Archer Law
Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.
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FBT Gibbons LLP
K&L Gates
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Riker Danzig LLP
Band 2
Faegre Drinker
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Norris McLaughlin P.A.
Saul Ewing LLP
Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP
Band 3
Cole Schotz P.C.
Fox Rothschild
Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC
Band 4
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
Connell Foley LLP
Cullen and Dykman LLP
Duane Morris LLP
Flaster Greenberg PC
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Mandelbaum Barrett PC
Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1**Archer Law****What the team is known for**

Archer Law has a market-leading practice that is extremely well regarded for its exceptional litigation expertise. It demonstrates marked capabilities in both state enforcement actions and claims brought by private parties. Key areas of expertise include environmental insurance coverage, Superfund, Spill Fund and Industrial Site Recovery Act (ISRA) matters. It frequently acts for clients from the petroleum industry and is noted for its expertise in perfluorinated chemicals matters.

Strengths

"Clients go to Archer Law because they have a breadth of services and are a one-stop shop."

"Archer has deep knowledge and experience in environmental law and valuable connections with regulators and other government officials in New Jersey."

"The lawyers at Archer are responsive and incredibly business-savvy. They look for solutions instead of just identifying problems."

"A strong and deep bench of true environmental lawyers who practice in the space every day."

Notable practitioners

Christopher Gibson is well regarded for his extensive experience in environmental litigation, including defending New Jersey corporations against natural resource damages claims. **Strengths:** *"Christopher Gibson is very highly qualified and very experienced. He is a true trial lawyer."* *"Christopher Gibson has*

deep knowledge of environmental litigation." *"When Christopher is in the room, people listen and understand. He has a presence that is backed with real experience."* Marc Rollo is a litigator with expertise in cases concerning water contamination allegations affecting the petroleum industry. **Strengths:**

"Marc Rollo is extremely knowledgeable, business-savvy and practical." **David Edelstein** regularly represents large companies in a variety of disputes, including natural resource damage litigation. **Strengths:** *"David thinks well on his feet and is practical."* **Debra Rosen** is a distinguished environmental law specialist whose practice is frequently engaged in litigation at federal and state court.

Strengths: *"Debra Rosen provides highly useful and insightful advice."* Sarah Gribbin is experienced in a wide variety of environmental matters including alleged contamination incidents and Superfund sites. She also advises clients on federal and state regulatory compliance. **Strengths:** *"Sarah Gribbin is organized, thoughtful and a true critical thinker."* *"Sarah is collegial, responsive and demonstrates strong environmental law experience."*

Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.**What the team is known for**

Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. has a broad practice with a particularly strong reputation for handling environmental litigation. Noted for its impressive roster of clients and regional strength. Well equipped to navigate the regulations governing issues such as air quality, water pollution and waste management.

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Krumholz Dennis J. Riker Danzig LLP	Schneider David P. Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. *
Mack Kenneth H. Fox Rothschild	Yoskin Neil. Cullen and Dykman LLP
Moulthrop Samuel P. Riker Danzig LLP	
Leading Individuals	
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Donovan Martha N. Limbo (ORL) ◇	Conenello Gail Howie. K&L Gates *
Farer David B. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *	Corrison Timothy. Connell Foley LLP
Gibson Christopher R. Archer & Greiner, P.C.	Crespi Robert H. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Gottlieb Ira. McCarter & English, LLP	Dritsas Paul C. McCarter & English, LLP
Hatfield William S. FBT Gibbons LLP	Duffy Timothy I. Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP
Hogan Edward A. Norris McLaughlin P.A.	Edelstein David. Archer & Greiner, P.C.
Judge Esq. Marty. Flaster Greenberg PC	Ericsson Richard J. Cole Schotz P.C.
Kurzweil Lanny S. McCarter & English, LLP	Goodwin Pamela. Saul Ewing LLP
Lewin Ross A. Faegre Drinker	Jacobs Lawrence F. Wilentz, Goldman (ORL) ◇
McGahren John. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP	Jaffe Jay A. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *
Minuskin Heidi S. Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP	Koonz Barbara J. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *
Montag Brian S. K&L Gates *	Lamond Emily. Cole Schotz P.C.
Rollo Marc A. Archer & Greiner, P.C.	Lamparello Dawn M. K&L Gates *
Senior Steven T. Riker Danzig LLP	Murphy Karen. Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. *
Talbert Jeffrey. Arnold & Porter (ORL) ◇	Prol Thomas H. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *
Toft Dennis M. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC	Reitano Jr. Anthony. Herold Law, P.A. (ORL) ◇
Band 2	Restaino David. Pierson Ferdinand LLP (ORL) ◇
Bostock Catherine. Cole Schotz P.C.	Rosen Debra. Archer & Greiner, P.C.
Bromberg Lisa. Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC	Schillinger Randi. Saiber LLC (ORL) ◇
Bruno Kevin. Blank Rome LLP (ORL) ◇	Ward Catherine M. Stradley Ronon Stevens (ORL) ◇
Camerson II D.J. Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. *	Band 4
DeStefano Louis. Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC	Demirjian Heather L. Cole Schotz P.C.
Feingold Stephanie. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP *	Greenberg Marilyn R. Riker Danzig LLP
Gross Michael J. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC	Gribbin Sarah A. Archer & Greiner, P.C.
Haworth David. Ballard Spahr LLP (ORL) ◇	Gullace John. Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox LLP *
Lichtenstein Michael. Lowenstein Sandler LLP	Heinzelmann Mark. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Lipuma Andrea. Saul Ewing LLP	Jakub John A. Norris McLaughlin P.A.
McAuliffe Christopher. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP	Josko Nicole D. Faegre Drinker
Mills Lori. Duane Morris LLP *	Kizner Mitchell. Flaster Greenberg PC
Otero Camille V. FBT Gibbons LLP	Ku Christina Sartorio. Connell Foley LLP
Pollock Jeffrey M. Pollock Law LLC (ORL) ◇	McDermott Jack. McDermott Wild LLC (ORL) ◇
Richman-La Londe Alexa. Riker Danzig LLP	McManus Keith. Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. *
Robins Andrew B. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *	Mottola Patrick T. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Schneider Paul H. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC	Wagenbach Jeffrey B. Riker Danzig LLP
Spiesman Thomas. Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC	Up-and-coming individuals
Terhune Todd W. Day Pitney LLP (ORL) ◇	Clarke Melissa. Saul Ewing LLP *
Band 3	Karmel Matthew A. Offit Kurman (ORL) ◇
Antonian Agnes. Fox Rothschild	Associates to watch
Cappola Jeffrey. Mandelbaum Barrett PC	Levinson Drew. Day Pitney LLP (ORL) ◇

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◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.

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Strengths

"Bressler, Amery & Ross has true expertise in environmental law."

"Bressler, Amery & Ross is a big firm in the space. Clients go to them because they have a breadth of services as a one-stop shop."

Notable practitioners

David Schneider handles a diverse array of environmental matters, with particular expertise in regulatory issues arising under federal and state laws. D.J. Camerson has a broad scope of expertise that includes federal and state regulatory issues, disputes and transactional matters. **Strengths:** "DJ is tremendous." **Karen Murphy** is a go-to lawyer for a wide variety of environmental matters, including environmental compliance, permitting issues and site remediation. **Keith McManus** is an environ-

mental practitioner who advises clients on Superfund and Spill Act matters.

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC is a highly esteemed group experienced in representing before state and federal courts, as well as various state and local agencies. Its areas of expertise include the remediation and redevelopment of Superfund sites and brownfield properties, and multiparty cost recovery litigation. The firm has considerable expertise in the environmental aspects of commercial and real estate transactions. It also has experience advising on energy sector concerns.

Strengths

"Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC has a robust

environmental practice."

"Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC is a go-to firm with huge knowledge of environmental law."

"Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC has vast experience and a high level of familiarity with relevant regulations and law."

Work highlights

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi represents Claremont in the acquisition and redevelopment of the Sayreville 3 Landfill located in Sayreville, New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Dennis Toft's practice encompasses advising on environmental due diligence for transactions, handling permitting and enforcement proceedings and managing environmental litigation. He is particularly knowledgeable on natural resource damages policy.

Strengths: "Not only is Dennis Toft respected by the business community, he also commands the respect of state legislative leaders and policy-makers in New Jersey." Robert Crespi is highly regarded for the quality of his advice on a broad range of environmental issues. He is additionally skilled in advising on regulatory issues concerning renewable energy. Patrick Mottola is a well-regarded environmental practitioner who advises clients on issues including brownfield redevelopment, site remediation and real estate transactions.

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons offers first-class representation in private sector environmental litigation as well as enforcement actions brought by regulatory agencies. It navigates the matrix of regulations affecting real estate transactions, enabling clients to meet business aims. The firm dispenses exceptional compliance advice in connection with environmental matters, from air and water pollution to asbestos and development permits.

Strengths

"The FBT Gibbons team has true expertise in this field."

"FBT Gibbons is a genuinely big firm in the space. Clients go to them as they have a breadth of services and are a one-stop shop."

Work highlights

FBT Gibbons continued to represent Citigroup in a claim brought by the state of New Jersey for natural resource damages and cleanup and removal costs for environmental contamination at the Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination Site.

Notable practitioners

William Hatfield has a broad practice which includes advising clients on both contentious and noncontentious matters, including Superfund disputes and transactional due diligence. **Strengths:** "William has extensive institutional knowledge and good negotiation skills." Camille Otero is recognized for her varied practice encompassing regulatory compliance, transactional due diligence and CERCLA disputes.

K&L Gates

What the team is known for

K&L Gates has a high-quality team that regularly acts for Fortune 500 companies on a range of matters, including major Superfund litigation, permitting and regulatory compliance. It stands out for its

expertise in brownfield redevelopment and natural resource damages. The firm also offers expertise in advising a broad range of industrial manufacturers.

Strengths

"K&L Gates is distinguished by its institutional knowledge, subject matter expertise and responsiveness."

"K&L Gates provides excellent work product as well as creative problem-solving."

"K&L Gates have been keen to balance risk and opportunity with excellent results. They catch on to potential issues and roadblocks very quickly."

"K&L Gates' environmental Superfund practice is well known throughout the United States. It has the depth and breadth of practitioners and staff to take on any environmental cleanup work, federal or state."

Work highlights

K&L Gates continued to represent Johanna Foods in environmental and odor claims brought by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Notable practitioners

Brian Montag is highly sought after for his expertise across a wide range of environmental matters. He regularly assists clients with enforcement actions, regulatory compliance and disputes. **Strengths:** *"Brian Montag is knowledgeable, responsive, easy to work with, consultative and good with range of issues."* Gail Conenello is an experienced environmental practitioner noted for her work in environmental justice issues. She represents clients in all manner of work, including Superfund matters, corporate due diligence, and environmental enforcement and remediation actions. **Strengths:** *"Gail is very knowledgeable and responsive."* Dawn Lamparello concentrates her practice in environmental law, including related regulatory compliance and litigation concerning various federal and state environmental statutes. Notably, Dawn counsels clients in CERCLA site remediation and RCRA waste management work. **Strengths:** *"Dawn has in-depth knowledge of environmental law and has a practical and creative approach to resolving issues."* *"She was responsive and thoughtful."*

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for

Lowenstein Sandler is a preeminent environmental firm with an excellent offering in a broad range of areas, including brownfields, Superfund and private cost recovery. The firm has notable experience in matters requiring specialist expertise, such as chemical exposures and dram shop litigation. It is also regularly called upon for its counsel on RCRA matters, and additionally noted for its strength in toxic tort issues.

Strengths

"Lowenstein Sandler demonstrates a great ability to develop legal theories, think proactively and produce excellent written work product."

"The team is very organized and prompt, and their communication is great."

"Lowenstein Sandler is distinguished by its subject matter expertise and the team always has the client's interests front and center."

"Lowenstein Sandler's New Jersey office's, environmental practice is populated with experienced attorneys that are willing to tackle a problem with

some 'out of the box' thinking."

Work highlights

Lowenstein Sandler represented Paddock Enterprises as plaintiff in litigation against the United States of America relating to contamination at the former Jaite Paper mill site.

Notable practitioners

Richard Ricci has a wealth of experience in handling remediation and Superfund work. **Michael Lichtenstein** is a litigator with longstanding experience of practicing in environmental and insurance law. He handles cost recovery defense and toxic tort cases.

Strengths: *"Michael provides excellent client service and has demonstrated an ability to assemble a great team of lawyers."* *"Michael is a very skilled environmental lawyer who provides very nuanced, tailored legal advice."* *"Michael Lichtenstein is a true subject matter expert."* *"Michael has extensive experience not only in environmental matters in New Jersey but across the country."* **Mark Heinzelmann** is experienced in a great many issues concerning environmental law. He regularly represents clients in litigation before the state and federal courts and is well equipped to advise on regulatory matters as well. **Strengths:** *"Mark has demonstrated excellent client service with proactive communication and sophisticated legal strategy."* *"Mark Heinzelmann is responsive, understanding, cooperative, educational and insightful."* *"Mark is driven, hard-working and, most of all, highly responsive. He always comes to the table well prepared and understands the challenges we face on our projects."* *"Mark is a thoughtful and strategic problem-solver."*

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English has an accomplished team known for handling a varied selection of work, including transactions, litigation and regulatory compliance. It is recognized for its strong capabilities in CERCLA matters. The team represents an enviable roster of Fortune 500 clients across all sectors, and provides adept advice and counsel on the environmental issues attached to real estate and corporate transactions.

Strengths

"The team at McCarter & English features excellent strategic thinkers who display real knowledge of New Jersey courts and judges."

"The team at McCarter & English demonstrated a deep knowledge of New Jersey law."

"McCarter & English understand the nuts and bolts of litigation."

Work highlights

McCarter & English represents Sulzer Pumps and General Electric Company in a response action regarding the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

Notable practitioners

Ira Gottlieb works nationally on large Superfund cases, conducting remediation investigations and negotiations. **Strengths:** *"Ira is outstanding."* Lanny Kurzweil routinely defends companies against allegations of natural resource damages and provides regulatory compliance counseling. He also handles Superfund work. **Strengths:** *"Lanny Kurzweil is the type of experienced environmental attorney you want on your team. He's highly responsive, knowledgeable and professional."* *"Lanny has deep environmental knowledge."* *"Lanny is tremendously well*

organized and a tireless worker." Paul Dritsas routinely advises on contentious and noncontentious environmental issues in the context of corporate transactions.

Riker Danzig LLP

What the team is known for

Riker Danzig has a superb environmental group with a focus on New Jersey remediation programs. It is also adept at handling Superfund, natural resource damage and multiparty cost recovery litigation. The team deals with the full range of environmental issues, from air pollution to wetlands and hazardous waste. It offers expertise across multiple industries, including banking, energy and pharmaceuticals. Additionally, its lawyers are skilled at advising on real estate and redevelopment issues.

Strengths

"The team at Riker Danzig are super responsive and commercially minded."

"They have a deep, experienced bench that handles the most complex issues while offering practical solutions to get deals done and keep our business moving."

"Riker Danzig is the best of the best when it comes to advising on New Jersey-specific environmental matters."

"Riker Danzig's team has top knowledge of New Jersey environmental regulatory matters."

Work highlights

Riker Danzig continues to assist Calpine with the environmental aspects of the purchase and ongoing remediation of nine electrical generating plants.

Notable practitioners

Dennis Krumholz is a highly regarded attorney recognized for his experience across a huge range of environmental litigation, transactional matters and regulatory work. Samuel Moulthrop is a highly regarded litigator well known for his work handling sophisticated environmental disputes. He has considerable expertise in criminal enforcement actions, drawing on his previous career as chief of the Environmental Section of the US Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, among other government positions. Steven Senior has experience in advising large corporations on site remediation, redevelopment issues and environmental regulatory compliance. **Strengths:** *"Steve Senior is a leader of the NJ environmental Bar and offers business-practical advice on a vast array of environmental and energy issues in the state."* *"Steven is an excellent and hard worker."* **Alexa Richman-La Londe** provides environmental support to a number of national corporations. She is experienced in negotiating legacy liability in regard to Superfund sites, assisting clients with site remediation and advising on regulatory compliance. **Strengths:** *"Alexa is super responsive and is also keenly aware of client needs."* *"Alexa is an exceptional environmental attorney. She handles the most complex issues and really understands the needs of our business."* *"Alexa is smart, resourceful and very client service-oriented."* Marilyn Greenberg routinely advises clients on all aspects of site remediation and acquisitions, brownfield redevelopment and cost recovery litigation. **Strengths:** *"Marilyn Greenberg is very knowledgeable."* Jeffrey Wagenbach provides large companies with environmental advice in the context of corporate transactions, including regulatory compliance

and remediation approaches. **Strengths:** “Jeffrey Wagenbach is an excellent lawyer.”

Band 2

Faegre Drinker

What the team is known for

Faegre Drinker maintains a strong reputation for handling a broad range of environmental law matters, including transactions, regulatory compliance and litigation. It frequently represents high-profile clients from a wide array of industries, including real estate, pharmaceuticals and energy.

Strengths

“Counsel at Faegre Drinker combine deep technical expertise with practical, business-minded advice.”

“Faegre Drinker has senior partners with real-world experience.”

“Faegre Drinker provides excellent service and is extremely responsive.”

Work highlights

Faegre Drinker continued to represent BFI Waste Systems of New Jersey in complaints that odors from a landfill in Monroe Township, New Jersey are impacting a residential neighborhood.

Notable practitioners

Ross Lewin frequently advises companies in the oil, solid waste and real estate industries on various transactions, disputes and developments.

Strengths: “Ross can take on the most complicated matters and is a true leader in the space.” “Ross Lewin does an excellent job handling complex and sophisticated regulatory and compliance matters.”

“He is very good and experienced.” Nicole Josko is widely recognised for her expertise in assisting clients with regulatory and transactional issues in the environmental space. She is particularly well-versed in the compliance requirements of the New Jersey Industrial Site Recovery Act. **Strengths:** “Nicole Josko is really smart and loves to absorb information.”

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP

What the team is known for

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis has noted strength in contaminated site remediation, particularly brownfield cleanups. The firm is also adept at conducting environmental due diligence and providing counsel on air, water and wetlands laws and permits. It is proficient in advising on the environmental elements of commercial transactions. The team is sought out by a diverse range of clients, including developers, property owners and manufacturers.

Strengths

“Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis has deep knowledge in the environmental litigation space.”

“The team provides strong customer service and expertise.”

Work highlights

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis continued to serve as environmental counsel to Linden Development in its undertaking of a major cleanup and commercial redevelopment of the former General Motors assembly plant in Linden, New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

David Farer has an exceedingly broad practice which encompasses environmental litigation, reg-

ulatory compliance, transactional issues and redevelopment work. **Strengths:** “David Farer is a very good environmental lawyer.” Jay Jaffe assists large corporations with environmental issues within a transactional context, including leasing and facility development matters. He also manages regulatory compliance. **Strengths:** “Jay Jaffe is a true environmental lawyer.” Barbara Koonz advises domestic and overseas businesses on environmental permitting for redevelopments and renewable energy projects. **Strengths:** “Barbara has a sharp business mind.”

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

What the team is known for

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius has a well-regarded environmental practice with experience in handling an array of matters, including Superfund remediation, compliance issues and nuclear waste issues. It acts for clients from a broad range of sectors, from energy and chemicals to real estate, including a number of Fortune 500 companies.

Strengths

“Morgan, Lewis & Bockius stands out for its far-reaching expertise, responsiveness and practicality of advice.”

“The team demonstrates deep knowledge of environmental law.”

“Morgan Lewis has the expertise to handle complex and sophisticated matters.”

Work highlights

Morgan Lewis continued to represent Verizon in a suit filed under CERCLA seeking cost recovery and contribution related to alleged groundwater contamination at the New Cassel/ Hicksville Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site.

Notable practitioners

John McGahren is a strong litigator noted for his work in cost recovery and natural resource damages claims. **Strengths:** “John is very connected and stays abreast of new issues. He’s also very measured and provides solid counsel.”

Stephanie Feingold advises major corporations, including chemical and energy companies, on a variety of environmental issues. She handles investigations and enforcement actions, as well as toxic tort mass actions and multidistrict litigation. **Strengths:** “Stephanie is a lawyer’s lawyer and very sharp in her approach.” “Her practical advice and partnership in supporting our business is highly valued.”

Christopher McAuliffe is a skilled practitioner with expertise in cost recovery, legal obligations, environmental approvals and remediation. **Strengths:** “Chris is very proactive and pragmatic.” “His advice has been invaluable.” “I always find his input accurate and effective.”

Norris McLaughlin P.A.

What the team is known for

Norris McLaughlin has a well-respected group with extensive experience in handling disputes concerning contaminated land and property damage claims. Regularly sought out for representation before the state and federal courts, as well as various agencies. It offers additional skill in advising on due diligence and compliance matters. The team caters to clients from a range of sectors, including chemicals, pharmaceuticals and real estate.

Strengths

“The team at Norris McLaughlin has a strong understanding of state and federal regulations and relationships with regulators.”

“Norris McLaughlin attorneys are efficient, knowledgeable and responsive.”

Work highlights

Norris McLaughlin continues to represent Cronheim Management Services in a variety of environmental matters including site remediation, insurance coverage, and litigation.

Notable practitioners

Edward Hogan is highly regarded for his work in site cleanup and cost recovery proceedings. John Jakub is experienced in handling environmental matters. He demonstrates particular strengths in regulatory matters, ISRA compliance and site remediation.

Saul Ewing LLP

What the team is known for

Saul Ewing has a well-established team that deals with a range of environmental matters, such as administrative permitting, regulatory compliance and enforcement proceedings. It is recognized for its adept handling of class action toxic tort cases. The firm is experienced in the representation of energy, chemicals and real estate companies.

Strengths

“Saul Ewing has in-depth knowledge of state and federal law which helps us identify risk and plan accordingly.”

“They have a great bench.”

Notable practitioners

Andrea Lipuma routinely represents companies in the infrastructure space in a variety of contentious issues, including environmental concerns arising in bankruptcy proceedings and Superfund matters.

Strengths: “Andrea is a very diligent attorney.”

Pamela Goodwin is relied upon by clients to tackle regulatory permitting and compliance tasks associated with transactional and development matters. **Strengths:** “Pamela Goodwin is a highly qualified, has good judgment and really knows the subject matter.” “Pamela is a thoughtful and seasoned attorney.” **Melissa Clarke** adeptly handles a breadth of environmental law matters. She assists clients with regulatory compliance and permitting, remediation work and disputes in the state and federal courts. **Strengths:** “Melissa is a highly competent attorney.” “Melissa Clarke has an in-depth knowledge of state and federal law. She provides good, practical advice and understands the laws and regulations involved.” “She has great expertise.”

Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP

What the team is known for

Schenck, Price, Smith & King is a well-reputed firm with a broad environmental practice. It focuses on handling environmental aspects of real estate and business transactions. The team is also adept at counseling clients in regard to environmental insurance policies and claims, as well as in contaminated site remediation.

Strengths

“The attorneys at Schenck, Price, Smith & King are very responsive, knowledgeable and provide exceptional advice.”

“Schenck, Price, Smith & King stands out for the

quality of its advocacy, availability and depth of local knowledge."

"The team at Schenck, Price, Smith & King is always conscious of the business impacts of key legal decisions."

"The team at Schenck, Price, Smith & King has deep technical expertise and is very strategic and supportive."

"Schenck, Price, Smith & King demonstrates well-rounded experience in diverse environmental regulatory challenges and associated litigation."

Notable practitioners

Heidi Minuskin handles a range of environmental regulatory matters and also manages complex disputes. **Strengths:** "Heidi is a tremendous asset and legal mind." "Heidi is very savvy at the table in terms of achieving optimal commercial outcomes." "Heidi Minuskin is one of the best environmental attorneys in New Jersey." Timothy Duffy is commended for his work managing complex environmental claims at trial and appellate levels. He also handles toxic tort work, among other matters, as part of his broad litigation practice. **Strengths:** "Timothy Duffy stands out for his knowledge, patience and responsiveness." "Tim is clever at thinking 'outside the box'."

Band 3

Cole Schotz P.C.

What the team is known for

Cole Schotz houses a group with experience and expertise in all areas of environmental law, including land use and insurance cost recovery matters, Superfund and Spill Act liability litigation. It regularly advises clients on issues concerning air, water and waste regulations, and is also noted for its work obtaining government brownfield incentive funds. The firm represents clients from an array of sectors, including real estate, manufacturing and chemicals.

Strengths

"Cole Schotz is client-centric and has a good understanding of issues specific to New Jersey."

"They have a long experience in navigating the regulations as well as strong relationships at the higher levels of government."

"Cole Schotz has a depth of understanding of the local and national regulatory landscape."

"They are focused on making deals while reducing risk."

Work highlights

Cole Schotz represented a large private investment firm in connection with its equity acquisition of a petroleum recycling business.

Notable practitioners

Catherine Bostock provides companies with environmental assistance on corporate transactions.

Strengths: "Catherine possesses an outstanding strategic mindset, enabling her to swiftly analyze situations and evaluate multiple solutions and scenarios with remarkable efficiency." "Catherine is impressive on all fronts." "Cathy has such a calm demeanor and is focused on achieving the goal."

Richard Ericsson is an accomplished environmental attorney who frequently navigates issues relating to remediation and Superfund sites, such as environmental insurance policies and liability costs. He is also skilled at handling the environmental aspects of joint ventures and other corporate transactions.

Strengths: "Richard Ericsson is impressive on all fronts." **Emily Lamond** is experienced in the environmental sector, specifically advising clients on the implications of environmental liability risks on a number of deals. **Strengths:** "She takes a personal interest in the approach and always has well thought-out approaches." "Emily has many connections with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection which makes her an invaluable asset." "Emily is extremely knowledgeable in her field. She knows what is important to her clients and clearly explains different potential outcomes."

"Emily provides excellent service for all projects she is involved in." "Emily Lamond is extremely experienced and involved with all things New Jersey environmental, which helps her keep up to date on the everchanging regulations." Heather Demirjian is experienced in environmental transactional, regulatory and litigation matters. She assists a variety of clients, including real estate developers, food and drink, and manufacturing sector clients. **Strengths:** "Heather has extensive knowledge of New Jersey's environmental laws and regulations." "Heather is very thorough and pleasant to work with."

Fox Rothschild

What the team is known for

Fox Rothschild has a well-regarded group with expertise across the full gamut of environmental matters, including transactions, litigation and site remediation matters. The team excels in CERCLA liability issues and is also regularly called upon for its counsel in private cost recovery matters. It represents an array of noteworthy national and international companies.

Strengths

"Fox Rothschild attorneys have fantastic subject matter knowledge and understand the issues."

"The team at Fox Rothschild is able to dissect and complex legal issues and provide excellent guidance."

Work highlights

Fox Rothschild acted as counsel to LPS Industries in a matter involving proposed flood risk reduction projects.

Notable practitioners

Kenneth Mack is an expert attorney looked to for his advice on contamination issues. He is also noted for his experience in litigation and in proceedings before New Jersey regulators and the EPA. **Strengths:** "Kenneth Mack is great. He is one of the most knowledgeable attorneys in New Jersey."

Agnes Antonian is adept at negotiating with government agencies as well as defending companies in contamination and CERCLA claims. **Strengths:** "Agnes Antonian is an outstanding environmental attorney."

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC

What the team is known for

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla has broad expertise across a range of environmental matters, including state and federal development approvals, and defense against enforcement actions. It is well known for its representation of telecommunications companies as well as major players from the real estate sector, including commercial and residential builders, developers and real estate lenders. The team carries out thorough due diligence and

delivers sound transactional advice.

Notable practitioners

Michael Gross has a varied environmental practice dealing with matters at both state and federal levels. He has additional expertise in litigation and construction law. **Strengths:** "Michael Gross has real knowledge and great connections." Paul Schneider is a litigator who has a multifaceted practice, with expertise across a range of corporate and commercial disputes. His abilities extend to various matters involving redevelopment, land use and regulatory compliance.

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC

What the team is known for

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman is a sophisticated group with particular expertise in brownfields development, site contamination and real estate transactions. The firm has experience in counseling clients in regard to natural resource damages, waterfront development and insurance recovery. It also advises companies in relation to regulatory compliance and boasts valuable connections with the NJDEP.

Strengths

"The attorneys at Porzio, Bromberg & Newman demonstrate strong subject matter expertise."

"The environmental legal team at Porzio, Bromberg & Newman has dozens, if not hundreds of years of collective experience handling complex environmental matters."

"Porzio, Bromberg & Newman attorneys possess deep and detailed experience in New Jersey environmental law."

"The firm has strong knowledge of and significant practical experience working through many different types of environmental issues."

Work highlights

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman continued to represent Pepco Holdings concerning environmental compliance obligations and potential ongoing liabilities at multiple New Jersey facilities.

Notable practitioners

Lisa Bromberg frequently oversees the environmental aspects of real estate transactions.

Strengths: "Lisa is a terrific lawyer and person."

"Lisa is very knowledgeable and very pragmatic in terms of helping the client navigate the regulatory landscape." "Lisa is very helpful and provides exceptional service and advice." "Lisa Bromberg is exceptionally knowledgeable regarding New Jersey environmental legal issues." **Thomas Spiesman** conducts contaminated site remediation and investigatory work. **Strengths:** "Tom handles sophisticated matters and is well liked in both the legal and business communities."

Band 4

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

What the team is known for

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney is experienced in environmental matters across advisory, regulatory and contentious mandates. It is particularly notable for its expertise in brownfield work and litigated challenges to greenfield developments.

Notable practitioners

Louis DeStefano has expertise in regulatory compliance and the redevelopment of brownfield sites.

He also advises on Superfund matters.

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for

Connell Foley offers astute environmental regulatory counsel to clients in a variety of sectors across energy, utilities, real estate and chemicals. It is further noted for handling complex litigation and administrative proceedings before federal and state agencies. The team is particularly recognized for managing significant Superfund work in New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Timothy Corriston is recognized for his work on Superfund, Spill Act and mass tort matters. Christina Ku represents advises clients on environmental litigation involving CERCLA and the Spill Act.

Cullen and Dykman LLP

What the team is known for

Cullen and Dykman handles environmental permitting, transactional due diligence and operational compliance for clients including public and privately held companies, municipalities and nonprofits. The firm demonstrates expertise in remediation work and managing enforcement proceedings.

Strengths

"Cullen and Dykman is a great firm with good local knowledge."

Notable practitioners

Neil Yoskin advises a range of clients on environmental regulatory compliance as well as managing enforcement proceedings and litigation. He is notable for his permitting and Superfund expertise.

Duane Morris LLP

What the team is known for

Duane Morris has an experienced environmental group with expertise in handling lawsuits involving site contamination by chemicals such as petroleum, chlorine and chromium. It represents companies from a myriad of industries. The team is adept at pursuing insurance coverage claims on behalf of clients following environmental damage, as well as providing counsel in regard to site remediation, regulatory compliance and Superfund sites.

Strengths

"Duane Morris is distinguished by its excellent customer service and responsiveness."

"They have terrific depth and breadth of team."

Work highlights

Duane Morris continued to represent Glenn Springs Holdings, Inc a subsidiary of Occidental Chemical Corporation, in addressing legacy environmental liability at more than 26 sites that are alleged to be contaminated.

Notable practitioners

Lori Mills assists corporations with site remediation and investigations, as well as providing regulatory compliance advice. **Strengths:** *"Lori Mills is a supremely talented attorney."* **Phil Cha** is recognized for his abilities as a litigator, regularly handling enforcement actions and other significant environmental claims, often on behalf of energy sector clients. He is further noted for providing environmental compliance counsel and transactional advice. **Strengths:** *"Phil Cha is an excellent lawyer."* *"Phil Cha is amazing! He's a great lawyer with strong knowledge and experience."*

Flaster Greenberg PC

What the team is known for

Flaster Greenberg is particularly noted for its expertise in Superfund, NRD and remediation work. The firm often advocates before the NJDEP on regulatory and standards issues. It also offers experience in Spill Act and ISRA proceedings.

Strengths

"Flaster Greenberg provides exceptional guidance based on environmental case law and professional experience."

"Flaster Greenberg goes above and beyond for the client."

"Flaster Greenberg attorneys are well-versed in environmental law and regulations."

Notable practitioners

Marty Judge handles Superfund and NRD claims, and provides companies with compliance advice.

Strengths: *"Marty is a great all-round attorney and really knows the law."* *"Marty is extremely knowledgeable and well-versed in the New Jersey environmental market."* **Mitchell Kizner** is commended for his work as a litigator and trial lawyer. He handles Spill Act, cost recovery and toxic tort cases.

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

What the team is known for

Greenberg Traurig represent clients in a range of environmental work including Superfunds and class actions. Particularly experienced in real estate work, from purchasing agreements and project development to brownfield redevelopment.

Mandelbaum Barrett PC

What the team is known for

Mandelbaum Barrett environmental law practice group offers a full range of environmental and land development services in transactional, regulatory and litigation contexts.

Strengths

"Mandelbaum Barrett has a very good environmental practice and is great on contamination issues."

Notable practitioners

Jeffrey Cappola supports clients with regulatory compliance, due diligence, site remediation and litigation.

Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP

What the team is known for

Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox provides both litigation support and compliance advice in relation to a broad spectrum of environmental issues. The team has particular expertise in site remediation and cost recovery disputes. Its varied clients include major energy companies and suppliers of specialist materials.

Strengths

"The team at Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox contains some really great attorneys."

"Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox really knows the environmental space."

"Their attorneys very much know the space and stay up to date on issues in environmental law."

"Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox has a firm grounding in the environmental law sector and a good number of attorneys."

Work highlights

Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox continued to provide

strategic guidance and advice to PSEG on various remediation matters, including with respect to post-closing remediation obligations involving the sale of a portfolio of electric generating stations in New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

John Gullace is the practice leader of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox's New Jersey environmental litigation group. He represents a broad array of clients facing diverse environmental issues. **Strengths:** *"John Gullace is excellent on transactional issues and negotiating with adversarial parties."*

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

What the team is known for

Sills Cummis & Gross offers capabilities across a range of environmental work, including permitting and compliance, remediation and redevelopment issues and cost recovery actions. Particularly noted for managing environmental insurance claims. Also counsels clients on environmental due diligence for corporate transactions.

Strengths

"The environmental attorneys at Sills Cummis & Gross are extremely knowledgeable in their field. They demonstrate a constantly evolving knowledge of the legal landscape."

Notable practitioners

Andrew Robins offers regulatory compliance advice and transactional assistance as part of a wide environmental practice. He also handles environmental litigation. **Strengths:** *"Andy identifies key issues and pitfalls in complex matters and provides unwavering advice. He is a strong advocate for his clients and a true professional."* *"Andrew Robins is a very practical attorney who is particularly strong in the New Jersey arena."* *"Andrew is very practical. He brings a grounded, solution-oriented perspective that I really value."* Thomas Prol is an experienced attorney highlighted for his expertise in environmental and land use matters.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Kevin Bruno of Blank Rome is highly regarded for his work defending companies in CERCLA disputes. He also advises on transactional risk management and remediation matters. **Strengths:** *"Kevin is one of the best in the industry."*

Martha Donovan has a wealth of experience in handling issues relating to Superfund sites and environmental litigation.

David Haworth of Ballard Spahr defends clients in a range of environmental matters. He is particularly noted for his litigation expertise in product liability, toxic tort and remediation claims. **Strengths:** *"David really knows the ins and out of environmental law in New Jersey."* *"David Haworth consistently demonstrates sharp, strategic thinking and is proactive in anticipating client needs."* *"David is a truly excellent lawyer. He is a subject matter expert, sees around corners and is always prepared."*

Lawrence Jacobs of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer handles regulatory compliance and transactional support as well as redevelopment and remediation matters.

Matthew Karmel of Offit Kurman heads the firm's Environmental and Sustainability Law practice area.

He represents a wide variety of businesses and individuals on a range of environmental matters.

Strengths: *"Matthew Karmel provides excellent communication, knowledge and customer service."*

Drew Levison offers expertise in a wide array of environmental matters. He is particularly adept at handling matters that are cross-disciplinary in nature. **Strengths:** *"Drew is exceptional. He has tremendous depth of knowledge and provides excellent service." "Drew continuously exceeds expectations on the matters he works on." "Drew provides a high level of service. He is always prepared and diligently works through complex issues."*

Jack McDermott of McDermott Wild is adept at providing advice to clients on a range of contentious environmental matters. **Strengths:** *"Jack McDermott is terrific. He knows the rules, is really responsive and has a great business sense."*

Jeffrey Pollock has a wealth of experience in bankruptcy court, handling cases in relation to natural resource damage and remedial costs. **Strengths:**

"Jeffrey Pollock is a very smart litigation attorney."

Anthony Reitano of Herold Law incorporates his practical experience working as an engineer into his environmental counseling. He is adept at negotiating real estate contracts and remediation agreements, as well as representing clients in agency enforcement actions.

David Restaino of Pierson Ferdinand is recognized for his work in both regulatory compliance advice and complex environmental litigation. He has varied expertise across air, water and waste issues.

Randi Schillinger of Saiber has a wide-ranging practice which includes the provision of environmental due diligence counsel for corporate and real estate transactions. She also handles permitting and compliance work.

Jeffrey Talbert of Arnold & Porter is highly regarded as an environmental litigator, with particularly impressive experience in contamination cases.

Strengths: *"Jeffrey Talbert is a skillful tactician." "Jeffrey Talbert has strong leadership skills and is*

very good at seeing different ways to solve problems." "Jeffrey Talbert is one of the best national environmental litigators today."

Todd Terhune of Day Pitney has a broad area of expertise that includes regulatory compliance and enforcement as well as transactional matters.

Strengths: *"Todd is incredibly knowledgeable and always provides thoughtful and comprehensive insights." "Todd is an extraordinarily capable attorney who possesses a real-world understanding of the practical aspects of everyday business." "Todd is able to foresee problems before they arise and helps plan accordingly."*

Catherine Ward of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young is an experienced practitioner noted for her work in environmental due diligence for real estate transactions. She also advises industrial clients on regulatory compliance and administrative proceedings.

Strengths: *"Catherine Ward provides exceptional service and representation."*

NEW JERSEY: A Healthcare Overview

Recent Developments in the New York and New Jersey Healthcare Transaction Landscape

The New Jersey and greater New York City healthcare market is experiencing significant activity and structural change. The Federal Reserve's rate cuts in the back half of 2025 lowered the cost of capital and reopened pathways for leveraged transactions. While interest rates remain structurally higher than pre-2022 levels, the improved rate environment is expected to continue supporting deal momentum through 2026. The federal "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," signed into law in July 2025, introduced business-friendly tax incentives including restored bonus depreciation, further enhancing the after-tax economics of healthcare investments.

2026 has seen robust acquisition, consolidation and development activity across healthcare practices and facilities. Healthcare professionals and entrepreneurs are seeking stability amidst increasing regulatory and payor scrutiny and to capture referral sources as healthcare systems monopolize local markets. Many providers are consolidating into supergroups or affiliating with major hospital systems and "roll-up" aggregators, whether independent or private equity-backed. Others are opting out, maintaining strict out-of-network status or focusing on private-pay specialties. Payer contract negotiations have become increasingly difficult, with closure of panels, rising claim denials and tightening fee schedules straining cash flow across practices of all sizes.

Pharmacy transactions are rising as independents contend with declining reimbursements and predatory PBM practices. Governmental investigations by boards of pharmacy, Medicaid, the DEA and the DOJ continue to be spurred by PBM referrals, with some agencies criminalizing pharmacy structures that PBM-related pressures forced into existence.

The management services organization (MSO) model remains the primary vehicle for unlicensed investors to acquire practices. However, the model's growing prevalence is attracting scrutiny, with states and payors examining whether MSOs circumvent CPOM laws through "friendly provider" arrangements where the MSO exercises de facto control over a nominally provider-owned practice.

Non-MD healthcare entrepreneurs remain active across urgent care, ASCs, home healthcare, imaging, pharmacy, medspas, laboratories and DME. Recent deal activity has included large-scale healthcare facility acquisitions encompassing both real estate and hospital assets. The ASC sector continues to grow. More than 80% of surgeries are now outpatient. The DME sector saw meaningful growth but also a CMS moratorium on new Medicare applications driven by fraud and abuse concerns.

Federal and state regulators are examining private equity consolidation of healthcare assets. The value-based care safe harbors that took effect in 2021 remain operative, but 2025 brought increased enforcement scrutiny over whether value-based enterprises serve a legitimate purpose or function as vehicles for productivity-based compensation. State-level transaction review and ownership transparency requirements are lengthening deal timelines.

Changes in the Regulatory Landscape

Post-COVID-19 pandemic, the regulatory picture is uneven. New York now permits controlled substance prescribing via telehealth without an in-person evaluation. New Jersey has gone in the other direction, restoring the requirement for an initial in-person examination for Schedule II CDS, even as the federal government maintains more permissive rules.

APN independence is expanding. Pending New York legislation may make permanent the pre-pandemic expansion to full practice authority for experienced APNs. New Jersey has eliminated selective restrictions for APNs in primary and behavioral healthcare, though restrictions remain for general obstetrics and elective cosmetic services.

Federal scrutiny of gray market peptides has intensified. The FDA has issued aggressive warning letters to compounders and clinics marketing peptide products for human use. The DOJ indicted a Utah osteopathic physician for selling misbranded peptides including tirzepatide and semaglutide to more than 200 patients. It was the first federal indictment of a prescribing physician for distributing unapproved peptides.

Medspas face mounting enforcement from state licensing boards over scope of practice. Treatment modalities such as lasers, injectables, microneedling and body sculpting have transformed the business, but many of these services are considered medical services that implicate licensing requirements and demand robust written protocols.

Increased Criminal and Civil Scrutiny for Healthcare Fraud Against Federally Reimbursed Providers

DOJ enforcement statistics tell a stark story. Civil healthcare-related FCA settlements and judgments jumped from USD1.67 billion in 2024 to USD5.7 billion in 2025, the highest annual total in FCA history. Criminal healthcare fraud prosecutions increased from 193 defendants in 2024 to 324 in 2025, and the alleged fraud and loss grew from USD2.75 billion to more than USD14.6 billion.

Enforcement has expanded beyond institutional providers to individual providers, DME providers and healthcare entrepreneurs. Prosecutors are focused on falsified prescriptions, controlled-substance prescribing without adequate patient encounters, DME orders lacking documentation, improper use of billing credentials, and business models where non-clinical operators are alleged to have influenced clinical decision-making. Across these cases, documentation, ordering authority, referral relationships and financial benefit are being examined together to determine whether claims reflect legitimate services.

Uptick in Healthcare Litigation

For many independent practices and facilities, litigation has become unavoidable. Large hospital systems, having acquired the lion's share of independent practices, are compelling affiliated providers to capture referrals and instituting "closed unit" policies that effectively exclude independents from their own markets. Payors are weaponizing provider enrolment and engaging in improper claims settlement practices. Through patient steerage to affiliated providers, they have suppressed reimbursements while destroying the economic viability of non-system providers and

erecting barriers between patients and their chosen physicians.

Antitrust enforcement remains highly active across the region. The FTC's Chairman issued a March 2026 directive adopting "a coordinated, integrated approach to healthcare enforcement," with particular focus on hospital mergers and private equity-backed roll-up strategies. The FTC's challenge to US Anesthesia Partners and its private equity sponsor, Welsh Carson, exemplifies the government's willingness to scrutinize serial acquisitions designed to consolidate provider markets. Regulators have likewise continued to closely examine transactions involving physician practices and home health providers.

State regulators have maintained an assertive posture. For example, both the NJOAG and the NYAG have participated in major multistate antitrust actions including litigation over generic drug price-fixing and the proposed UnitedHealth Group acquisition of Amedisys. The NYAG, alongside the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, investigated the proposed affiliation between North-

well Health and Nuvance Health, ultimately negotiating conditions intended to preserve healthcare access and competition, including protections involving labor-and-delivery services and other operational commitments. This reflects the trend of state Attorneys General, including New York, imposing behavioral or structural conditions on healthcare system combinations. More broadly, New Jersey authorities have demonstrated continued interest in healthcare market concentration and the competitive effects of transactions involving insurers, hospital systems and provider networks.

Private antitrust litigation is advancing novel theories as well. In the MultiPlan litigation, providers alleged that insurers used a common reimbursement platform and pricing algorithms to suppress out-of-network rates, reflecting growing concern about "algorithmic price-fixing" and the role of technology platforms in facilitating coordinated conduct.

Healthcare

Healthcare	Healthcare
Leading Firms	Senior Statespeople
Band 1	Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz	Christian Elizabeth H. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Brach Eichler L.L.C.	
Garfunkel Wild P.C.	
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.	
Band 2	Leading Individuals
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC	Star individuals
Connell Foley LLP	Schaff Michael F. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
Faegre Drinker	Band 1
Fox Rothschild	Fanburg John Brach Eichler L.L.C.
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP	Greenbaum Peter A. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
McCarter & English, LLP	Herschman Gary W. Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell
Band 3	Mack Grace D. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
Abell Eskew Landau	Patel Anjana D. Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell
Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP	Robertson James A. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith *
FBT Gibbons LLP	Band 2
Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC	Argiropoulos Anthony Baker, Donelson, Bearman
Mandelbaum Barrett PC	DiMaria Nicole Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
* Indicates individual with profile.	Frier Daniel B. Frier Levitt (ORL) ◇
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.	Grelecki Carol Brach Eichler L.L.C.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	Keller Jonathan Faegre Drinker
	Kendall George H. McCarter & English, LLP
	Kobler Scott A. McCarter & English, LLP
	Lee Patricia Connell Foley LLP

Band 1

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

What the team is known for

Baker Donelson possesses strengths across the full gamut of matters in the healthcare sector, with expertise in regulatory and compliance advice, transactional mandates, financings and other issues. In addition, it offers considerable disputes capabilities and is sought after to handle complex litigation and arbitrations. The team draws on notable nationwide reach and counts major health

systems, hospitals and medical centers among its client roster.

Strengths

"Baker provides deep healthcare transactional expertise. Their lawyers have practical in-house experience and can help with the nitty-gritty of managing through the due diligence."

"They have healthcare attorneys with real expertise who can handle matters in just about any area of healthcare law."

Notable practitioners

Gary Herschman is renowned within the healthcare legal community for his expert representation of

clients such as hospitals and physician practices in high value transactions, as well as advising on a range of regulatory compliance mandates.

Strengths: "Gary was a forceful advocate for us every step of the way and brought deep knowledge of appropriate commercial terms and leveraged it to support our business needs and objectives."

"Gary is a great attorney who is abreast of market conditions and changes to market." "Gary is a top lawyer in his field." Anjana Patel is esteemed for the strength of her largely transactional practice, which includes advising health providers on their acquisition by private equity funds. **Strengths:** "Anjana was

a steady force throughout the transaction and able to find practical solutions." **Anthony Argiropoulos** is noted for his contentious healthcare practice and handles arbitrations and litigation for clients such as hospitals and health systems. **Strengths:** "Anthony is incredibly sophisticated and enormously talented in court." "He is one of the best litigators I have ever had the opportunity to work with. He is able to see complex situations, analyze them and has the ability to formulate an action plan that makes sense quickly." **Lisa Gora** advises a range of healthcare companies on regulatory compliance and licensing matters. She is particularly recognized for her work on cannabis law. **Laurajane Kastner** is well regarded for her representation of a wide range of healthcare providers. She advises on complex transactional matters such as joint ventures, supply agreements and private equity financing. Glenn Prives represents a wide range of healthcare clients in regulatory and corporate matters, offering expertise in areas such as sales and network formations.

Brach Eichler L.L.C.

What the team is known for

Brach Eichler has a talented team of practitioners handling a broad scope of healthcare matters, such as corporate governance and compliance, contract negotiation and regulatory advice. The team has particular strength in representing physicians and physician groups in matters such as certification, licensure and investigations. It also offers notable transactional expertise, including in M&A, joint ventures and private equity buyouts.

Strengths

"Brach Eichler has consistently demonstrated a collaborative and honest approach, delivering needed services in a timely manner."

"They have an extensive amount of experience in the healthcare arena but clearly exceed others in their ability to advise creatively."

"The team is always reachable and prompt, particularly when required to make a deadline."

Work highlights

Brach Eichler L.L.C. represented a gastroenterology practice that sold its assets to a private equity backed gastroenterology practice for USD2.4 million.

Notable practitioners

Joseph Gorrell is a seasoned healthcare lawyer who is esteemed for his experience in defending physicians against administrative proceedings. He also advises on transactions involving entities such as hospitals and physician groups. **Strengths:** "Joseph is a great counsel on complex and controversial matters." **John Fanburg** has a leading transactional practice, which includes a range of complex affiliations and acquisitions, as well as providing regulatory counsel. **Strengths:** "John's knowledge of the profession and experience in healthcare has played a major role in our success." "He has the unique ability to understand the medical mind and translate legal matters into terms that physicians will understand. He keeps a cool demeanor and is always focused on the goal." "He is the lawyer you want in your foxhole when hell is breaking out around you." **Carol Grelecki** is a healthcare attorney with experience in handling transactions such as acquisitions and joint ventures. She is also recognized for her sophisticated knowledge of regulatory issues.

Strengths: "Carol has a comprehensive understanding of the healthcare space in NJ. She is an excellent counsel and very responsive."

Garfunkel Wild P.C.

What the team is known for

Garfunkel Wild is a highly respected firm for healthcare work, demonstrating expertise in a broad array of matters including HIPAA compliance, home health and medical staff relations, as well as regulatory and Medicare/Medicaid compliance. The firm also frequently advises clients on healthcare-related M&A and health system consolidation. It offers further experience on issues concerning information technology companies within the healthcare field.

Strengths

"Garfunkel Wild is comprehensive, detail oriented and represents all aspects needed for legal advice."

Work highlights

Garfunkel Wild P.C. served as outside counsel to Sigma Core, LLC, a pathology-practice management company based out of San Antonio, Texas.

Notable practitioners

Chairman of the firm **Andrew Blustein** offers experience in handling a wide array of regulatory and transactional matters on behalf of a broad provider client base. He is particularly sought after for his representation of ambulatory surgery centers.

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.

What the team is known for

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer has an impressive healthcare offering that incorporates a broad scope of expertise. The practice advises on complex transactional mandates, including M&A, dispositions and consolidations, as well as related tax and antitrust issues. It also assists with compliance counseling on issues such as antikickback regulations, Stark, HIPAA, and Medicare and Medicaid programs. The firm's clients include physician groups, hospitals, industry associations and underwriters, and it is also noted for its representation of individual healthcare professionals during investigations and disciplinary proceedings. The team demonstrates strength in connection with the implementation and review of telemedicine projects, physician supergroups and clinically integrated networks.

Strengths

"Their work has been consistently outstanding including their availability and responsiveness and attention to detail."

"The team has an excellent understanding of healthcare compliance."

"They are very experienced and think through issues and problems carefully."

Work highlights

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. counselled Schraft 2.0 in various matters including mezzanine financing.

Notable practitioners

Michael Schaff is lauded for his work with large healthcare systems and physician groups, guiding them through market-leading joint ventures and M&A transactions. **Strengths:** "Michael is leader in the field of medical practice law." "Michael is a strong and effective leader and counselor." Peter Greenbaum represents a range of healthcare providers in relation to transactions as well as regulatory compliance matters. **Strengths:** "Peter

provides outstanding service across the spectrum of all aspects of legal issues for us. He is sophisticated in his knowledge and insightful in his advice." "Peter is by far the most intelligent I have met. He is available and easy to talk to, extremely analytical and an asset to the firm and to the healthcare industry." Grace Mack is highly respected for her work advising clients such as medical groups and facilities on corporate and regulatory issues. **Strengths:** "Grace is a rock star and we are lucky to be working with her." Jason Krisza advises providers on both transactional and regulatory mandates, including physician contracting. **Strengths:** "Jason was a pleasure to work with. He is responsive, kind and knowledgeable." "Jason is extremely smart and responsive."

Band 2

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi has broad healthcare capabilities that cover issues affecting a range of providers and payors, as well as life sciences entities such as medical device manufacturers. The practice is particularly noted for its strong regulatory compliance practice, which is complemented by increasing activity in internal and external investigations as well as FCA litigation. The lawyers are also highlighted for their expert representation of academic medical centers.

Strengths

"The team is skilled in every area of healthcare law. This enables them to solve the complex legal issues and problems."

Work highlights

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC provided general counseling to the North Jersey Community Research Initiative.

Notable practitioners

Nicole DiMaria advises providers such as long-term care facilities and physician groups on a range of corporate and regulatory matters, as well as offering experience in ancillary areas such as data privacy. **Strengths:** "Nicole went above and beyond for us."

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for

Connell Foley is well recognized for its healthcare team, which boasts a team of experienced practitioners in both contentious and noncontentious work. Particularly regarded for its insurer-side work in the healthcare field, the firm is also known for its broader work on behalf of a range of hospitals and medical service providers.

Strengths

"They have subject matter expertise in healthcare and insurance matters. They are extremely detail oriented and really understand our business."

Work highlights

Connell Foley LLP represented Jersey City Medical Center in a suit brought by CarePoint Health Management Associates and McCabe Ambulance Services alleging that JCMC diverted patient transports away from the plaintiffs in violation of a 2016 settlement agreement.

Notable practitioners

Patricia Lee boasts a highly-regarded litigation practice which regularly sees her representing hospitals in state and federal court, both in the trial and appellate divisions. **Strengths:** *"Patti leaves no stone unturned. She does a deep dive, knows the facts and is the master of the documents." "Her knowledge of the discovery materials in the case and recall is truly extraordinary."*

Faegre Drinker

What the team is known for

Faegre Drinker regularly advises healthcare providers, including physician groups, hospitals and long-term care providers, providing multidisciplinary expertise across a range of healthcare needs. The group offers strong capabilities in regulatory compliance, strategic transactions and provider alignments. It leverages its strengths nationally to provide additional support in healthcare-related information technology, labor and employment, privacy and antitrust matters. The firm has notable expertise in healthcare financing, advising industry clients as well as financial institutions.

Strengths

"The department distinguishes itself through its deep subject-matter expertise, unmatched responsiveness, and pragmatic, solutions-oriented approach to pharmacy and healthcare regulatory matters."

"They have an outstanding grasp of our business, our sector pressures and our commercial priorities."

"Their team is very responsive and thorough."

"The team is extremely thorough and if needed have a war chest of expertise to rely on."

Notable practitioners

Jonathan Keller provides client regulatory and licensing counsel. As a registered pharmacist, pharmaceutical matters are his particular strength.

Strengths: *"Jonathan is an exceptional attorney and an outstanding business partner. He combines deep, specialized expertise in pharmacy and healthcare regulatory matters with a practical, solution-oriented mindset that consistently moves the business forward. He is incredibly responsive, thoughtful and details-driven." "Jonathan is able to provide clear, concise guidance on regulatory and licensing concerns." "Jonathan is one of my favorite outside counsel to work with, because he is efficient and effective. He is so knowledgeable on pharmacy law and I always know I am getting advice that balances law and business." **Frank Velocci** is adept at handling both transactional and litigation-related healthcare matters, including mergers and acquisitions and malpractice disputes. **Strengths:** *"Frank has been the guiding light in working through the matter. He was able to take everything in stride."**

Fox Rothschild

What the team is known for

Fox Rothschild has an accomplished group of attorneys offering an interdisciplinary approach to the representation of clients in the healthcare sector. The firm has notable knowledge and experience in advising healthcare institutions and providers, including hospitals, nursing facilities and ambulatory surgery centers, on a range of complex issues. It regularly acts as transactional and regulatory counsel on M&A and joint ventures, and is noted for its additional expertise in the area of

HIPAA compliance.

Notable practitioners

Elizabeth Litten is respected for her longstanding regulatory expertise, which includes HIPAA and HITECH compliance, as well as handling data breaches. **David Sokolow** is recognized for his experience in both regulatory compliance and transactional matters. He maintains a broad roster of clients, which include allied health professionals, home health agencies and hospitals. **Strengths:** *"David's a master of his craft."*

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP

What the team is known for

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis has a highly regarded team active in the New Jersey healthcare market, acting for a broad client base of providers, pharmaceuticals and those investing in the industry. It has an extensive regulatory practice that includes areas such as Stark Law and HIPAA compliance, as well as certification issues. The firm is also noted for its strong transactional and litigation experience, and for its dedicated private equity practice that advises both sponsors and portfolio companies.

Strengths

"Greenbaum is responsive, comprehensive and practical. The team gets into the weeds and is solution oriented."

Notable practitioners

James Robertson is respected for his representation of a wide range of healthcare providers in diverse regulatory and corporate mandates. He also offers notable strength in litigation such as reimbursement appeals. **Strengths:** *"James provides the highest level of service, sophistication and innovation in solving client issues." **John Kaveney** has experience representing and advising a range of clients including pharmacies, healthcare providers and healthcare systems in a variety of state and federal regulatory issues.*

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English offers high caliber representation of healthcare providers such as major hospitals and health systems. The practice handles diverse transactional issues such as mergers and acquisitions, antitrust, HIPAA compliance and financing on behalf of statewide and national clients. The firm is particularly well known for its expertise in capital finance matters, acting for both borrowers and lenders in the healthcare sector.

Strengths

"They were incredibly responsive."

Work highlights

McCarter & English, LLP represented Mr. Chintan Bhat in a civil suit brought by the SEC for his role in Medley Inc, a pharmacy startup that has also been sued by the SEC.

Notable practitioners

George Kendall advises on a range of transactions, including financings and joint ventures, as well as handling corporate governance and regulatory concerns. **Scott Kobler** is renowned for his expertise in both finance and healthcare, assisting providers and financial institutions with bond issuances and other transactions. **Richard Myslinski** is an experienced partner who regularly assists his healthcare clients with complex transactions, such as M&A, debt

restructuring and project financing. **Richard** regularly acts as underwriter's and borrower's counsel in bond financings. **Khaled Klele** is an experienced healthcare attorney who regularly advises healthcare providers with regulatory and transactional advice. An experienced litigator, he regularly assists his clients with litigation and investigations.

Band 3

Abell Eskew Landau

What the team is known for

Abell Eskey Landau is a New York based boutique with a noted practice handling contentious healthcare matters. Its attorneys have experience acting for medical practices and practitioners in a range of disputes and pieces of litigation.

Strengths

"They're exceptional attorneys who have subject matter expertise in healthcare law in New Jersey."

"The team is very good in terms of strategy and anticipating issues that might arise over the course of the matter and thinking in a concerted way about how to resolve these issues."

Work highlights

Abell Eskew Landau provided Sovereign Medical Group with advice and counsel in connection with healthcare regulatory issues.

Notable practitioners

Kenneth Abell is an experienced healthcare lawyer, regularly supporting clients in matters related to qui tam defense, False Claims Act litigation, white-collar criminal defense and other mandates.

Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP

What the team is known for

Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP is a boutique known for handling healthcare disputes. It is noted for its representation of both corporate medical practices and individual doctors in licensing board investigations and prosecutions.

Notable practitioners

Mariellen Dugan is a key contact at the firm.

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons LLP handles a broad spectrum of healthcare matters, including fraud and abuse issues, state and federal compliance, labor and employment, and HIPAA work. The firm advises on a range of corporate transactions and privacy matters. The attorneys act for a wide range of healthcare providers and professionals, including physicians, hospital systems, medical laboratories and long-term care providers. The team also takes on notable work with health insurers and nonprofit healthcare organizations.

Strengths

"The team is exceptional and is responsive to our direction and goals as an organization. They have impressive knowledge and resources and are willing to listen when something more detailed or complex comes about."

Work highlights

FBT Gibbons LLP acted as co-counsel to the debtors Pear Therapeutics, Inc. and Pear Therapeutics (US) Inc. in their Chapter 11 filed in the United States

Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC

What the team is known for

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla has a well-regarded team of healthcare experts with experience in assisting clients including physicians' groups, ambulance providers, nursing homes and large health systems. The team is adept at handling matters such as consolidations and healthcare-related joint ventures, medical real estate transactions and healthcare-related financing matters. The firm also offers expertise in compliance issues, including HIPAA, Stark Law and Anti-Kickback Statute matters.

Work highlights

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC represented Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, Inc. in connection with regulatory issues, review and negotiation

of numerous service and vendor agreements and patient/resident care contract work.

Notable practitioners

Elizabeth Christian regularly assists healthcare

providers and pharmaceutical companies on high-value transactions and complex disputes. **Patrick Convery** is known for representing various non-profits and healthcare systems in regulatory matters associated with their work in the healthcare space.

Mandelbaum Barrett PC

What the team is known for

Mandelbaum Barrett PC is recognized for bringing its expertise in M&A and bankruptcy to bear as it represents healthcare clients through a variety of litigious and compliance related matters. The team has additional expertise handling class action suits alongside other transactional matters.

Strengths

"The team has unrelenting attention to the details of the case at hand."

Work highlights

Mandelbaum Barrett PC advised Hudson Regional Hospital, LLC on the successful negotiation and confirmation by federal bankruptcy court of the acquisition of Bayonne Medical Center in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Mohamed Nabulsi leads his clients healthcare clients through bankruptcy proceedings, including Chapter 11 cases. He has additional expertise handling other transactions in this space, including the creation of joint-ventures. Julia Belton has a strong reputation in the market for her work advising a range of clients on transactional healthcare matters.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Daniel Frier of Frier Levitt is best known for his experienced representation of physicians' practices. His practice spans regulatory and transactional matters, including HIPAA compliance and the mergers of large group practices.

Jack Wenik of Epstein Becker & Green PC frequently appears in federal government investigations, representing clients in the healthcare and life sciences sectors. He is also recognized for his strength as a healthcare litigator, which sees him handle matters such as reimbursement disputes and administrative proceedings.

Immigration

Immigration	Immigration
Leading Firms	Leading Individuals
Band 1	Band 1
Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP	Fox Rosanna <i>Lepore Taylor Fox LLP</i>
Band 2	Moseley Thomas <i>The Law Offices of Thomas (ORL) ◇</i>
Connell Foley LLP	Roy Susan G <i>The Law Office of Susan G. (ORL) ◇</i>
Harlan York & Associates	Rubin Edwin R <i>Edwin R Rubin Attorney at Law (ORL) ◇</i>
Lepore Taylor Fox LLP	Shah Rahul M <i>Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP</i>
Meyner and Landis LLP	Shulman Edward <i>The Shulman Law Group, LLC (ORL) ◇</i>
* Indicates individual with profile.	Band 2
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.	King English Eileen S <i>King English, LLC (ORL) ◇</i>
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	Lepore Taylor Filomena <i>Lepore Taylor Fox LLP</i>
Band 1	Malyk Scott R <i>Meyner and Landis LLP</i>
Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP	Nelson Timothy <i>Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy</i>
What the team is known for	Walsh Abigail <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Fragomen is a well-respected immigration firm with an impressive client list that includes international companies in the engineering, IT, pharmaceutical, energy and manufacturing sectors. The team is experienced at handling a broad array of employment immigration matters, including compliance reviews, H-1B petitions and permanent residency applications. It is also able to assist corporate groups with developing immigration policy.	Band 3
Strengths	Bahal Alka <i>OGC Solutions (ORL) ◇ *</i>
<i>"The Fragomen team is knowledgeable, responsive and courteous. They are quick in emergency situations and jump in to help if we have anything sudden."</i>	Gonzalez Gerard <i>Bastarika, Soto, Gonzalez (ORL) ◇</i>
<i>"Fragomen's depth of expertise and global reach</i>	Morais Manuela <i>Stevens & Lee PC (ORL) ◇</i>
<i>allows them to manage highly complex, multi-jurisdictional immigration programs with consistency, accuracy and speed. Their understanding of regional nuances has been instrumental to our global mobility strategy."</i>	Pestaina Cora-Ann V <i>Lepore Taylor Fox LLP</i>
	Ralston C William <i>Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy</i>
	Siliato Anthony F <i>Meyner and Landis LLP</i>
	York Harlan <i>Harlan York & Associates</i>
	Associates to watch
	Black Charlee <i>Lepore Taylor Fox LLP</i>
	Germak Chelsea <i>Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy</i>

to any questions that we have and simplify all the legal phrasing, so the company and the sponsored employees understand it correctly."

"Fragomen is extremely knowledgeable, always respond in a very timely manner and their filings are very thorough. I can always count on the team to give excellent guidance on any immigration matter."

"Fragomen has a global reach that our company finds appealing."

Notable practitioners

Rahul Shah has a notable immigration practice that sees him assisting businesses and their employees with visa and permanent residency applications. He demonstrates particular expertise in advising on H-1B registrations, USCIS audits and policy compliance. **Strengths:** *"Rahul Shah is a great attorney. He is respected by people in our company and always delivers."* *"I really appreciate that Rahul is available and drives things forward."* *"Rahul Shah is responsive and makes time to speak directly to me when he is needed on a call."* *"Rahul Shah has an excellent bedside manner. He has a calm demeanor and a confident presence. His deep expertise in immigration law and genuine commitment to his clients make you trust him from the first moment you speak with him."* **Timothy Nelson** provides business immigration advice to a broad client base that includes pharmaceutical and energy sector companies. He frequently advises on the immigration aspects of corporate restructurings or M&A.

Strengths: *"Timothy Nelson stands out for his exceptional responsiveness, clear communication and ability to simplify complex immigration issues."*

He consistently provides practical and business-focused guidance, ensuring we understand both risks and strategic options." *"Tim Nelson has incredible knowledge of our business. He is responsive, practical and knowledgeable."* *"Tim Nelson is able to find creative but compliant solutions to challenges."* William Ralston advises businesses on the full gamut of immigration matters. He has experience in assisting with H-1B registrations and visa compliance procedures. **Strengths:** *"William Ralston is a pleasure to work with. He is always ready to help and knowledgeable, and he also has superb writing skills."* *"William Ralston is strategic and very effective in escalated situations. He has an excellent demeanour and approach, helping clients feel more confident and understand what they need to do. He has a very calming presence."* *"William Ralston is great at supporting us and kind when answering our questions."* **Chelsea Germak** is a senior associate in the firm's Matawan office. She advises clients from industries such as energy and engineering on business immigration matters, demonstrating particular strength in assisting with extraordinary ability filings and student visas. **Strengths:** *"I cannot say enough good things about Chelsea Germak. She is extremely knowledgeable and very understanding and patient with my team members. She is always willing to take calls if there is anything that needs clarification and her knowledge and recommendations are always spot on. She is very impressive."* *"Chelsea is very efficient."* *"Chelsea Germak provides clear and concise information. She is extremely responsive."* *"Chelsea Germak has in-depth knowledge and outstanding responsiveness. Her approachability and ability to explain any situation in common terms are exceptional. She is up to date with current policy shifts and trends and sets realistic visa expectations. She also has outstanding communication skills."*

Band 2

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for

Connell Foley is a well-respected employment immigration team, handling both immigrant and nonimmigrant visas. The firm also assists clients on I-9 compliance audits, and provides advice on the immigration elements of corporate M&A. Its varied client roster includes clients from the construction, engineering, healthcare and telecommunications sectors.

Strengths

"The Connell Foley immigration team is friendly, knowledgeable and quick to respond to my questions."

"The lawyers at Connell Foley are very well versed in the information we need and are very quick to respond. They make our foreign nationals feel comfortable asking questions."

"Connell Foley is equipped to handle a wide range of complex cases. No challenge is too great for them. Even when obstacles arise, they remain solu-

tion-oriented and persistent, ensuring the work gets done successfully."

"Connell Foley is highly thorough and serves as our trusted immigration advisor. It has a deep understanding of our business and our employees, which allows us to work collaboratively to determine solutions that are in the best interest of both the company and the individual."

Notable practitioners

Abigail Walsh handles business immigration matters for a broad range of corporate clients. She is also adept at advising on extraordinary ability visas and workforce transfer procedures. **Strengths:** *"Abigail Walsh works tirelessly to ensure our employees maintain valid work authorization and that visa renewals are filed on time. She approaches every matter with a high level of care and anticipates challenges before they arise, executing solutions seamlessly. Her dedication, work ethic and professionalism make her an invaluable partner for us."* *"Abigail Walsh does an excellent job and is always responsive."* *"Abigail is a terrific immigration partner."* *"Abigail Walsh is very knowledgeable, smart and capable."*

Harlan York & Associates

What the team is known for

Harlan York & Associates is a dedicated immigration law firm based in Newark that handles a range of business and individual immigration matters. The lawyers are skilled in supporting corporate groups with extension projects and associated visa processes. The law firm also displays expertise with regards to asylum claims, removal actions, naturalisation procedures and Green Card approvals.

Strengths

"Harlan York & Associates stands out for its attention to detail and devotion to the client."

"We value the team's high empathy, easy accessibility and clear communication. Harlan York & Associates knows what they are doing and are good at it."

"Harlan York & Associates impresses me with its deep knowledge, relevant experience, optimism and ability to understand us."

"We appreciate how quickly Harlan York & Associates answers emails, as well as their expertise when it comes to relevant supporting documents for our application."

Notable practitioners

Harlan York is the founding partner of the practice and has impressive experience in advising on immigration topics in the New Jersey market. He handles a variety of visa approval processes for corporate clients, in addition to frequent work on asylum cases. **Strengths:** *"Harlan York is amazing."* *"Harlan York is the most down-to-earth and understanding lawyer I have ever worked with."* *"Harlan York has the knowledge and experience to represent his clients well."* *"Harlan York is smart and knowledgeable. He is a pillar of the immigration bar."*

Lepore Taylor Fox LLP

What the team is known for

Lepore Taylor Fox is a well-established immigration boutique handling a broad range of employment-based matters, including temporary and permanent work visas. It also assists clients with extraordinary ability petitions and has further exper-

tise in investment visas and I-9 compliance issues.

The firm's enviable client base includes healthcare, technology, retail and e-commerce clients, among others.

Strengths

"My immigration team at Lepore Taylor Fox displays terrific follow-up, great interpersonal skills and is extremely reliable and knowledgeable."

"Lepore Taylor Fox provides excellent collaboration. The team is knowledgeable, which makes for intelligent and collaborative discussions when moving forward, especially with trickier cases. When things get difficult, they think on their toes and figure out new ways. It is nice to have an intelligent sounding board to talk things through."

"Lepore Taylor Fox is incredibly responsive, knowledgeable and strategic."

"The lawyers at Lepore Taylor Fox provide cutting-edge expertise, practical guidance and responsiveness."

Notable practitioners

Rosanna Fox is highly esteemed for her practice which focuses on immigration procedures including temporary and permanent visas, I-9 compliance and international workforce transfers. She has particular expertise in assisting clients from the healthcare sector. **Strengths:** *"Rosanna is a terrific resource and extremely personable."* *"Rosanna Fox is responsive and smart."* *"Rosanna is an incredible practitioner. She is so knowledgeable."* *"Rosanna is a dedicated partner who stands out as a leader in immigration law and always provides the highest level strategic guidance on visa issues and their impact on our business."* **Filomena Lepore Taylor**

is a go-to lawyer for complex corporate immigration programs. She also heads the firm's private client practice and advises on a range of personal and family immigration matters. **Strengths:** *"Filomena's key strengths are her expertise and responsiveness."* *"Filomena is responsive and always willing to take our phone calls to explain the nuances of the situation we find ourselves in."* *"Filomena Lepore Taylor is super knowledgeable and readily available whenever you need to talk to her. She is a great sounding board."* **Cora-Ann Pestaina** is an experienced immigration attorney who advises clients on both business and personal immigration issues. She assists with temporary and permanent visas, with further expertise concerning workforce transfers and immigration aspects of corporate matters.

Strengths: *"Cora-Ann is responsive, knowledgeable and very helpful."* *"Cora-Ann Pestaina is incredibly knowledgeable. She is very good at filtering out the ridiculous, getting to the crux of the issues and keeping people on track."* *"Cora-Ann helps us understand the situation in simple terms and gives us suggestions that are very helpful."* *"Cora-Ann is a really well-rounded, talented attorney."* **Charlee Black** assists both individual and corporate clients on strategic immigration matters as well as family-related immigration matters. **Strengths:** *"Charlee Black is a great support to our team and provides excellent follow-up."* *"Charlee is responsive and works long hours. She is dedicated to her work and is responsive to feedback, proposing resolutions quickly."*

Meyner and Landis LLP

What the team is known for

Meyner & Landis demonstrates significant capabilities across a variety of business immigration matters. The team's expertise includes National Interest Waivers and extraordinary ability visas. It additionally assists with naturalization applications for permanent residents.

Strengths

"Meyner and Landis is a very respected immigration firm in the community."

Notable practitioners

Scott Malyk is based in the firm's Newark office. He handles the full spectrum of business immigration matters for both US and international corporate groups. **Strengths:** "Scott Malyk is a top practitioner." "Scott is a smart lawyer." Anthony Siliato has over 25 years of experience in the immigration field. He is recommended for his work on corporate-related immigration issues, including I-9 compliance.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Alka Bahal of OGC Solutions focuses on immigration and nationality law and works on matters such as I-9 compliance. **Strengths:** "Alka Bahal is a very smart lawyer."

Jerard Gonzalez of Bastarrika, Soto, Gonzalez & Somohano is a strong choice to handle immigration matters intersecting with criminal proceedings. He also offers know-how in business immigration.

Strengths: "Jerard Gonzalez is an excellent lawyer with real strength in this market." "Jerard is well known and knowledgeable."

Eileen King English of King English, LLC handles corporate and family immigration matters as a solo practitioner. She has specialist knowledge of complex waivers, PERM procedures and H-1B visas.

Strengths: "Eileen King English is an outstanding lawyer." "Eileen King English is so smart and generous. She is really great at connecting with clients and is incredibly thoughtful."

Manuela Morais cochairs the Stevens & Lee PC immigration and nationality practice. She advises businesses on a broad range of employment-based immigration matters, including extraordinary ability petitions and L-1 visas for intra-company transferees. She provides further support with student visas and embassy negotiations. **Strengths:** "Manuela Morais is an incredible immigration attorney. She is smart, responsive and drives excellent results for our immigration matters." "Manuela Morais is a trusted partner for us." "Manuela Morais is on time and excellent at communicating each

step of the way. She is forward-thinking, proactive and pragmatic." "Manuela Morais is concise and tells you exactly what you need to know. She is highly effective."

Thomas Moseley is well known for his contentious immigration work as a solo practitioner. He is recommended for his experience handling deportation and removal defense cases. **Strengths:** "Thomas Moseley has a brilliant command of the law." "Thomas Moseley is a very well-respected and knowledgeable lawyer with tonnes of experience."

Susan Roy of The Law Office of Susan G. Roy is highly respected for her immigration and naturalization practice. She is especially well regarded for her depth of expertise in deportation and asylum matters. **Strengths:** "Susan Roy is smart and really well respected. She is amazing."

Edwin Rubin is a sole practitioner based in East Brunswick. He is best known for his work on citizenship and family-based immigration. **Strengths:** "Edwin Rubin is an excellent lawyer and an authority in immigration."

Edward Shulman of the Shulman Law Group assists clients with the full gamut of immigration and nationality law. He fields extensive experience in deportation cases. **Strengths:** "Edward Shulman is experienced and reputed."

Insurance

Insurance
Leading Firms
Band 1
Clyde & Co US LLP
Kennedys CMK
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Band 2
Anderson Kill PC
Connell Foley LLP
Dentons
Riker Danzig LLP
Band 3
Coughlin Midlige & Garland LLP
Gimigliano Mauriello & Maloney
K&L Gates
Mound Cotton Wollan & Greengrass
Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Clyde & Co US LLP

What the team is known for

Clyde & Co is a strong choice for insurers seeking representation in complex coverage disputes. The practice has a proven track record in professional liability, healthcare, D&O, transportation and environmental litigation. The attorneys regularly handle matters that are nationwide in scope from the New

Jersey office. The team has additional strength in Bermuda Form arbitrations and experience handling concussion cases involving sports organizations.

Strengths

"The Clyde & Co team is commercially aware."

"The attorneys ensure the client is a top priority at all times, delivering service that is specifically tailored to the company's needs and business objectives."

"The firm is distinguished by its experience in large, high-stakes insurance coverage litigation."

"Clyde & Co has skilled litigators and oral advocates who produce good written product."

"Clyde & Co adds value by delivering clear, strategic guidance on complex coverage issues, that directly supports informed business decisions."

Notable practitioners

Daren McNally represents insurers in a variety of coverage disputes, including environmental contamination, business interruption, personal injury and asbestos claims. **Strengths:** "Daren McNally is an exceptional attorney whose rare combination of legal mastery, strategic vision and commercial insight sets him apart in the field. He consistently provides sophisticated, actionable guidance on the most complex matters while anticipating emerging risks." "Daren is a strong leader." "Daren is renowned for his responsiveness, precision and client-focused approach, he treats every engagement as a top priority." **Paul Koepff** is an experienced insur-

ance litigator who is highly-regarded for his work in coverage disputes. He regularly counts leading insurance firms amongst his clients and represents them in both state and federal court, at trial and appellate levels. **Strengths:** "Paul is straightforward and direct, he is also proactive rather than reactive." "Paul is a strong leader, as well as a good, strategic thinker." "Paul is incredibly responsive." **Barbara Almeida** is an experienced lawyer, who frequently assists both domestic and international insurance companies with insurance coverage advice, litigation and arbitration.

Kennedys CMK

What the team is known for

Kennedys has a leading insurance coverage group within the state that enjoys a strong reputation for its broad experience in the insurance defense space. The firm regularly represents insurance companies at the state and federal level in matters including business torts, personal injury, product liability, construction defects, bankruptcy issues and reinsurance. The firm is able to leverage a global network of offices to supplement its established New Jersey presence.

Strengths

"Kennedys provides timely analysis on complex insurance coverage issues."

"The firm is distinguished by its depth of experience and responsiveness to client's business issues."

Insurance**Leading Individuals****Band 1**Bennett Lynda *Barnes & Thornburg LLP (ORL) ♦*Carroll Christopher *Kennedys CMK*Catalano Meg *Kennedys CMK*Chesler Robert D. *Anderson Kill PC*Kelly Shawn L. *Dentons*McNally Daren *Clyde & Co US LLP*Pastor Sherilyn *McCarter & English, LLP*Pudell Steven J. *Anderson Kill PC***Band 2**Coughlin Kevin *Coughlin Midlige & Garland LLP*Gallagher Kristin *Kennedys CMK*Gimigliano Stephen V. *Gimigliano Mauriello & Maloney*Horowitz Gregory H. *McCarter & English, LLP*Koepff Paul *Clyde & Co LLP*McHenry Jonathan P. *Connell Foley LLP*O'Donnell Brian E. *Riker Danzig LLP*Pollock Jeffrey M. *Pollock Law LLC (ORL) ♦*Wolff Kevin *Kinney Lisovitz Reilly & Wolff PC (ORL) ♦***Band 3**Almeida Barbara *Clyde & Co US LLP*Coyne John *McElroy, Deutsch (ORL) ♦*Jesse Eric *Barnes & Thornburg LLP (ORL) ♦*Kane David *McCarter & English, LLP*Kull Gary *Kennedys CMK*La Rocco Anthony P. *K&L Gates **Midlige Suzanne C. *Coughlin Midlige & Garland LLP*Quinn Thomas *Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker*Simpson Heather E. *Kennedys CMK*Tallmadge Mark M. *Bressler, Amery (ORL) ♦ **Tammaro Katherine E. *Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman*Vales John R. "Jack" *Dentons*

Up-and-coming individuals

L. Weaver Heather *Barnes & Thornburg LLP (ORL) ♦*

* Indicates individual with profile.

♦ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.

Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

"Kennedys has a very deep bench of very talented coverage attorneys."

"I have confidence in the group's experience, strategic and analytical abilities and capacity for complex matters."

"The firm's service levels and responsiveness are top notch."

Work highlights

Kennedys CMK represented Liberty Mutual Insurance in a declaratory judgement action in the Supreme Court for the State of Delaware, in connection with an excess insurance policy issued to The Cigna Group.

Notable practitioners

Christopher Carroll is a distinguished practitioner who regularly handles a range of insurance coverage disputes. He is revered by clients for his experience and knowledge. **Strengths:** "Chris is practical, experienced and commercially aware." "Chris is knowledgeable, strategic, confident and understands business considerations." **Meg Catalano** is well regarded for her representation of insurers in coverage disputes. She offers experience in handling high-profile environmental contamination and toxic torts. **Strengths:** "Meg is highly respected in the insurance bar. She is a tenacious adversary and knows how and when to be commercial to get a matter resolved." **Kristin Gallagher** acts on a wide range of insurance disputes, including cov-

ering disputes involving property damage, business interruptions, product liability, professional risk and catastrophic events. **Strengths:** "Kristin is a true leader, who is super smart and very attentive to client needs. When a case is in her hands, there are no worries." "Kristin has a great ability to roll up her sleeves and do the work needed, while at the same time managing others in her team. She does A+ work." "Kristin's written work product is always strong, it is well written and displays strong advocacy." Garry Kull is an experienced insurance lawyer with a highly regarded practice, particularly in coverage. He regularly represents leading insurance companies in litigation surrounding professional liability, environmental and construction cases in both state and federal court. **Strengths:** "Gary is a heavy hitter who knows the law." Heather Simpson has significant experience defending insurers in coverage disputes involving sexual abuse and personal injury claims.

Lowenstein Sandler LLP**What the team is known for**

Lowenstein Sandler LLP is a highly regarded firm with vast experience representing policyholders in high-value insurance coverage litigation, including D&O liability, product recall claims, cyber liability and business disruption. The practice advises clients on insurance policy audits, master service agreements, policy purchase and renewal and insurance due diligence.

Strengths

"Lowenstein Sandler has exceptional expertise and subject matter experts in insurance recovery, its team is phenomenal."

"The whole team, from senior to more junior staff, is all client-centric and results oriented. They don't get lost in the weeds."

Work highlights

Lowenstein Sandler LLP represented BASF Corporation as coverage counsel seeking insurance coverage for defense costs and indemnity related to the liabilities from the AFFF multi-district litigation.

Notable practitioners

Michael D. Lichtenstein is a key contact.

McCarter & English, LLP**What the team is known for**

McCarter & English, LLP is an impressive firm with notable capabilities in the insurance litigation space, with an insurance coverage group that regularly excels on behalf of policyholder clients. The team acts in disputes concerning professional liability, business interruption, cyber risk insurance and general liability claims, and is also adept at handling cases relating to long-tail liabilities.

Strengths

"McCarter & English has the talent and depth of experience to be able to handle complex matters in a variety of contexts – whether it be arbitration, litigation or pre-dispute resolutions."

"The group is excellent at drilling down on complex coverage issues."

"McCarter & English has highly skilled counsel, who are creative and responsive."

Work highlights

McCarter & English, LLP represented Becton, Dickinson and Company in a coverage dispute pending in the District of New Jersey arising from underlying

competitor and follow-on class action lawsuits alleging antitrust and business disparagement claims.

Notable practitioners

Sherilyn Pastor counsels policyholders on a broad range of sensitive coverage disputes, including those arising from business interruption, breach of contract losses and environmental contamination. **Strengths:** "Sheri provides excellent insurance counsel." Gregory Horowitz represents brokers and policyholders in a broad array of complex insurance disputes. He frequently handles coverage cases involving personal injury and wrongful death claims.

Strengths: "Greg has a lot of experience to pull from and can be trusted to come up with creative solutions." "Greg is a very knowledgeable insurance coverage attorney." **David Kane** is an experienced lawyer in the insurance space, assisting corporate clients with insurance recovery. He frequently litigates insurance coverage disputes in state and federal courts across the US. **Strengths:** "David is an excellent attorney, he has a great depth of knowledge with respect to insurance recovery issues and is an excellent advocate." "David is very detailed and provides excellent counsel to our needs."

Band 2**Anderson Kill PC****What the team is known for**

Anderson Kill PC is highlighted for its notable insurance litigation practice, representing policyholders from a range of fields, including governments, utilities, charities, corporations and private individuals. The team demonstrates additional capabilities representing entities from the food and beverage industry. Its broad coverage disputes practice includes data breaches, D&O matters and business interruption losses, as well as professional liability claims.

Strengths

"Anderson Kill has team members with multiple areas of expertise, who are available to weigh in and share their experiences and perspectives."

Work highlights

Anderson Kill PC represented Warren County in litigation for coverage from Selective Insurance and Century Indemnity, in connection with a sex abuse claim against the County.

Notable practitioners

Robert Chesler is recommended for his advice to and representation of policyholders on all manner of coverage issues and disputes. **Strengths:** "Robert has an excellent reputation." Steven Pudell regularly acts for insurance policyholders on recovery disputes. He has extensive experience working for clients on business interruption, property damage and defense cost claims. **Strengths:** "Steven is a very bright and humble person. His sophistication is manifested by his negotiation skills and dogged determination. He is also a calm negotiator who never loses his equilibrium."

Connell Foley LLP**What the team is known for**

Connell Foley LLP is a skillful outfit acting on behalf of insurers in coverage and subrogation disputes. The firm is regularly selected to represent clients in

many large and high-profile cases, including class action coverage disputes. The practice possess experience covering environmental insurance litigation, mass and toxic torts and product liability matters.

Strengths

"Connel Foley is distinguished by its knowledge of the law and communication with the client."

"The team offers faithful and impartial coverage opinions along with strategy."

Notable practitioners

Jonathan McHenry handles a diverse array of coverage disputes, including those involving environmental damage, product defects and sexual abuse claims. He is also experienced in alternative dispute resolution. **Strengths:** *"Jonathan is a hugely competent coverage lawyer, who has a real understanding not just of how coverage works, but how litigation works."*

Dentons

What the team is known for

Dentons is prominently positioned to act for insurance and reinsurance companies on a wide range of litigation and arbitrations. The practice has a strong bench of litigators and is supported by a considerable national network, and the team is able to provide assistance with coverage, catastrophe, D&O and mass tort cases, among other matters. It has particular strength in cross-border insurance work involving Canada, Argentina and China.

Strengths

"Dentons has a very well-rounded insurance team that provides good, timely work and is responsive."

"The Dentons team is thorough, practical and responsive."

"Dentons offers a collaborative approach that focuses on client outcomes."

"The firm acts as a trusted advisor that helps clients assess complex legal issues that have an impact on commercial lines."

Work highlights

Dentons represented Coaction Specialty Insurance Group in a coverage action filed by Southern Pine Credit Union, seeking a declaration of coverage in regard to a fidelity bond claim and alleged claims of bad faith.

Notable practitioners

Shawn Kelly is frequently involved in coverage disputes on pollution, storm damage and asbestos claims. He generally acts on behalf of insurers.

Strengths: *"Shawn is a good trial attorney, who knows coverage law and whose judgement is trusted by clients."* John Vales acts on coverage claims and other tax and regulatory matters for insurance companies. **Strengths:** *"Jack is extremely responsive and comprehensive with his analysis."* *"Jack is a top-class insurance lawyer."* *"Jack an absolute expert in anything related to insurance, whether it is litigation or arbitration. He is very knowledgeable and provides good advice."*

Riker Danzig LLP

What the team is known for

Riker Danzig LLP is recognized for its representation of insurers and insureds in coverage disputes and reinsurance litigation. It is adept at handling subrogation actions on behalf of insurance companies. The firm boasts expertise in deflecting claims

involving property damage, natural disasters, cyber losses, technology defects, asbestos and personal injury.

Strengths

"Riker Danzig puts its clients first, its attorneys understand business needs and go about implementing a strategy that best suits the client."

"The team is creative, decisive and scholarly."

Work highlights

Riker Danzig LLP is defending Mitsui Sumitomo Marine Management (USA) Inc. against an insurance coverage dispute filed by Pebblebrook Hotel Trust, in connection with denied coverage for financial losses sustained by its portfolio properties as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Notable practitioners

Brian O'Donnell offers both policyholders and insurers his expertise in a wide array of insurance-related disputes, including coverage matters involving class action suits and property damage.

Strengths: *"Brian is a high-quality attorney who handles cases practically and efficiently."* *"Brian is a great lawyer and a sophisticated negotiator, who works hard to obtain excellent results."*

Band 3

Coughlin Midlige & Garland LLP

What the team is known for

Coughlin Midlige & Garland LLP represents insurers and reinsurers at trial and appellate level in a wide range of disputes, from asbestos, environmental and product liability litigation to professional, D&O and E&O liability matters.

Notable practitioners

Kevin Coughlin has extensive experience representing insurers and reinsurers in insurance coverage disputes as well as notable expertise in high-profile mass tort work. He is also counsel on mortgage liability matters. Suzanne Midlige is highlighted for her expert representation of domestic and international insurers and reinsurers in litigation and transactional matters.

Gimigliano Mauriello & Maloney

What the team is known for

Gimigliano Mauriello & Maloney is noted for its expert handling of coverage disputes on behalf of the insurer in environmental contamination, asbestos and silica-related injury claims. The firm has impressive courtroom advocates.

Notable practitioners

Stephen Gimigliano has a wide-ranging litigation practice which encompasses mass torts and coverage claims. **Strengths:** *"Stephen is a world-class coverage attorney, who gets tremendous results."*

K&L Gates

What the team is known for

K&L Gates has a notable practice in the insurance space. The group expertly represents policyholders, including corporations, officers and directors in a broad range of coverage disputes.

Strengths

"K&L Gates has knowledge of the marketplace and nationwide trends."

Work highlights

K&L Gates represented Caesarstone USA as cov-

erage counsel in two insurance coverage litigations, in which Caesarstone seeks coverage for its defense costs and potential liabilities in hundreds of lawsuits by plaintiffs alleging bodily injury from exposure to silica and other materials in Caesarstone's products

Notable practitioners

Anthony La Rocco of is recognized for his representation of corporate and individual policyholders in coverage disputes. His expertise spans property damage, product liability and healthcare claims, among others.

Mound Cotton Wollan & Greengrass

What the team is known for

Mound Cotton Wollan & Greengrass houses a reputable insurance and reinsurance practice. The group handles a range of coverage disputes for insurer clients.

Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

What the team is known for

Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP has substantial depth of expertise in insurance and reinsurance coverage matters. The group frequently advises major insurers in complex disputes involving a wide variety of lines, including general liability, construction defect and D&O.

Notable practitioners

Thomas Quinn regularly represents insurers in coverage disputes as part of his broad civil litigation practice. His expertise includes products liability, property damage and professional liability claims. Katherine Tammaro is an experienced lawyer who specializes in representing insurance companies in various coverage matters arising out of intellectual property, professional liability, specialty lines and other mandates. **Strengths:** *"Katherine is a subject matter expert and a very cerebral litigator."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Lynda Bennett of Barnes & Thornburg LLP specializes in the representation of policyholders in a range of disputes, including mass tort, asbestos and product liability cases. She also defends claims involving cyber insurance, business interruption and medical malpractice. **Strengths:** *"Lynda is great. She is smart and tough – all the things you want her to be."* *"Lynda is an incredible lawyer who is very responsive."* *"Lynda advocates strongly for her clients."*

John Coyne of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP incorporates insurance matters and disputes into his wider commercial litigation practice. He has significant expertise advising insurers in relation to their coverage obligations.

Eric Jesse of Barnes & Thornburg LLP is highlighted for his expertise in representing corporate policyholders on an array of insurance issues including claims disputes, renewal of insurance programs and mergers and acquisitions. He has a niche in specialty policies including representations and warranties and cyber insurance. **Strengths:** *"Eric is very commercial and pragmatic and his ability to understand complex policy is second to none."*

Heather Weaver of Barnes & Thornburg LLP has a growing practice in the insurance space. She is noted for her expertise in handling high-stakes coverage cases. **Strengths:** *"Heather is an incredible attorney, who has a practical mind and approach."* *"Heather is an extremely experienced, dedicated professional."*

Jeffrey Pollock of Pollock Law PLLC maintains a broad litigation practice with notable expertise acting on behalf of policyholders in coverage disputes. He also has experience of reinsurance claims and Bermuda form claims.

Mark Tallmadge of Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. is

recognized for his work in high-profile insurance proceedings in New Jersey. He is highlighted in the market for his representation of guaranty associations. He is also experienced in insurance insolvency matters.

Kevin Wolff of Kinney Lisovicz Reilly & Wolff PC specializes in insurance and reinsurance coverage disputes, as well as counseling insurers in regard to policy drafting. He represents insurers and reinsurers. **Strengths:** *"Kevin is a very well-rounded, good coverage lawyer."*

Intellectual Property

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Leading Firms
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Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Lerner David LLP
Saul Ewing LLP
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Cole Schotz P.C.
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Saiber LLC
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Kelley Drye & Warren LLP
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Riker Danzig LLP
Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP
* Indicates individual with profile.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

What the team is known for

Greenberg Traurig has a strong team of experienced attorneys handling IP issues, from patent prosecution and litigation to trademark portfolio management. The team regularly represents clients in IPR proceedings and examinations before the USPTO. The group acts for an impressive roster of private companies and large corporations across hi-tech, life sciences, aviation and materials science.

Strengths

"The team provides very sophisticated advice and guidance around very complex and emerging technology."

"The team is very good. The attorneys attack the patent application drafting in a very efficient way and the work does not require a lot of oversight from us."

"Greenberg Traurig's client service is superlative, and the work product is excellent."

"The team is very responsive, meets deadlines and is focused on making life easier for the client."

Work highlights

Greenberg Traurig provided patent prosecution ser-

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Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Mentlik William L. Lerner David LLP
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Schindler Barry J. Greenberg Traurig, LLP
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Christie Scott S. McCarter & English, LLP
De Lorenzi David E. FBT Gibbons LLP
Gold David S. Cole Schotz P.C.
Nussbaum Peter. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Paradiso Robert. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Roth Stephen F. Lerner David LLP
Stroeve William W. Cole Schotz P.C.
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Agostino Joseph. Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Bersh Lennie A. Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Chevalier Charles H. FBT Gibbons LLP
DeCarlo James. Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Escanlar Katherine. Saiber LLC
Frischia Michael R. McCarter & English, LLP
Gewirtz Gregory S. Lerner David LLP
Goldsmith Susan. McCarter & English, LLP
Liu Jerry. Fox Rothschild *
Paradise Gregg. Lerner David LLP
Remore Abigail. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Richer Natalie. Lerner David LLP
Sullivan Sarah. Saul Ewing LLP
Uzar Wendi O. Riker Danzig LLP
Walsh Liza M. Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP
Weinick Jeffrey. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Zinna Michael. Kelley Drye & Warren LLP
Associates to watch
Callo Alexander. Saul Ewing LLP

vices for W.L. Gore.

Notable practitioners

Barry Schindler is especially active on patent prosecutions and applications. His clients include financial services, life sciences and technology companies. **Strengths:** *"Barry is a great advisor to our business."* *"Barry is an incredible attorney."*

Joseph Agostino is experienced in advising clients across a broad range of IP matters, including pros-

ecution, licensing and disputes work. **Strengths:** *"Joseph is a fantastic attorney and very attentive to client needs."* Lennie Bersh offers impressive expertise advising technology sector clients on patent portfolio management and prosecution. **Strengths:** *"Lennie is a very knowledgeable advisor"* **James DeCarlo** handles patent prosecution and litigation, as well as patent licensing work in the technology space. He also counsels on trade secrets and trademark litigation. **Strengths:** *"James DeCarlo is very experienced and has seen it all. He is very communicative and responsive. He knows the answer to patent law related issues."*

Lerner David LLP

What the team is known for

Lerner David is recognized as one of the leading IP legal services providers in New Jersey. The firm is experienced in handling a full range of matters, including trademark procurement, patent portfolio management and litigation. The firm represents clients across different sectors.

Strengths

"The team takes the time to understand and break down the issues."

"The team's depth of technical knowledge is outstanding and its approach to contract negotiations is unsurpassed."

"I think Lerner David is excellent. I like the work that the firm does and the team is very responsive and helpful."

"The Lerner David team quickly analyzes all the relevant aspects of a matter and is able to distill the key issues and material risks in a way that allows us to act quickly and efficiently."

Work highlights

Lerner David successfully defended Mazda Motor Corp in a patent infringement case.

Notable practitioners

William Mentlik enjoys a stellar reputation for his work as a patent litigator and in post-grant proceedings. He also counsels on trademarks and trade dress. Stephen Roth is widely respected for his advice and litigation concerning copyright, computer software, trademarks and trade dress. He also frequently advises artists whose creations are infringed. **Strengths:** *"Stephen is excellent. He is very patient and really takes the time to understand our approach and the technical aspects of our*

solutions.” “Stephen has a deep understanding of technology and is truly a visionary. Time after time, Stephen has suggested paths that have proven to be viable.” “Stephen is very creative and does a good job of representing his clients’ interests.”

Gregory Gewirtz has a diverse intellectual property practice drawing on his significant experience in patent and trademark litigation and licensing. He is noted for his ability to work with clients in the electronic, mechanical and pharmaceutical industries.

Strengths: “Gregory is a very strategic thinker.” “He is conscientious and dedicated to the tasks at hand.” “Greg Gewirtz is very knowledgeable, and he goes above and beyond.” **Gregg Paradise** provides clients across a range of industries with intellectual property solutions. He boasts particular expertise regarding trademarks, and is able to draw on his background in computer science engineering. **Strengths:** “Gregg is responsive with fantastic recall of our overall business and positioning, which allows us to have the utmost confidence in his advice.” “Gregg is extremely knowledgeable about the minutiae of intellectual property law. He makes it easy for us by explaining issues concisely and letting us decide the options.” “Gregg is a very good all around IP attorney.” **Natalie Richer** regularly advises clients across a range of industries on patent prosecution and portfolio management. She is also well equipped to handle patent disputes. **Strengths:** “Natalie has a great reputation.”

Saul Ewing LLP

What the team is known for

Saul Ewing has a dynamic IP group known for its representation of clients from the pharmaceutical and life sciences sectors in a range of intellectual property issues. The team demonstrates particular expertise in patent litigation and Hatch-Waxman disputes. The group is also noted for expertise in trademark infringement disputes.

Strengths

“The team is very knowledgeable about the New Jersey courts and has excellent litigation attorneys.” “Saul Ewing is top-notch when it comes to Hatch-Waxman disputes.”

“The team is always available at any time of day and the quality of its work is amazing.”

“Saul Ewing is very good at giving us opinions but also respecting how the relationship works. We are all working towards a common goal and the team is giving us the best input that it can.”

“The team is excellent. The attorneys are knowledgeable and responsive and exercise good judgment.”

Work highlights

Saul Ewing represented Novo Nordisk in ANDA disputes regarding two of its branded GLP-1 medications.

Notable practitioners

Charles Lizza is a celebrated figure in the market and remains highly involved in patent litigation, with a focus on pharmaceuticals and biotech cases.

Strengths: “Charlie is great on strategy, has an excellent knowledge of New Jersey judges and is very responsive” “Charlie is top-notch.” “Charles is unique in his ability to cut through issues and provide valuable, significant insight into how to strategically position a case for victory.” “Charlie is a great lawyer with deep legal knowledge and a perfect

understanding of the client’s commercial market and business needs.” **William Baton** has extensive experience leading patent litigation cases for life sciences companies, and is frequently instructed on Hatch-Waxman cases. He is highly sought after as local counsel in New Jersey for many of the world’s leading pharmaceutical companies and biotechnology manufacturers. **Strengths:** “Bill brings a very practical approach, which is highly valued.” “Bill is an excellent public speaker. He is knowledgeable about the rules and very considered in his approach to getting information. He is a pleasure to work with.” “Bill gives excellent advice and really does an extraordinary job.” “Bill is highly knowledgeable and experienced and an effective advocate.” **Sarah Sullivan** has a growing practice representing branded pharmaceutical companies in patent litigation, specifically with a focus on Hatch-Waxman ANDA cases. **Strengths:** “Sarah is both knowledgeable on the key issues and a very strong writer.” “Sarah’s ability to simplify issues, her commitment to a case and her understanding of the court make her an essential part of a formula for success.” “Sarah is very knowledgeable and responsive and always exercises good judgment.” “Sarah stands out for her legal writing ability.” **Alexander Callo** represents clients in the life sciences industry in patent litigation, with particular strength in ANDA litigation and disputes regarding obviousness. **Strengths:** “Alexander knows the local patent rules inside out. He is stickler for detail, which is helpful.” “Alex is great. He is responsive and knowledgeable.” “Alex is a great asset to our cases and a strong member of the Saul Ewing team.”

Band 2

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC advises on a comprehensive range of IP law issues, including licensing, patent infringement, trademark registration and prosecution. The group is also regularly engaged to advise on IP issues concerning corporate transactions and enjoys a fine reputation for its work before the USPTO. The team demonstrates additional capability representing clients before foreign patent offices.

Strengths

“The team is distinguished by its responsiveness and attentiveness to client needs, and provides clear, practical guidance in a timely manner, which makes navigating trademark matters straightforward.”

“The team is likeable, smart and efficient. The attorneys are experienced in Trademark Trial and Appeal Board actions.”

“The team has excellent drafting skills with a strong technical background and offers sound counseling.”

“Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi has a deep knowledge of the IP industry in general and patent-related laws in particular.”

Work highlights

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi represented Cool Brands Supply SA in a trademark infringement suit regarding the alleged similarity of a logo used by Hy Flyers GC to Cool Brands Supply SA’s trademarked logo.

Notable practitioners

Peter Nussbaum is particularly experienced in advising musical artists on the protection of their trademarks and personality rights. He also advises consumer goods clients on their trademarks and copyright needs. **Strengths:** “Peter has a good reputation in the IP space.” **Abigail Remore** is increasingly recognized for her broad IP expertise, and regularly advises clients from a diverse range of industries on matters ranging from complex litigation to prosecution and counseling.

Strengths: “Abigail is responsive, knowledgeable, and approachable, and she takes the time to ensure that I feel supported and informed throughout the process.” “Abigail is not just a smart person but a good person. If she needs to fight for her clients she is more than happy to do that.” “Abigail is good at what she does.” **Jeffrey Weinick** is a patent and trademark attorney who regularly provides legal support to leading technology corporations. **Strengths:** “Jeffrey is an excellent dealmaker and is very bright.” “Jeff always provides thorough support. I rely on his expertise.” “Jeff is an outstanding patent attorney.”

Cole Schotz P.C.

What the team is known for

Cole Schotz houses a significant breadth of IP expertise, with its team regularly advising on portfolio management and prosecution, as well as high-stakes contentious proceedings including infringement disputes. The firm represents a diverse client base including media and entertainment, and retail companies.

Strengths

“The team was highly responsive, clear in its communication and provided practical, business-oriented advice.”

“Cole Schotz has offices in multiple states and is able to bring the right team member to the table when assistance is needed. The team is large and very knowledgeable.”

“The firm’s IP practice has a deep understanding of the area of law and the ability to navigate clients’ commercial needs.”

“Cole Schotz is extremely knowledgeable and always looks at our matters from the perspective of a business. The team always gives us all the options.”

Work highlights

Cole Schotz defended Priority Concepts in a copyright infringement claim brought by Balance CFO regarding the alleged unauthorized use of an ERTC calculator.

Notable practitioners

David Gold focuses his practice on advising clients on protecting, enforcing and monetizing trademarks and copyrights. He is particularly well regarded for his work in the music and arts field.

Strengths: “David is exceptionally responsive, clear and thoughtful in his guidance. He balances technical expertise with practical advice that takes into account business realities.” “David gets back to me straight away, is thorough and provides practical viewpoints. He files trademarks very quickly and monitors all of the deadlines.” “David Gold is a go-to resource for complicated trademark and IP issues. He is responsive to clients’ needs.” “David is a straight shooter. He lays out all the options and

tells us which one he believes will make the most business sense. He has never inflated a situation nor given us false hope." William Stroever counsels clients in a variety of sectors including consumer and biomedical products. He has expertise in advising on matters in connection with trademark prosecution, enforcement and disputes. **Strengths:** "William is highly sophisticated, a quick learner on new items and always keeps our mission at the front of his mind." "William is brilliant. He is hard working, strategically minded and always prepared." "William understands our business and effectively helps us manage our IP and litigation associated therewith." "Willie is extremely intelligent, efficient and creative."

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

Gibbons offers a broad range of patent and trademark experience, including litigation, transactions and IP portfolio development. The firm acts for a wide array of clients, from industries including pharmaceuticals, technology and consumer products. It demonstrates particular expertise in Hatch-Waxman litigation and is also noted for its counsel on e-discovery issues.

Strengths

"The team is ready to lead with first chair services. The attorneys are really talented in the sense that you can give them a direction and they can quickly and dependably take it to another level."

Work highlights

Gibbons assisted Giorgio Armani in enforcement actions to prevent similar trademarks from being registered.

Notable practitioners

David De Lorenzi frequently litigates on behalf of pharmaceutical companies in patent infringement and Hatch-Waxman cases. He is also recommended for advice on patent strategy and the treatment of IP assets in corporate transactions. **Strengths:** "David is a great litigator." Charles Chevalier has a diverse IP practice, frequently counseling clients on licensing and transactions as well as complex patent disputes. He has particular expertise in the life sciences industry.

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English has an accomplished team which excels in litigation and patent prosecution matters. The firm is noteworthy for its strengths in inter partes review proceedings before the USPTO, and also offers expertise handling Hatch-Waxman litigation. It remains a popular choice of counsel for clients in the life science and technology sectors. The firm demonstrates additional capabilities handling copyright and trademark infringement matters.

Strengths

"The team's level of dedication and accessibility is rare, and it has made a significant difference in our ability to move quickly and confidently."

"McCarter & English really knows our specific technology."

Notable practitioners

Scott Christie regularly defends companies against patent lawsuits and handles copyright and trademark enforcement, as well as licensing and trade secrets disputes. **Strengths:** "Scott's commit-

ment to his clients is unparalleled. He has guided us through complex cases and has always succeeded." "Scott is a tremendous attorney." "Scott is very knowledgeable." Michael Friscia is noted for his wide-ranging capabilities which take in contentious and noncontentious copyright, patent and trademark matters. **Strengths:** "Mike is always a pleasure to work with." "Michael is an all-round good trademark prosecutor." "Michael has a good reputation." Susan Goldsmith advises domestic and international companies from a multitude of sectors on mandates related to their global trademark portfolios and licensing. She has expertise in the oil and gas, food and beverage, and software sectors, among others. **Strengths:** "Susan is terrific and well regarded in the profession." "Susan is very experienced and has excellent commercial awareness as to the needs of the client. She is very responsive and delivers clear advice." "Susan gives very good practical advice and is honest."

Saiber LLC

What the team is known for

Saiber offers broad intellectual property expertise, regularly advising on complex patent infringement disputes as well as copyright and trademark registration and licensing. The firm acts for clients from a wide range of industries, including pharmaceuticals, manufacturing and consumer goods.

Strengths

"Saiber is highly knowledgeable about the courts, the judges and patent litigation in New Jersey."

"Saiber is always very responsive and ahead of the game, anticipating clients' needs."

"Saiber has top-notch litigators who are well known within the New Jersey bench and bar. The team's experience and expertise distinguish them."

Work highlights

Saiber continues to serve as international general trademark counsel for Everest Reinsurance Company.

Notable practitioners

Arnold Calmann concentrates his practice on advising clients on complex, multiparty litigation, including patent and trade secret disputes.

Strengths: "Arnie is responsive and provides excellent counsel." "Arnie provides sage advice." "Arnie's ideas are incredibly creative and brilliantly applied. He is an excellent speaker." "Arnold is widely recognized as one of the experts in New Jersey. He knows the area very well and is a good lawyer." "Arnie is a top-notch litigator and a trusted advisor." Katherine Escanlar represents clients in a variety of disputes including trade secret misappropriation and patent infringement. She is called upon for both competitor and generic litigation. **Strengths:** "Katherine is responsive and provides excellent counsel." "Katherine is a kind, diligent, hard-working and practical strategist." "Katherine is very knowledgeable and experienced in patent litigation in New Jersey. She gives practical, timely and excellent advice." "Katherine always provides excellent advice."

Band 3

Dentons

What the team is known for

Dentons offers a range of intellectual property

expertise. The firm regularly advises clients on matters including trademark portfolios, brand protection and patent applications.

Strengths

"Denton's attorneys have proven themselves to be knowledgeable, proficient, and very responsive."

"Dentons has good business acumen, listens to what the business needs and has a good handle on technology from technical perspective."

Work highlights

Dentons advises Northern Trust Corporation on a range of fintech and software-related patent matters including portfolio development, strategy, and risk management.

Notable practitioners

Joel Bock is a key contact for the team.

Fox Rothschild

What the team is known for

Fox Rothschild is frequently called upon to advise on a wide range of IP mandates. The team offers notable expertise prosecuting highly technical patents on behalf of major life sciences clients, and is bolstered by additional capabilities in patent litigation.

Strengths

"The breadth and depth of Fox Rothschild's team is excellent. The team has deep expertise on all IP-related fields. We always get advice from area experts to resolve complex issues."

"The team produces high quality work products and is responsive and efficient."

"The team has an innate depth of technical expertise and legal experience related to intellectual property."

"The partners have great commercial judgment and offer trenchant advice."

"The team is timely, responsive, does not miss deadlines and has a really good understanding of our technology."

Work highlights

Fox Rothschild assisted UR Ventures with patent prosecution for a variety of its pharmaceuticals. The team also provided counselling and assisted with copyright registrations and licensing agreements.

Notable practitioners

Jerry Liu has a specific expertise representing life sciences companies, as well as clients from other sectors, on international prosecution and portfolio matters. **Strengths:** "Jerry is not merely an outstanding technical expert. He has accumulated a body of experience that allows informed decision making on commercial choices and global patent prosecution." "Jerry Liu is an experienced and insightful attorney whose judgment we rely upon."

Kaplan Breyer Schwarz, LLP

What the team is known for

Kaplan Breyer Schwarz is a New Jersey-based intellectual property boutique that provides a variety of services, from patent and trademark prosecution to monetization advice.

Notable practitioners

Jeffrey I. Kaplan is a key contact.

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

What the team is known for

Kelley Drye & Warren provides comprehensive intellectual property support for esteemed international

clients. Equally able to service clients during litigation or for counselling matters, the firm has strength in both patent and trademark law.

Strengths

"The firm is knowledgeable about our business model and operations."

"The team is very thorough, quick to respond and can translate complex legal language into plain English."

"The team's legal advice is anchored in a deep understanding of client needs."

Work highlights

Kelley Drye & Warren handled several patent infringement cases for Kering related to QR codes.

Notable practitioners

Notable practitioners

Michael Zinna is an experienced intellectual property litigator who represents clients in patent infringements, trademark disputes and unfair competition proceedings. He also counsels clients on patent portfolio management. **Strengths:** *"Michael understands client's challenges and provides realistic options with potential outcomes."*

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for

Lowenstein Sandler is commended for its intellectual property advisory practice. The firm has experience counselling clients in patent portfolio management, patent infringement litigation, and patent prosecution.

Strengths

"The Lowenstein team are readily available at a moment's notice for all our legal matters. They are super responsive and motivated to help provide solutions."

"The team consistently demonstrates deep subject-matter expertise and sound judgment when handling highly complex and sophisticated matters."

"Lowenstein don't operate in the 'abstract,' but rather help clients to achieve business goals through legal advice and action."

Notable practitioners

Robert Paradiso is experienced in patent prosecution work. He has particular expertise acting for clients in the chemicals and life sciences sectors.

Strengths: *"Robert is a very good patent prose-*

cutor." "Robert brings deep expertise and a strong strategic mindset to IP matters. He is highly responsive, well-prepared and communicates complex issues clearly." "Robert ensures all of my matters are handled with care and speed." "Robert is experienced, pragmatic and knowledgeable with respect to patent prosecution and strategy."

Riker Danzig LLP

What the team is known for

Riker Danzig's intellectual property group provides a broad range of services to clients in diverse sectors including publishing, finance, pharmaceuticals and software. In addition to its work in patent prosecution and protecting clients' copyright and trademark rights, the firm has prowess in negotiating license agreements.

Strengths

"Riker Danzig is an excellent firm and provides good practical advice. The team knows our business really well and does not just have legal knowledge in a vacuum, but also understands our business."

"Riker Danzig's attorneys are good strategists and I see them as leaders."

Work highlights

Riker Danzig represented A.M. Best in trademark and copyright enforcement matters, as well as assisting in licensing negotiations related to artificial intelligence.

Notable practitioners

Robert Schoenberg has a diverse practice that encompasses patent infringement, prosecution and licensing, alongside trademark and copyright work. **Strengths:** *"Robert is a really good intellectual property strategist and is good at working with companies." "Robert is a fine attorney." Wendi Uzar is developing an enviable reputation for her trademark, copyright and licensing representation on behalf of household names in a range of sectors. She is particularly adept at TTAB disputes.*

Strengths: *"Wendi is very practical and speaks to us on our own level. She does not just give advice but acts as a partner to us." "Wendi understands our business really well. I go to her with complex issues and for business advice. She is a good problem solver and provides prompt advice tailored to the needs of the business." "Wendi is responsive and knowledgeable. I really appreciate working with her."*

Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP

What the team is known for

Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga's intellectual property practice offers a wealth of expertise in IP litigation, especially for clients in the life sciences and pharmaceuticals industries. The firm is well-versed in Hatch-Waxman litigation, and is regularly engaged as New Jersey counsel for these matters.

Strengths

"Walking into court with Walsh by your side gives you immediate credibility. The team provides strategic advice and considerations based upon years of experience."

"The Walsh team is very responsive and offers pointed and effective advice."

"The Walsh team has a deep understanding of the many legal issues the pharmaceutical industry faces and the business considerations that need to be taken into account when formulating legal strategy."

"Walsh is a great New Jersey firm."

"The team has tremendous knowledge of the local judges, but the attorneys are also stellar lawyers in their own right with incredible judgment."

Work highlights

Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga represented Teva Pharmaceuticals USA in a 9 patent Hatch-Waxman litigation regarding a drug used to treat hyperglycemia in patients with Cushing's syndrome.

Notable practitioners

Liza Walsh is a founding partner of Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga and a seasoned intellectual property litigator. She is particularly adept at assisting pharmaceutical companies and is often sought as local counsel for Hatch-Waxman litigations in New Jersey. **Strengths:** *"Liza knows everyone and everyone respects her. She is the perfect New Jersey counsel." "Liza has fantastic judgment. She knows the courts and is effective in answering questions about them." "Liza is a very good attorney."*

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Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP	
FordHarrison LLP	
Genova Burns LLC	
McCarter & English, LLP	
McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP	
O'Toole Scivo LLC	
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.	
* Indicates individual with profile.	
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.	
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	
Band 1	
Epstein Becker & Green PC	
What the team is known for	
Epstein Becker & Green PC has a highly regarded labor and employment practice with significant experience across a range of industries including media, technology, healthcare and financial services. Its clients include Fortune 500 companies and closely held businesses. The firm demonstrates strength in all manner of employment litigation and OSHA compliance. It has substantial expertise in traditional labor law and executive management.	
Strengths	
"The department impresses with its responsiveness, expertise in subject matter and ability to plan and work strategically ahead of schedule."	
"They are experts who know the law and provide practical guidance that properly reflects compliance, risk and business need."	
"As a team, they understand our business and the pressure points we have."	
"Epstein Becker & Green PC comprises of excellent litigators with knowledge of financial services, excellent written work product, strong communication and client service skills."	
Notable practitioners	
Patrick Brady is a litigator who specializes in defending companies against plaintiff complaints, alleging retaliation, harassment and hostile work environment. He has further experience in acting on	
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Labor & Employment	
Senior Statespeople and Eminent Practitioners	
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners	
Peirano John J. <i>McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter</i>	Rosen David I. <i>Rosen Solutions LLC (ORL) ◇</i>
Positan Wayne J. <i>Javerbaum Wurgaft (ORL) ◇</i>	Eminent Practitioners
Ridley John <i>McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP</i>	Genova Angelo J. <i>Genova Burns LLC</i>
Leading Individuals	
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Alito Rosemary <i>Arnold & Porter (ORL) ◇</i>	Band 4
Amalfe Christine A. <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>	
Anderson Lynne Anne <i>Faegre Drinker</i>	Anders Brett <i>Jackson Lewis P.C.</i>
Bennett John K. <i>Jackson Lewis P.C.</i>	Bird Kelly Ann <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
Brady Patrick G. <i>Epstein Becker & Green PC</i>	Blunda Mark J. <i>Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro (ORL) ◇</i>
Carmagnola Domenick <i>Carmagnola & Ritardi LLC</i>	Boshak Heather <i>FordHarrison LLP</i>
Cerra Suzanne <i>Nukk-Freeman & Cerra</i>	Brown Jeremy <i>Epstein Becker & Green PC</i>
Gousman Rosemary <i>Fisher Phillips</i>	Chodoff Louis L. <i>Ballard Spahr LLP</i>
Keyser Denise M. <i>Ballard Spahr LLP</i>	Colao Danalynn T. <i>Saiber LLC (ORL) ◇</i>
Rosenblatt Richard G. <i>Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP</i>	Del Rossi Lawrence J. <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
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Avallone Vincent N. <i>Dentons (ORL) ◇</i>	Diamond Tracey <i>Troutman Pepper Locke LLP (ORL) ◇ *</i>
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Meklinsky Ian D. <i>Fox Rothschild *</i>	Flynn James <i>Epstein Becker & Green PC</i>
Nardone Susan L. <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>	Heckman August <i>Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP *</i>
Petrella John C. <i>Jackson Lewis P.C.</i>	Heslin Kerrie <i>Nukk-Freeman & Cerra</i>
Ritardi Steven F. <i>Carmagnola & Ritardi LLC</i>	Kochman Tedd <i>Littler Mendelson, PC</i>
Wells Catherine <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC</i>	Luckner Steven J. <i>Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak</i>
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Aron Martin W. <i>Jackson Lewis P.C.</i>	Mastroianni Marissa <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Caminiti Kathleen <i>Fisher Phillips</i>	Miller Alexa <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Dee Michael <i>O'Toole Scivo LLC *</i>	O'Reilly Tricia <i>Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP (ORL) ◇ *</i>
Esposito Francine <i>Day Pitney LLP</i>	O'Rourke Wood Margaret <i>Chiesa Shahinian</i>
Feher Kristine <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>	Prezioso Patricia <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *</i>
Garland David W. <i>Epstein Becker & Green PC</i>	Rauls Ruth <i>Saul Ewing LLP (ORL) ◇</i>
Guarino Joseph <i>DLA Piper LLP (US) (ORL) ◇</i>	Rome Robin <i>Nukk-Freeman & Cerra</i>
Kierkut Galit <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>	Saloman Mark <i>FordHarrison LLP</i>
Nukk-Freeman Katherin <i>Nukk-Freeman & Cerra</i>	Shadiack Michael <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Ohnegian Scott A. <i>Riker Danzig LLP (ORL) ◇</i>	Simao Salvador <i>Nelson Mullins Riley (ORL) ◇</i>
Saravay Adam N. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>	Sostowski Kristin D. <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
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Up-and-coming individuals	
DeSmedt Emily Cuneo <i>Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP</i>	
M. DeMuro Nicole <i>O'Toole Scivo LLC *</i>	
Associates to watch	
O'Connor Ryan <i>DLA Piper LLP (US) (ORL) ◇</i>	

wage and hour matters. **Strengths:** "Patrick Brady is diligent, hard-working and wicked-smart while also being creative and practical." David Garland regularly defends large corporations against allegations of discrimination and retaliation, in addition to filing suit in disputes over breaches of noncompete agreements. **Jeremy Brown** represents clients on a broad range of labor and employment matters, including employment litigation concerning discrimination, harassment and wage and hour claims. **Strengths:** "Jeremy Brown is an efficient, creative and effective litigator. He has great communication skills and experience." "His ability to deliver practical solutions while maintaining structure for the team, clarity for complex issues and professionalism has made a significant impact on our outcomes." "He communicates clearly and effectively, making complex legal concepts easily understandable." **James Flynn** is the firm's Managing Director and has a broad practice which sees him advise companies on regulatory compliance, employee termination, trade secrets matters and internal investigations. **Strengths:** "He is an excellent litigator and offers a balanced approach that moves cases along while maintaining goodwill with everyone involved."

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons is renowned for the depth of its experience in employment litigation and compliance counseling, with significant expertise in labor relations and restrictive covenant matters. The firm regularly assists clients with issues relating to workplace discrimination and harassment, including in-house training and internal investigations. It is active across a number of industries, often acting for financial services, pharmaceutical and manufacturing companies, as well as government entities and higher education institutions. The firm possesses additional strength in whistle-blower and wage and hour claims. It is capable of advising on matters throughout the USA as well as those with a cross-border element.

Strengths

"FBT Gibbons offers very practical advice and has a depth of experience in employee mediations that is incredibly helpful."

"They are responsive, thoughtful and thorough. They act as a partner invested in the success of the institution."

"We appreciate the team's responsiveness and

expertise.”

“They can fully grasp the intricacies of our business. I have confidence that they can address complexities of all levels in our matters.”

Work highlights

FBT Gibbons represented Stevens Institute of Technology in a lawsuit alleging religious and disability-related discrimination, failure to accommodate and retaliation, in addition to wage-theft claims.

Notable practitioners

Christine Amalfi has an incredibly versatile practice which sees her frequently defend companies against employee complaints, manage third-party investigations and provide general employment counsel. She represents clients hailing from the healthcare, education and media sectors.

Strengths: *“She is very savvy, practical, sharp and strategic.” “She understands the nuances of a case and develops a strategy to handle it in a way that is most beneficial to her client.”* Susan Nardone has varied experience covering internal investigations and employment training, as well as defending companies against employee allegations of discrimination, harassment and wrongful termination. She regularly acts for clients from the healthcare and pharmaceutical industry. **Strengths:** *“She is an excellent litigator who can be as aggressive as we need.” “It is a pleasure to work with Susan Nardone. She is responsive, business-focused and results-oriented.” “Susan Nardone is very well known in the market.” “Susan is an extremely thoughtful employment attorney who provides sound advice in what can be challenging employment matters.” “Susan’s employment knowledge and research on topics is great.”*

Kelly Ann Bird handles a diverse spread of work, with an emphasis on providing companies with employment training and conducting third-party investigations. She also defends clients in numerous litigations arising from discrimination claims, wage and hour matters and restrictive covenant topics. **Strengths:** *“Kelly Ann Bird’s advice is so practical. You know the next steps and what your options are, as her advice is spot-on.” “Kelly Ann Bird’s advice is so practical. You know the next steps and what your options are, as her advice is spot-on.”* Kristin Sostowski represents corporations in employee litigation concerning issues such as wrongful termination, discrimination and defamation. She is also noted for her experience in conducting internal investigations and wage and hour class actions. **Strengths:** *“Kristin is a seasoned, detail-oriented and highly-skilled professional.”*

Fisher Phillips

What the team is known for

Fisher Phillips is recognized for its proficiency in employment law and labor relations counseling. The firm displays skill in arbitrations and union contract negotiations and also regularly handles sensitive discrimination, harassment and wage and hour disputes for clients in the banking and manufacturing industries. It also advises clients in the healthcare, food distribution and retail sectors. The group has further experience in compliance advice with regard to equal pay legislation.

Strengths

“Fisher Phillips provides ease, practicality and advice that is focused on a balance of business needs and risk mitigation.”

“We appreciate the team’s breadth and depth of experience in the employment space.”

“Fisher Phillips is able to provide the wide variety of labor and employment services that we need in order to run smoothly.”

“Fisher Phillips always provides candid advice about the risks and potential outcomes of our cases rather than making unrealistic promises.”

Work highlights

Fisher Phillips advised Mitsui on a variety of employment and labor counseling, immigration matters and guidance for operations in the USA.

Notable practitioners

Rosemary Gousman is adept at advising large corporations on regulatory compliance, policy development, and employment and termination disputes of all kinds. **Strengths:** *“Rosemary Gousman is a well-rounded lawyer who understands our business, industry and players.” “Rosemary is very practical, thorough and detailed.”* **Kathleen Caminiti** co-chairs the wage and hour and pay equity practice groups at Fisher Phillips and has considerable expertise handling class actions as well as advising on compliance and audits. She also has experience in assisting with employee benefits matters. **Strengths:** *“Kathleen is always ten steps ahead. She provides such thoughtful counsel to our organization and aggressively defends our positions.” “Kathleen Caminiti is a well-rounded labor and employment lawyer.”*

Jackson Lewis P.C.

What the team is known for

Jackson Lewis P.C. is a well-regarded national labor and employment firm with experienced practitioners who demonstrate strength across the full range of contentious workplace issues. The firm is active on single-plaintiff as well as collective and class action disputes, including matters relating to wage and hour, discrimination, wrongful termination issues, whistle-blower and retaliation claims. It also regularly advises on noncontentious matters and is capable of assisting clients with traditional labor issues. The group is particularly adept at acting for healthcare entities within the state.

Strengths

“Jackson Lewis excels in communication, investing significant time to ensure alignment between parties and providing continuous solicitation of feedback to ensure a truly collaborative process.”

“We value the team’s knowledge of the business, strategic partnership, strong trial lawyers and innovative solutions.”

“The team is very experienced in handling variety of employment matters and provides nationwide and international coverage.”

“Jackson Lewis’ attorneys provide practical legal advice and counsel of the highest caliber and achieve outcomes in both litigated and non-litigated matters that meet and often surpass client expectations.”

Work highlights

Jackson Lewis defended Boasso America Corporation and obtained summary judgment in a Conscientious Employee Protection Act (CEPA) case in the Superior Court of New Jersey with initial demands exceeding \$6 million.

Notable practitioners

John Bennett is a principal in the firm’s Berkeley

Heights office. He is noted for his ability to handle all manner of employment matters, including discrimination lawsuits and arbitrations stemming from union grievances. **Strengths:** *“John is the toughest litigator in the employment space in New Jersey. He is no-nonsense.”* John Petrella regularly litigates the full range of employment-related disputes, often involving discrimination and retaliation claims. He is also well-versed in handling restrictive covenant lawsuits. Martin Aron frequently defends companies in employment-related litigation. He is particularly recommended for whistle-blower litigation and the defense of harassment and discrimination claims.

Brett Anders is well regarded in the New Jersey market and serves as the office litigation manager in Berkeley Heights. He is particularly active in employment litigations arising from allegations of workplace discrimination, retaliation and hostile environment matters. **Strengths:** *“Brett Anders is very knowledgeable about employment law within New Jersey and possesses great depth for state-specific issues. He also has an understanding for who we are as a company and what we do, which I really appreciate.”*

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

What the team is known for

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP has a deep bench of talented practitioners across an extensive national network, representing clients in the retail, pharmaceutical, life sciences and financial services industries. The firm stands out for its work on contentious employment matters such as noncompete, misappropriation of trade secrets and wage and hour claims. It is noted for its strength defending a comprehensive range of discrimination and whistle-blower cases. The group regularly advises on the defense of class actions suits.

Strengths

“The firm impresses with its thoroughness and promptness.”

“The partners we work with understand the legal landscape and their goal is for us to resolve matters efficiently.”

Notable practitioners

Richard Rosenblatt is adept at representing employers in litigation involving sexual harassment claims and noncompete enforcement, as well as wage and hour disputes. **Strengths:** *“Richard Rosenblatt is extremely responsive and thorough. He knows how to balance a very good commercial sense. He has a good knowledge of the company and good approach to senior management and legal matters.”* **August Heckman** is noted for his strong work in defending large corporations against employment complaints alleging discrimination and wrongful termination. His expertise also covers restrictive covenant litigations and trade secret misappropriation cases. **Strengths:** *“He commands a room well and he is good on his feet.” “August is very knowledgeable and helpful.” “August has been a pleasure to work with, providing practical, sound and professional advice.”* **Emily Cuneo DeSmedt** is recognized as an up-and-coming star in the field of employment. She regularly advises clients on the negotiation of internal workplace investigations, compliance and employment litigation.

Band 2**Carmagnola & Ritardi LLC****What the team is known for**

Carmagnola & Ritardi LLC is a well-known boutique firm with specialist labor and employment attorneys. It handles counseling and litigation matters, particularly in relation to employee benefits. The team is also highly effective at handling employment issues arising out of corporate transactions, as well as matters brought by administrative agencies, including the DOL and EEOC. The law firm is also frequently sought out to provide guidance on OSHA issues, wage and hour claims and corporate investigations.

Strengths

"Carmagnola & Ritardi has really talented people."

Notable practitioners

Domenick Carmagnola enjoys a strong market reputation in New Jersey, due to his wealth of experience in an array of employment-related disputes. He also counsels clients on employment policies and performs internal investigations. **Strengths:** *"Domenick Carmagnola is a fantastic trial lawyer."* *"Dominick is one of the preeminent employment lawyers of the state."* Steven Ritardi's broad practice encompasses both litigation and general employment counseling. He supports employers in internal investigations and disputes arising from a multitude of employee allegations. **Strengths:** *"Steven Ritardi is a very good business lawyer. He is very practical and well respected."*

Day Pitney LLP**What the team is known for**

Day Pitney LLP has an impressive full-service practice, highly sought after for its expertise across the gamut of labor relations and employment litigation, such as OSHA matters, union organizing, retaliation and unfair labor practice claims. The firm is equally adept at advising on class action mandates as on single-plaintiff disputes. The group acts for high-profile clients across the automotive, health-care, consumer goods and telecommunications sectors.

Strengths

"Day Pitney is distinguished by its ability to operate as a true business partner rather than a transactional service provider, consistently balancing legal precision with practical, real-world application, which allows guidance to be implemented quickly and effectively without slowing the business down."

"The department stands out for its strong multi-state expertise, practical and business-focused guidance, and exceptional responsiveness. It consistently tailors its advice to our organization's needs."

"We appreciate the team's patience and time to understand the client, its ability to distill complex issues to easily understood recommendations and its quick response time."

"They are very responsive when we have an issue, very knowledgeable on the areas of employment law and very good at giving us advice and strategy."

Work highlights

Day Pitney represented Deloitte in numerous litigations in New Jersey state court and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York regarding allegations of workplace discrimination.

Notable practitioners

Francine Esposito has extensive experience within the employment arena and regularly assists a broad client base with employment litigation, compliance advice and labor relations matters. **Strengths:** *"What I enjoy about Francine is that she is clear and concise. Her clarity is best of all and she always gives it to you straight."* *"Francine is experienced, agile, understands our market and the law and makes herself available for any and all issues with quick responses."* *"Francine's strength is her knowledge of labor law and guiding us correctly."* *"Francine has an in-depth knowledge of labor law. She is intelligent, responsive and a strong negotiator."*

Faegre Drinker**What the team is known for**

Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP has an impressive full-service practice, highly sought after for its expertise across the gamut of labor relations and employment litigation cases, such as OSHA matters, retaliation and unfair labor practice claims. The firm also regularly advises on wage and hour disputes and restrictive covenant lawsuits. It fields a bench of experienced trial attorneys providing top quality advice to major employers in both state and federal courts. It also offers advice to employers in relation to pay equity issues, data obligations and workforce restructurings.

Strengths

"The team's strengths include its responsiveness, creativity and subject matter expertise."

"They are intimately familiar with the legal requirements, and very current on developments, interpretations, trends and applications."

"We appreciate the firm's careful, individualized attention and its ability to advise on all matters regardless of size."

"The team is extremely thorough, very responsive and thoughtful. We have absolute confidence that they know their stuff and the response to my questions, while appreciating the bigger context and following up on aspects outside of their areas of expertise, making me aware of holistic solutions."

"The firm demonstrates a strong commitment to understanding our company and the outcomes we need to achieve. When assistance is required, responses are prompt and actions are taken efficiently."

Work highlights

Faegre Drinker defended My Life Registry in a lawsuit worth \$5 million alleging violation of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, in addition to counterclaims of theft of company property.

Notable practitioners

Lynne Anne Anderson advises companies on regulatory compliance, in addition to litigating on their behalf in lawsuits involving allegations of discrimination and sexual harassment. She also handles wage and hour class actions. **Strengths:** *"I often find myself in amazement of the results she is able to achieve, and how attentive she is to our needs."* *"She is incredibly knowledgeable about employment law. She gives really good advice and has that company lens which is really important."* *"Lynne is consistently responsive and readily available when needed. She also takes the time to continually deepen her understanding of our company as it evolves."* *"She is incredibly knowledgeable, practical and business-oriented in her approach, while*

also mindful of real-life risk." Lawrence Del Rossi is called upon for his expertise in a range of employment matters spanning wage and hour collective actions, retaliation claims and restrictive covenant disputes. **Alexa Miller** is a leading partner in the New Jersey market, noted for her employer-side representation. She leads corporate investigations, workforce restructuring projects and offers support on a variety of employment compliance topics. **Strengths:** *"Alexa Miller is knowledgeable, responsive and practical."* *"Alexa stands out for her listening to the full context and for her appreciation for positive outcomes, while remaining alert to the potential need to be proactively prepared for risk."*

Fox Rothschild**What the team is known for**

Fox Rothschild fields a strong team of seasoned practitioners who are well regarded for their considerable expertise in collective and class action litigation relating to pension and benefit funds and wage and hour issues. It has an active presence in traditional labor law and compliance counseling, often advising clients on internal policies and training programs. The firm regularly works with Fortune 500 companies as well as smaller organizations.

Strengths

"This is a national firm which always has a referral of an attorney specialized in the area of need. It is very responsive and provides excellent service."

"We appreciate their knowledge, response and care with regard to issues at hand."

"Fox Rothschild presents excellent communication and outstanding analytical thinking for navigating complex legal matters."

"The team is responsive and able to deal with matters in a seamless fashion."

"Fox Rothschild has a deep knowledge regarding the law and industry. The lawyers are knowledgeable, responsive and have an eye towards larger business goals."

Notable practitioners

Ian Meklinsky's multifaceted practice sees him handle a wide variety of labor and employment cases, including union negotiations, employee classification disputes and various compliance issues.

Strengths: *"Ian Meklinsky is always available and always has a solution to our legal matters."*

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, PC**What the team is known for**

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, PC has a distinguished labor and employment practice with a national reputation for providing comprehensive counseling and litigation services to a range of management clients. The firm represents companies from the pharmaceutical, manufacturing and financial services sectors, among others. It has particular strength in traditional labor relations matters, such as union campaigns and collective bargaining agreements. The group also handles all manner of employment litigation, including whistle-blowing and retaliation cases.

Strengths

"The law firm possesses a deep subject matter expertise, strong industry knowledge and a clear understanding of our business, leadership style and preferred approach."

"The department's key strengths lie in its deep understanding of people and HR-related matters and its ability to manage these issues end-to-end." "We are impressed by the team's breadth of knowledge, speed and depth of responses and strong understanding of our industry."

Work highlights

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart assisted Cosmax USA in a single-plaintiff dispute alleging retaliatory termination due to age and national origin. It argued specifically to rescind the Determination of Probable Cause, previously awarded by the EEOC in this matter.

Notable practitioners

Steven Luckner's employment litigation practice focuses on discrimination and harassment claims.

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Ballard Spahr LLP

What the team is known for

Ballard Spahr LLP is sought after for its expertise in all manner of contentious employment matters relating to wage and hour, discrimination and retaliation claims. The firm has notable experience in independent contractor classification disputes. It is additionally capable in the traditional labor law arena, with experience acting for nonunionized and unionized clients across the healthcare, energy and manufacturing industries. The group is also experienced in NLRB negotiations and advises clients facing OSHA investigations.

Strengths

"I felt very taken care of and it was clear they were in command of the law in the areas we needed." "The practice demonstrates breadth of knowledge of the law, experience with handling various issues and ample resources available as needed." "The lawyers are extremely responsive and provide what we are asking for in terms of work product." "They are highly responsive, proactive and effective at translating evolving legal developments into concrete advice."

Notable practitioners

Denise Keyser's wide-ranging practice covers labor negotiations, whistle-blower litigation and employment contract matters. She also advises on discrimination suits and internal investigations.

Strengths: *"Denise Keyser is fabulous; she always knows her stuff and gives very practical advice." "She listens, thinks critically, challenges us when needed and is very responsive and thorough."* Louis Chodoff advises employers on a host of contentious and noncontentious labor and employment matters. He displays particular strength in assisting with restrictive covenants, separation agreements and collective bargaining negotiations. **Strengths:** *"Louis Chodoff provides an excellent service. He is extremely knowledgeable and very aware of our industry." "Lou is an excellent attorney who is a pleasure to work with. He is extremely responsive, on top of legal trends and practical." "Louis is a trusted business partner who consistently delivers outstanding judgment, responsiveness and practical advice across a wide range of matters."*

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC has a respected employment practice acting for a range of business clients in contentious workplace issues, including harassment, discrimination, trade secret issues and wage and hour claims. The firm also counsels clients on audits, internal investigations, labor relations and management training.

Strengths

"They have a good knowledge of their area of practice and a practical and pragmatic approach to resolution of issues." "The lawyers display an excellent knowledge of the subject matter, judicious approach to disputes and a positive attitude in addressing issues." "They are always available, flexible and they act as if our issues are their issues." "They possess strong versatility, handling everything from complex union matters to non-union employee relations across diverse geographic jurisdictions with seamless proficiency."

Work highlights

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi represented Johnson Security Bureau in a class action lawsuit filed in the New York Supreme Court alleging violations of state wage and hour law concerning minimum wage, overtime and uniform pay.

Notable practitioners

Catherine Wells litigates on behalf of organizations across the full sweep of contentious employment proceedings, including breach of contract, discrimination and wage and hour disputes. **Strengths:** *"Catherine goes out of her way to understand the business and suggest practices to help continue our growth."* Lindsay Dischley advises on an array of employment disputes, such as discrimination, harassment and retaliation claims. Margaret O'Rourke Wood has a recognized practice defending discrimination, harassment and whistle-blower claims in the employment sphere, as well as handling wage and hour class actions and allegations of wrongful termination. **Strengths:** *"Margaret O'Rourke Wood is an outstanding lawyer who handles complex issues that are oftentimes quite sensitive. She instills immediate confidence in difficult times." "Margaret has been able to learn our industry and handle complex employment-related issues in many of the states we do business in."*

Cole Schotz P.C.

What the team is known for

Cole Schotz P.C. has a notable Hackensack-based group offering deep expertise in employment litigation, with experience spanning wage and hour, discrimination, trade secrets and wrongful discharge disputes. The firm is additionally able to advise clients on a wide array of noncontentious matters and to provide support on corporate and real estate mandates.

Strengths

"We appreciate their service, the timeliness of their responses and the clear, practical guidance. Their advice is sound, well-reasoned and extremely helpful in navigating complex matters." "This department is timely, thorough and detailed." "Cole Schotz really excel in their commercial awareness. They have taken the time to understand our business and it provides a level of confidence that their advice is geared towards the needs of our growing business and desire to maintain our culture

even through the growth."

"The team stands out for its responsiveness, professionalism and understanding of federal and state employment laws."

Work highlights

Cole Schotz represented Century 21 in litigation in the Superior Court of New Jersey and in seeking temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions against former employees, enforcing the noncompete and confidentiality covenants in their independent contractor agreements.

Notable practitioners

Randi Kochman oversees a range of employment proceedings on behalf of clients, including wrongful discharge, wage and hour, and contract disputes. She chairs the employment practice at Cole Schotz P.C. **Strengths:** *"Every time we address a matter, I get well thought-out, experience-driven advice from her." "Randi provides a valuable perspective for our firm by clearly distinguishing between high-risk and low-risk situations, enabling us to make fully informed decisions. She is refreshingly direct and candid, and focused on providing practical guidance."* **Marissa Mastroianni** enjoys a growing reputation for her practice, which focuses on employment litigation. She also advises on corporate investigations and employment-related compliance. **Strengths:** *"Marissa Mastroianni is an excellent attorney. She is smart, responsive and forward-looking." "She goes the extra mile to make sure I always fully understand her, the situation, any obstacles, and the options available." "We appreciate her sensitive handling of urgent matters and concrete provision of action items."*

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

What the team is known for

Greenberg Traurig, LLP is a well-known player in the labor and employment market, noted for its capabilities in collective and class action litigation and its success in jury trials. It also assists clients with training programs and advises on business immigration. The firm provides counsel to a diverse client base including healthcare groups, retailers and financial services companies.

Strengths

"Its knowledge and expertise is very helpful. I know that I am dealing with someone who has been through this before and knows how to advise us on difficult issues." "Greenberg Traurig impresses with its excellent judgment, practical advice, strategy and creativity. It also displays excellent dedication and responsiveness."

"The firm understands our company culture and inner workings. It provides well-informed advice that can be counted upon."

"Greenberg Traurig offers excellent trial counsel, effective litigation strategy, an efficient and practical approach and responsiveness."

Work highlights

Greenberg Traurig represented Kroll in a litigation against a former managing director, filing a lawsuit alleging theft of trade secrets and defending against counterclaims of discrimination, sexual harassment and retaliation.

Notable practitioners

Kristine Feher has a multifaceted practice, dedicated to advising on employment disputes, internal

investigations, regulatory compliance and policy development on behalf of large corporations and healthcare groups. **Strengths:** *"Her advice is always timely, practical and taking into consideration our risk appetite." "Kristine provides balanced and practical advice in difficult, complex employment matters." "She always provides the highest level strategic guidance on litigation, settlements and business issues."* **Galit Kierkut's** broad expertise covers disputes involving restrictive covenant and unfair competition issues, as well as allegations of discrimination. **Strengths:** *"Galit Kierkut is very experienced and knowledgeable." "She understands our business very well, provides clear insight into complex issues and offers a well thought-out solution to those issues." "Galit is a fantastic business partner for us. She ensures that we receive actionable and useful legal advice as quickly as possible."*

K&L Gates

What the team is known for

K&L Gates acts for a broad range of management clients in the healthcare, technology and transportation industries across several jurisdictions. It is particularly strong in both single-plaintiff and class action litigation, as well as in relation to traditional labor law issues and compliance counseling. The firm is also known for its expertise in workplace safety and collective bargaining.

Littler Mendelson, PC

What the team is known for

Littler Mendelson, PC has strong national capabilities in counseling clients on traditional labor law matters such as collective bargaining agreements and arbitrations. It offers prowess in employment litigation relating to trade secrets, restrictive covenants, discrimination and harassment claims. The firm assists clients with defending against collective actions, as well as offering workplace training.

Strengths

"Their lawyers are business-savvy and understand the needs of their clients."

"Littler Mendelson has a subject matter expert in every labor and employment area in which we have needed them."

"The team is knowledgeable, reliable and efficient."

"We appreciate the law firm's responsiveness and availability of specialists in all states and in all areas involving employment law."

Work highlights

Littler Mendelson represented CyberCoders in securing a preliminary injunction to prevent two former employees from breaching their restrictive covenants and fiduciary duties.

Notable practitioners

Tedd Kochman specializes in defending employers in NLRB proceedings and labor arbitrations, and also advises companies across the spread of workplace safety regulations. **Strengths:** *"Tedd anticipates issues before they arise and provides consistently firm, reliable guidance on matters that he knows will be of importance to you." "He understands our issues and concerns from the get-go and help tailor the firm's services to our immediate needs." "Tedd is very knowledgeable and extremely responsive. He recognizes where there may be someone within his firm with expertise in an area*

beyond his usual practice area. He never hesitates to make the connection."

Nukk-Freeman & Cerra

What the team is known for

Nukk-Freeman & Cerra is a popular choice for clients spanning a diverse range of industries including education, technology and financial services. The firm regularly provides counsel on employment compliance and the design and implementation of internal policies. It is particularly well-versed in issues surrounding workplace discrimination and harassment. The group is additionally recognized for its strength in wage and hour class actions, trade secret disputes and workplace investigations.

Strengths

"The law firm demonstrates expert knowledge on New Jersey employment law and reliable workflows to provide consistently strong representation."

"The team comprises knowledgeable and excellent facilitators."

"The firm has an excellent reputation and very practical lawyers."

Notable practitioners

Suzanne Cerra is known for her expert handling of employment-related disputes, as well as for conducting complex independent investigations.

Katherin Nukk-Freeman specializes in providing both management and workforces with internal training on harassment, discrimination and inclusive practices. **Kerrie Heslin** represents companies in a range of proceedings, including discrimination lawsuits and wage and hour disputes. She also advises groups on benefits and employee policy. **Strengths:** *"Kerry Heslin is highly strategic and understands the big picture of any case." **Robin Rome** possesses noteworthy experience litigating on behalf of management in a broad array of employment-related disputes. She has expertise handling whistle-blower claims involving allegations of retaliation and discrimination. She is also frequently called upon to conduct workplace investigations.*

Band 4

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for

Connell Foley LLP bears a strong reputation for its team's litigation capabilities. The lawyers have particular expertise in defending employers in discrimination, harassment and wage and hour matters. The team also advises clients on the drafting of employee handbooks and workplace training programs for employers.

Strengths

"We appreciate the team's ability to explain issues, opportunities and challenges in business terms."

"This department is client-focused and responsive, consistently prioritizing client needs and providing timely, effective communication."

Work highlights

Connell Foley LLP defended PIM Brands in case brought in state court in Bergen County due to allegations of workplace harassment and termination in violation of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination.

Notable practitioners

Michael Shadiack is chair of Connell Foley LLP's

labor and employment practice group. He undertakes complex employment litigation, including disputes involving discrimination and harassment claims. Michael also assists clients with compliance and training matters. **Strengths:** *"He provides not only legal advice but also tools that we can implement to be self-sufficient." "He always brings a solid opinion and is always available."*

Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP

What the team is known for

Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP handles a variety of contentious labor and employment matters, including misclassification and wage and hour class actions. It also represents employers in disputes concerning alleged discrimination, whistle-blowing and retaliation claims, as well as preventive compliance counseling and training.

Strengths

"The firm is up to date on industry standards and current events as they pertain to employment law."

"Whether the issue is routine or highly complex, they consistently have the right resources and knowledge available to support our needs."

"In situations that were highly complex, Constangy took the time to explore the matter thoroughly with me, explained the legal implications and considerations in clear and understandable terms, and walked me through a well-structured process and approach to ensure an optimal result."

"Its pragmatic, solution-driven approach strengthens risk management while enabling thoughtful, business-aligned decision-making."

"Their responsiveness is exceptional: questions are addressed promptly and with clear, actionable guidance."

Work highlights

Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP assisted Interstate Waste Services with a range of labor and employment matters including litigation, investigations and counseling regarding FMLA, harassment training, terminations and others.

Notable practitioners

Keya Denner is a key contact for clients.

FordHarrison LLP

What the team is known for

FordHarrison LLP is a specialist labor and employment firm known for its broad expertise. It is able to advise on complex litigations and arbitrations, as well as provide counseling to employers, especially regarding wage and hour topics and collective bargaining agreements. The firm's client list spans a wide range of industries including healthcare, education, leisure and construction.

Strengths

"The team is practical on the employment standpoint, very experienced and knowledgeable."

"The firm demonstrates a commitment to our team's success by providing high-quality, actionable insights on employment law issues."

"FordHarrison possesses great communication skills and is very sophisticated with litigation in federal court. The team is pragmatic, knowledgeable and highly responsive."

Work highlights

FordHarrison defended ACME Markets in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

in a dispute arising from an employee termination which was settled in a labor arbitration. The plaintiff filed to vacate the award but was ultimately dismissed by the court.

Notable practitioners

Heather Boshak operates a varied practice, with a particular focus on litigating disputes involving allegations of discrimination, sexual harassment, breach of contract and wage and hour matters.

Mark Saloman's varied practice encompasses a range of employment disputes including discrimination, retaliation, wage and hour and whistle-blowing litigation. He also assists with labor matters including union petitions and workforce reductions.

Strengths: "Mark Saloman knows employment law well and is very experienced." "Mark is exceptionally responsive and proactive in his approach." "Mark is a seasoned litigation lawyer. He sees the big picture and is an expert at formulating and executing litigation strategy."

Genova Burns LLC

What the team is known for

Genova Burns LLC has an excellent track record acting for employers and management across the full spectrum of traditional labor law and employment litigation. It has noteworthy strengths in issues related to allegations of discrimination, wage and hour disputes and OSHA compliance and is also well known for its expertise in public sector labor matters.

Notable practitioners

Angelo Genova is chairman of Genova Burns LLC. He is held in very high regard for his expertise in both traditional labor matters and contentious employment law.

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English, LLP has a well-regarded group which demonstrates strength handling both contentious and noncontentious employment matters. It is particularly adept at representing clients in litigation concerning discrimination claims and whistle-blowing scenarios. The firm handles both single-plaintiff cases and large class actions. It frequently acts for organizations with large and complex workforces, such as healthcare providers.

Strengths

"The team demonstrates a strong ability to understand our business and has exceptional attention to detail and consistent communication."

"McCarter & English's team stands out for its strategic clarity, execution quality and partner-level engagement. The team exhibits consistently sharp judgment and timely, direct and practical communication."

"The law firm has a team of great lawyers and provides work of the highest quality."

Work highlights

McCarter & English assisted a global food grower and supplier in an audit conducted by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development investigating the use and alleged misclassification of independent contractors.

Notable practitioners

Adam Saravay has extensive expertise representing Fortune 500 and leading regional companies in wage and hour, discrimination, trade secret, breach

of contract and dangerous work environment disputes. **Strengths:** "Adam combines top-tier litigation instincts with disciplined execution and a very business-forward communication style." "Adam Saravay distinguishes himself through his ability to ask precise, strategic questions that effectively develop the record and advance our case." "Adam is very smart and pragmatic."

McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP

What the team is known for

McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP fields an accomplished group of practitioners in the labor and employment market, possessing a breadth of expertise in employment litigation. The team acts across the full range of disputes, from whistle-blower cases to noncompete, discrimination and wrongful termination claims, while also maintaining an active labor negotiations practice. Other areas of work include advising employers on workplace investigations and training programs.

Notable practitioners

John Peirano's varied practice spans both contentious and noncontentious issues, including traditional labor law matters. He frequently represents employers in arbitrations, in addition to providing assistance to clients facing allegations of race, sex and disability discrimination. **John Ridley** has a sophisticated litigation practice defending organizations in high-stakes disputes. He has extensive experience representing clients in allegations of discrimination made by employees. **Strengths:** "John Ridley has lots of experience and knowledge; he has a real-world perspective of what makes sense."

O'Toole Scrivo LLC

What the team is known for

O'Toole Scrivo LLC has a notable labor and employment practice providing a broad range of services. The team is regularly engaged in labor union contract negotiations and unfair labor practice disputes. The lawyers provide litigation defense on a range of employment also, including discrimination and retaliation issues and putative class and collective actions. The law firm is popular with both municipal bodies as well as private clients from the education, retail, manufacturing and healthcare sectors.

Strengths

"O'Toole Scrivo stands out for its attention to detail, responsiveness, knowledge of the law and its trusted advisers."

"The team has exceptional knowledge in guiding us through extremely thorny situations and getting to positive outcomes."

"The team understands our business and provides clear, actionable advice that supports compliant decision-making while enabling the business to move forward efficiently."

Work highlights

O'Toole Scrivo LLC defended Seton Hall University in a lawsuit concerning allegations made by a former President, including implementing a temporary restraining order.

Notable practitioners

Michael Dee is recognized for his expertise in a wide array of employment litigation including discrimination, harassment and wage and hour matters. He has further experience assisting clients

with traditional labor matters. **Strengths:** "Mike is a high character individual that understands all the intricacies of labor and employment law matters."

"Michael is extremely intelligent and his advice has been excellent." "He is very responsive, efficient and experienced in labor and employment matters."

"Mike is extremely knowledgeable, level-headed, practical and responsive." Nicole DeMuro garners praise from clients for her employment advisory services which cover compliance, workforce restructuring projects and labor negotiations. She also handles internal investigations and contentious matters including claims of harassment and wage and hour issues. **Strengths:** "Nicole DeMuro has a deep subject matter expertise of all employment related matters. She is hands-on in guiding me to the right decision." "Nicole is smart, prepared and incredibly kind. Her approach has helped us navigate through very tense issues while maintaining an extreme sense of calm that as a client we appreciate very much." "Her judgment, follow-through and ability to anticipate issues make her a trusted adviser and a true differentiator."

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

What the team is known for

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. has a comprehensive practice with considerable skill across employment litigation and labor relations issues. It is particularly renowned for its work on restrictive covenant cases and also involved in retaliation and discrimination claims, as well as independent contractor classification disputes and counts of workplace misconduct. The law firm's clientele hails from a range of sectors, including healthcare, education, consumer goods and media.

Strengths

"This department is very knowledgeable and detail-oriented."

"The team is very responsive and easy to get in touch with. It is very collaborative as well, giving good advice and guiding us with risks of going down a certain path."

"The firm's availability, responsiveness and ability to adapt to our business needs sets it apart."

Notable practitioners

Patricia Prezioso is a highly regarded employment litigator. She represents her clients in cases involving allegations of discrimination and retaliation, in addition to advising on restrictive covenant matters and leading internal investigations. **Strengths:** "Patricia Prezioso is a very highly knowledgeable and skilled employment law attorney." "Patricia is highly attentive, consistently available and always provides tailored and practical recommendations that meet our business needs." "Patricia Prezioso is very knowledgeable, has great experience and is very responsive."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Rosemary Alito is the co-chair of the labor & employment practice at Arnold & Porter and is adept at handling high-profile employment proceedings, often involving sexual harassment, discrimination and wrongful termination claims. She also provides counsel on a range of traditional labor-related issues.

Vincent Avallone handles the full span of contentious and noncontentious employment work, from defending employers against discrimination and harassment allegations to advising on compliance with federal and state legislation concerning ERISA matters and redundancy exercises.

Mark Blunda of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. is noted for his representation of healthcare systems in a range of employment disputes. His areas of expertise include discrimination, whistle-blower and wage and hour matters.

Danalynn Colao of Saiber regularly advises on a broad spectrum of labor and employment matters, with notable expertise in leading workplace investigations and handling disputes regarding labor grievances and wage and hour claims. **Strengths:** "Danalynn is very responsive and provides helpful advice that we can use in our practice. She really considers us as a client and tailors her advice to us." "Her knowledge of labor and employment, both in the state and in terms of federal law, is a strength of hers. We also appreciate her ability to provide practical legal advice." "Danalynn Colao displays a very solid technical knowledge, approach and level of sophistication."

Tracey Diamond of Troutman Pepper Locke is recognized for her handling of discrimination and harassment claims, and regularly appears before the EEOC. She also has experience in noncompete and trade secrets matters. She frequently assists clients in the manufacturing, technology and healthcare sectors. **Strengths:** "Tracey is responsive, attentive and very knowledgeable. She provides practical, commercially sound advice and a high level of service." "She distinguishes herself through strong judgment, deep employment law expertise and an ability to quickly understand the broader busi-

ness context." "Tracey provides thoughtful, business-minded guidance and is consistently reliable and responsive."

Joseph Guarino of DLA Piper LLP is particularly adept at defending companies against claims of discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace. He is also recommended for advice on workplace safety and compliance with state and federal employment regulation. **Strengths:** "Joseph has a really broad expertise and knows how to get to the heart of a matter and how to get our interests resolved." "He remains very composed and confident when advising on critical sensitive issues. He is highly responsive and I appreciate that, as it makes us feel really taken care of." "Joseph Guarino is very responsive and practical. He is commercial and considers how to best eliminate risk."

Ryan O'Connor is an associate at DLA Piper where he counsels numerous clients on employment matters, including compliance, hiring and layoffs, investigations and restrictive covenant policies.

Strengths: "We value his ability to hone in quickly on all the states where we are present and his ability to take legalese and translate it into easy-to-understand language."

Tricia O'Reilly of Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga is a distinguished litigator with particular expertise in handling employment disputes. Clients from the education, insurance and technology sectors count on her ability to handle claims of discrimination, retaliation and wrongful termination, in addition to acting on whistle-blower matters in arbitral proceedings. **Strengths:** "She stands out for her judgment and business sense." "She is very smart, knows everything about employment law and looks for out-of-the-box solutions." "Tricia O'Reilly excels in strategic insights, communications and team-

work."

Scott Ohnegian of Riker Danzig LLP has magisterial expertise overseeing employment cases involving restrictive covenants, discrimination allegations and harassment claims.

Wayne Positan of Lum, Drasco & Positan, LLC is known for his expertise in traditional labor law, as well as his many years of experience representing organizations in employment litigation of all kinds.

Ruth Rauls is chair of the litigation department at Saul Ewing LLP and focuses her practice on employment disputes before state and federal courts. She also counsels clients on workforce layoffs, accommodations, restrictive covenants and employee classification. She has particular expertise in the food and beverage and cannabis sectors.

Strengths: "Ruth's strength lies in her expertise. She knows the law, the key mediators and plaintiff counsel in the state, and the various jurisdictions and courts." "She is incredibly responsive, has great communication skills, gives lots of recommendations and is very quick to send me responses to urgent issues." "Ruth Rauls is detail-oriented, thorough and has good communication."

David Rosen of Rosen Solutions LLC has a stellar reputation for his experience in both traditional labor and employment matters. He regularly provides representation in collective bargaining matters, in addition to defending companies against single-plaintiff allegations of discrimination and sexual harassment.

Salvador Simao of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP demonstrates particular expertise overseeing wage and hour cases. He also represents companies in disputes concerning whistle-blower claims, discrimination allegations and misclassification issues.

Life Sciences

Life Sciences
Leading Firms
Band 1
Baker McKenzie
FBT Gibbons LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Band 2
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
* Indicates individual with profile.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Baker McKenzie

What the team is known for

Baker McKenzie is called upon by emerging and established life sciences companies to advise on a range of corporate and commercial matters,

Life Sciences
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Chevalier Charles H. FBT Gibbons LLP
Lerner Michael Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Livne Oren Baker McKenzie
Sunberg Randall B Baker McKenzie
Band 2
Glazer David G Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Leeds Alan Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Mantell Natalie H. McCarter & English, LLP
Paradiso Robert Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Schindler Barry J Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Schwartz David Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Waldron Lori M. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *

including licensing and collaboration agreements and major M&A transactions. The team is commonly engaged for complex, cross border deals in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device spaces.

Strengths

"Baker McKenzie offers deep knowledge of life sciences, legal expertise and fast responses."

"The team is distinguished by its understanding of client products and its business acumen."

"Baker McKenzie has deep expertise in handling complex commercial contracting issues in the healthcare and medtech industries."

"The group has extremely knowledgeable and seasoned pharmaceutical lawyers, both partners and associates. The team stays current on industry trends and technology as well."

"Baker McKenzie is a top-notch excellent firm, with global reach and a range of expertise."

Work highlights

Baker McKenzie represented Lundbeck as lead counsel in its USD2.6 billion agreement to acquire Longboard Pharmaceuticals.

Notable practitioners

Oren Livne is frequently called upon to provide complex transactional and licensing advice for international life sciences clients, particularly

those in the biotech and medical device industries. **Strengths:** *"Oren has deep knowledge and understanding of complex global transactions in the healthcare space. He offers creative solutions to address commercial, business and legal issues."* *"Oren gives practical legal advice and workable solutions paired with an incredible work ethic and availability and a keen understanding of the business and its objectives."* *"Oren is a pleasure to work with. He is very even keeled while also being bright and strategic."* Randall Sunberg has a strong reputation for elite life sciences counseling. He is called upon by international clients to advise on cross-border transactional and licensing work. **Strengths:** *"Randy is an exceptional licensing attorney. He is great in face-to-face negotiations and very thorough with how he reviews contracts."* *"Randy is one of the top lawyers in the pharma space. He is always sharp as a tack on the law and savvy on the business side."*

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons has a highly respected team which is well known for its representations of life sciences clients. The Newark-based group is particularly noted for its strength in handling a range of cases concerning products liability, patent infringement and Hatch-Waxman disputes. Gibbons also advise clients on patent prosecution and intellectual property due diligence.

Notable practitioners

Charles Chevalier specializes in counselling esteemed global life sciences companies on both competitor and generic drugs litigation.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

What the team is known for

Morgan Lewis regularly advises a client base of growing and mature life sciences companies on patent prosecution and commercialization agreements. It offers a nationally recognized pool of experts in litigation, transactional matters and regulatory matters through its extensive international network.

Strengths

"The team is experienced, knowledgeable and offers strong client communication."

"The firm has extensive experience advising pharmaceuticals companies and this experience is evident in the high-quality work product that is delivered."

"Morgan Lewis attorneys are strategic and collaborative and have strong knowledge of the life sciences industry."

"The Morgan Lewis team is client focused, responsive, solution oriented and pragmatic."

Work highlights

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP advised PTC Therapeutics on its exclusive global license and collaboration agreement with Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. for its PTC518 Huntington's disease.

Notable practitioners

David Glazer's respected life sciences practice sees him advise market leading and innovative companies on M&A transactions, strategic partnerships and collaboration agreements. **Strengths:** *"David is one of the best technical lawyers in the industry."*

Alan Leeds adeptly advises large pharmaceutical

companies on strategic collaborations and transactions. Alan leads the firm's life sciences transactions practice. **Strengths:** *"Alan is very practical when it comes to spotting issues and structuring deals."*

"Alan Leeds is one of the best attorneys in the industry." *"Alan is an extraordinary lawyer, he has a wealth of experience that he is able to leverage when he works with us. When I work with him, I feel like I am his only client, feel like I am getting top notch services from him."* David Schwartz has a varied practice of commercial matters. Life sciences clients call upon David for his financing, investment, transactional and collaboration expertise.

Strengths: *"David takes the time to understand our business. He is also very practical and understands life sciences very well."* *"David is an excellent attorney, who is always available and provides valuable counsel both legally and from a business perspective."* *"One thing that separates David is that he is a true business partner – he doesn't just interpret law and provide legal advice, he also digs in and understands the client's business issues. He is a tremendous partner in that respect."* *"David is an excellent attorney, who is technically savvy."*

Band 2

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

What the team is known for

Greenberg Traurig's New Jersey team frequently provides counsel to a range of public research organizations and private companies on patent prosecution, IP portfolio management and IP commercialization. Clients also benefit from the firm's considerable national and international resources.

Strengths

"The team is highly responsive, reliable and consistent in its communication."

"The team combines deep subject-matter expertise with access to a broad bench across disciplines and jurisdictions."

"The team's strength lies in its ability to manage a growing portfolio while maintaining a high level of precision and strategic thinking."

Work highlights

Greenberg Traurig, LLP prosecuted over 50 patent applications and obtained key patents on behalf of Amilyfe LLC.

Notable practitioners

Barry Schindler is a well-respected intellectual property attorney who represents life sciences clients on international matters. Barry is co-chair of the firm's global patents and innovation strategies group. **Strengths:** *"Barry stands out for his combination of deep technical expertise and strong commercial intuition. He is highly detail-oriented while still keeping sight of the broader strategic objectives, ensuring that decisions align with business priorities."* *"Barry's responsiveness, clarity in communication and ability to navigate complex patent matters efficiently distinguish him.. He brings a practical, solutions-oriented approach that makes him a highly trusted advisor."*

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for

Lowenstein Sandler provides life sciences clients with a comprehensive commercial and intellectual

property service. The firm has particular strength in M&A transactions and patent prosecution.

Strengths

"The team is distinguished by its industry knowledge, broad relationships and dependable connections."

"Lowenstein Sandler has deep expertise and is able to provide strategic and tactical advice based on decades of experience."

"The team is incredibly pragmatic and has amazing knowledge."

Work highlights

Lowenstein Sandler LLP represented Sonnet Bio-Therapeutics in its business combination with Rorschach. The team negotiated the definitive agreement and advised on a range of issues, including transaction structuring, SEC and NASDAQ requirements, governance and regulatory concerns.

Notable practitioners

Michael Lerner advises life sciences clients on the gamut of complex commercial transactional matters. He is particularly respected for his strength on licensing agreements, private placements and M&A activity. **Strengths:** *"Mike ranks as one of the best healthcare lawyers I know."* *"Mike is the best. He offers strategy and sound advice."* Robert Paradiso is called upon for his expertise in life sciences-specific intellectual property matters. He frequently advises on patent prosecution, portfolio management and enforcement.

Strengths: *"Working with Rob is great. He promptly anticipates and reacts to our needs, and is very professional and to the point."* *"Robert writes wonderful patents and has the true innate skills to understand the science."* *"Rob is an experienced lawyer and advisor, who helps accomplish business goals."* *"Rob is experienced, pragmatic and knowledgeable with respect to patent prosecution and strategy."*

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English is a well-known operator in the New Jersey life sciences space. The team is regularly sought out for its expertise in handling M&A, commercialization and venture capital investment matters. The group is also noted for its ability to support clients through the patent prosecution process, as well as with products liability lawsuits.

Strengths

"McCarter & English has practical attorneys, who are attentive to business needs."

"The team is responsive and diligent in its advice, and acts as a great partner not only to an in-house legal team, but also to commercial colleagues."

"McCarter & English has highly responsive attorneys, who are knowledgeable and seek to fit directly with the client."

Notable practitioners

Natalie Mantell frequently assists life sciences clients on a range of disputes, with a particular focus on product liability. She has notable experience in appellate courts. **Strengths:** *"Natalie is an excellent appellate lawyer, who is practical and can quickly and efficiently drill down into a situation."* *"Natalie is a true powerhouse, who takes the time to understand business priorities and develop strategies to achieve those aims."* *"Natalie is a trusted business partner, who works seamlessly with legal and business counterparts."*

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

What the team is known for

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. is noted for its strong life sciences work, both on the contentious and non-contentious side. The firm expertly negotiates strategic collaborations, M&A deals and financings. The firm also regularly handles a range of IP work and related litigation, including product liability and mass tort lawsuits.

Strengths

"The team exhibits great knowledge of the pharma

and life sciences industries and regularly supplements traditional legal work with updates on the latest trends and developments in the industry."

"Sills attorneys give actionable and practical advice."

"The Sills Cummis & Gross team understands clients and their capabilities and is very well dialed into their needs."

Notable practitioners

Lori Waldron's domestic and international licensing expertise is matched by her fluency in investment

and M&A matters. **Strengths:** *"Lori is an excellent advocate, who is capable of sophisticated legal work." "Lori combines a great knowledge of the industry with good practical legal advice." "Lori is an exceptional business partner and very thoughtful, pragmatic and a high-quality advocate" "Lori is an absolute rockstar. She is incredibly knowledgeable and attentive."*

Litigation

Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs
Leading Firms
Band 1
Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello
Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman LLC
Seeger Weiss LLP
Band 2
Blume, Forte, Fried, Zerres, & Molinari PC
Cohen Placitella & Roth
Lite DePalma Greenberg and Afanador, LLC
Nagel Rice LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Aminolroaya Parvin <i>Seeger Weiss LLP</i>
Buchanan David R. <i>Seeger Weiss LLP</i>
Forte Carol <i>Blume, Forte, Fried, Zerres, & Molinari PC</i>
Nagel Bruce H. <i>Nagel Rice LLP</i>
Seeger Christopher A. <i>Seeger Weiss LLP</i>
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

The editorial is in alphabetical order by firm name.

Anselmi & Carvelli LLP

What the team is known for

Anselmi & Carvelli LLP is noted for its wide-ranging litigation practice, which encompasses an array of business and environmental disputes, among others. It counts energy and pharmaceutical clients among its base. The firm is regularly sought after for its trial expertise.

Notable practitioners

Co-founding partner Andrew Anselmi is a key contact at the firm.

Barnes & Thornburg LLP

What the team is known for

Barnes & Thornburg LLP has a strong presence in New Jersey and is known for its expertise in complex product liability matters, with a particular focus on the pharmaceutical and medical device industries.

Strengths

"The team is highly responsive, highly capable and

Litigation: General Commercial
Leading Firms
Band 1
FBT Gibbons LLP
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Band 2
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Cole Schotz P.C.
Day Pitney LLP
Faegre Drinker
Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
Band 3
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
Riker Danzig LLP
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
Band 4
Blank Rome LLP
Duane Morris LLP
Fox Rothschild
Herrick, Feinstein LLP
McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP
O'Toole Scrivo LLC
Saiber LLC
Saul Ewing LLP
Spiro Harrison & Nelson LLC
Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP
Band 5
Anselmi & Carvelli LLP
Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.
Connell Foley LLP
Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia LLC
Javerbaum Wurgalt Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins
Kelley Drye & Warren LLP
Troutman Pepper Locke LLP

provides a personalized service."

"They deliver phenomenal work product and are so good at providing information."

Notable practitioners

Michael Zogby of Barnes & Thornburg wins praise for his extensive experience in complex product

liability disputes. He routinely handles high value matters and offers notable expertise in cases concerning the pharmaceuticals sector. **Strengths:** *"He's been generous with his time and expertise. I've been very impressed with Mike's abilities." "Michael is one of the best litigators I know, he is so smart and creates great ideas. He is an expert in so many areas and he knows where to get extra resources." "Michael is strategic, thoughtful and very attentive to client service needs. Clients have complete trust in him." "Michael Zogby is an excellent, large scale litigator who is also good at negotiation and case resolution."*

Blank Rome LLP

What the team is known for

Blank Rome LLP features a significant commercial litigation practice, offering sought-after representation across a range of cases including securities, antitrust, environmental, construction and cybersecurity disputes. The practice is further highlighted for its federal appellate work and for its experience in class action defense.

Notable practitioners

Stephen Orlofsky is a highly experienced trial and appellate lawyer who is regularly sought out to handle a wide range of commercial disputes. He also receives praise for his mediation practice.

Blume, Forte, Fried, Zerres, & Molinari PC

What the team is known for

Blume, Forte, Fried, Zerres, & Molinari PC handles a range of personal injury cases in New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Carol Forte garners recognition for her expert representation of plaintiffs in medical malpractice claims.

Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.

What the team is known for

Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. has a strong litigation practice which spans a wide variety of matters. The firm's lawyers are regularly called upon to represent

Litigation: General Commercial
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Curtin Thomas <i>McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter</i>
LaSala Joseph P. <i>McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney</i>
Maderer William F. <i>Saiber LLC</i>
Orloff Laurence B. <i>Orloff, Lowenbach, Stifelman (ORL) ♦</i>
Orlofsky Stephen <i>Blank Rome LLP</i>
Rowe Paul A. <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *</i>
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Drasco Dennis J. <i>Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn</i>
Greenbaum Jeffrey J. <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *</i>
Porrino Christopher <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Stein Michael <i>Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.</i>
Walsh Liza M. <i>Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP</i>
Band 2
Buckley Joseph L. <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *</i>
Joseph Andrew B. <i>Faegre Drinker *</i>
Kaplan Roger <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>
Molloy Brian J. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
North John D. <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *</i>
Scirvo Thomas P. <i>O'Toole Scirvo LLC</i>
Sullivan Diane P. <i>Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (ORL) ♦</i>
Torricollo Peter J. <i>FBT Gibbons LLP *</i>
Band 3
Alworth Frederick W. <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
Derman Adam <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Haworth Gregory R. <i>Duane Morris LLP</i>
Kole Edward T. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Leyva Leo V. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Mazzuchetti Lauri <i>Kelley Drye & Warren LLP</i>
Pearlson A. Ross <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Riley III Francis X. "Trip" <i>Saul Ewing LLP</i>
Rooney Gavin J. <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Shih Willard C. <i>Lucosky Brookman LLP (ORL) ♦</i>
Smith Louis <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>
Spiro Jason <i>Spiro Harrison & Nelson LLC</i>
Usatine Warren A. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Verniero Peter G. <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *</i>
Wallach William D. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Walsh Brendan <i>Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.</i>
Band 4
Berman Mark <i>Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia</i>
DiClemente Ryan <i>Husch Blackwell LLP (ORL) ♦ *</i>
Doherty III Paul S. <i>Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman</i>
Guadalupe Daniel <i>Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, P.C.</i>
Hindy Gregory <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Jacobson Jeffrey S. <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Jay, Esq. David <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>
Kanefsky Eric <i>Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP (ORL) ♦</i>
King David <i>Herrick, Feinstein LLP *</i>
Marx Ian <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>
McCann Trainor Corinne <i>Fox Rothschild *</i>
McDonald Michael R. <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
Mogavero Vincenzo <i>Becker & Pollakoff, P.C. (ORL) ♦ *</i>
Morgan Mark <i>Day Pitney LLP</i>
O'Donnell Michael <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Oliver Matthew <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Pollock Jeffrey M. <i>Pollock Law LLC (ORL) ♦</i>
Roberts Keith <i>Brach Eichler L.L.C. (ORL) ♦</i>
Slocum Peter <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Stio III Angelo A. <i>Troutman Pepper Locke LLP</i>
Sylvester Anthony <i>Sherman Atlas Sylvester (ORL) ♦</i>
* Indicates individual with profile.
♦ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Litigation: Product Liability
Leading Firms
Band 1
McCarter & English, LLP
Band 2
Barnes & Thornburg LLP
Faegre Drinker
FBT Gibbons LLP
Band 3
Riker Danzig LLP
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
Tanenbaum Keale LLP
Leading Individuals
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Fanning Edward <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Kott David R. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Rose Beth S. <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *</i>
Sharko Susan M. <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Sullivan Diane P. <i>Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (ORL) ♦</i>
Band 2
Catullo Kim M. <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
Crawford Kelly Strange <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Zogby Michael <i>Barnes & Thornburg LLP</i>
Band 3
Haglund Benjamin E. <i>Day Pitney LLP</i>
Kabbash Maha <i>Tucker Ellis LLP (ORL) ♦</i>
Keale James H. <i>Tanenbaum Keale LLP</i>
Mantell Natalie H. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Matthews Stephen <i>DLA Piper LLP (US) (ORL) ♦</i>
O'Hara Jeffrey <i>Tanenbaum Keale LLP</i>
Osterman David <i>Goldberg Segalla LLP (ORL) ♦</i>
Walters Neal <i>Ballard Spahr LLP (ORL) ♦</i>

clients in class actions, breach of contract claims and shareholder disputes. The team is also noted for its significant expertise in securities litigation.

Strengths

"Bressler, Amery & Ross has great instincts and advice."

"The firm has a strong strategic view of cases and provides efficient client service. It has deep experience with high stakes, bet-the-company cases."

"They were creative, thorough and extremely effective in the courtroom. We worked very well together."

Work highlights

Bressler, Amery & Ross represented Covenant House Florida in defense of allegations of employment discrimination by a former employee.

Notable practitioners

Brian Amery offers extensive experience in complex litigation and is noted for his expertise in securities disputes. He is a co-founder and Chairman Emeritus of the firm. **Frank Cuccio** is a highly experienced litigator who is often sought out for his skill handling securities disputes. He represents clients in state and federal trials, as well as before regulators including the SEC. **Strengths:** "Frank Cuccio is great in this space."

Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello, P.C.

What the team is known for

Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello, P.C. possesses a broad range of experience in litigation, ranging from individual personal injury claims to securities claims and class actions.

Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Litigation: Securities
Leading Firms
Band 1
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Band 2
Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.
Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Amery Brian F. <i>Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. *</i>
Grannum Sandra Dawn <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Pearlson A. Ross <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Porrino Christopher <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Redburn Thomas <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Band 2
Borrelli Anthony J. <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Cuccio Frank <i>Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. *</i>
Germano Judith H. <i>Germano Law LLC (ORL) ♦</i>
Hindy Gregory <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
J Kelly Christopher <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
M Colone Lisa <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Rooney Gavin J. <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>

Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC is noted for its esteemed team of trial and appellate litigators, frequently chosen for its wide experience in securities disputes. The team's strength in the complex civil litigation space is supplemented by deep capabilities in white-collar criminal defense and government investigations, with an impressive roster of lawyers with state and federal government experience.

Strengths

"Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi is communicative, efficient and timely. They are always keeping us updated on the status of the work."

"They provide sage advice, recommend a savvy and well-reasoned strategy, and are extremely thorough in their preparation."

"Whenever a situation requires specialized expertise, they have the right individual ready to step in who understands exactly how the issue should be evaluated, managed and resolved with precision."

Work highlights

Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi successfully represented the fashion designer Elie Tahari in an action he brought against his cousin, Shlomo Narkis, obtaining summary judgment in the amount of \$16.3 million.

Notable practitioners

Christopher J Kelly is cochair of the firm's securities enforcement practice group. He is recognized for his expertise in representing clients in regulatory matters before regulatory enforcement agencies. **Strengths:** "He exercises superior judgment and is deliberate, methodical and measured in his approach. He provides outstanding representation and guidance." "Christopher Kelly is highly responsive and provides practical, well-judged advice." **Lisa M Colone** is cochair of firm's securities enforcement practice group and has a demonstrated track of success representing clients before regulatory enforcement agencies. **Strengths:** "She is always prepared and in tune with her audience. She is thoughtful, thorough and I feel supported when working with her." "Lisa is a fantastic attorney and her knowledge, attention to detail, energy and understanding make working with her a great experience." **Adam Derman**, maintains a broad liti-

gation practice which encompasses breach of contract cases, trade secret litigation and real estate disputes. He also serves as cochair of the firm's litigation group. **Strengths:** "Adam brings a sophisticated and business-oriented approach to litigation across numerous industries." Ross Pearlson handles a wide range of litigation, including contract disputes, securities litigation and class actions. Sources highlight his prior experience as a federal prosecutor as a particular strength. **Strengths:** "Ross is a really good local layer for major securities cases. He is an able professional who is very well plugged in to the New Jersey Bar."

Cohen Placitella & Roth

What the team is known for

Cohen Placitella & Roth is recognized for its capabilities representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice, personal injury and wrongful death litigation. It is experienced in class action and mass tort claims.

Cole Schotz P.C.

What the team is known for

Cole Schotz P.C. wins praise for the strength of its commercial litigation practice and the depth of its trial experience. The team handles complex litigation across the USA, including business, construction, real estate, IP, product liability, bankruptcy and insurance cases.

Strengths

"Cole Schotz has strong technical competence."

"When I work with them, they display that they are focused on my issue."

"I feel that they are looking out for my best interests."

Work highlights

Cole Schotz secured a \$39 million judgment on behalf of Procida Funding & Advisors against a former borrower and builder of a once-stalled senior housing development in Cherry Hill.

Notable practitioners

Leo Leyva's broad practice spans a range of commercial litigation, including shareholder actions and real estate disputes. **Strengths:** "Leo is a strong strategic mind. He can quickly assess an issue, understand the different options and quickly assemble a team to deliver a certain result. His bedside manner is excellent and works very well with clients. Needless to say, he is very trusted by our team." Warren Usatine co-chairs the firm's litigation department and is highly regarded by peers and clients alike. Warren has a broad range of expertise, including representation of clients in breach of contract and fraud claims. **Strengths:** "Warren is super intelligent and a super worker."

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for

Connell Foley LLP is well regarded in the New Jersey market for its strong team of litigators. The firm's attorneys are routinely called upon for their significant experience acting for clients in state and federal trials. The team handles matters relating to breach of contract claims and fraud claims and is particularly noted for its strength in insurance defense. The firm is well known for its expertise in product liability litigation matters, covering a range of damage allegation matters and injury claims.

Strengths

"Connell Foley has taken the time to develop a deep and trusted relationship. They act with the upmost integrity, accountability and reliability. I feel fully confident that I am receiving counsel that will best protect the company."

"They are tremendous trial attorneys who know how to prepare for, strategize and execute trial strategy."

"The firm is extremely deep providing several skilled attorneys who complement one another extremely well. They are exceptionally prepared, organized and provide excellent trial counsel in the courtroom."

"It's a highly responsive, extremely knowledgeable and proactive team."

Work highlights

Connell Foley have represented Amtrust North America and its subsidiary, Northcoast Warranty Services, in a series of claims brought by plaintiffs under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Notable practitioners

Commercial litigation cochairs, Leo Hurley and Bryan Couch are key contacts at the firm.

Day Pitney LLP

What the team is known for

Day Pitney LLP is highlighted for its expert civil litigation practice, which includes significant experience handling financial services disputes, as well as real estate cases and restrictive covenant matters. The team offers expertise representing clients from a spectrum of industries in large class action disputes. Day Pitney is noted for its handling of legal malpractice claims and its well-regarded product liability defense practice.

Strengths

"They are very responsive and very knowledgeable."

"The team is extremely capable in understanding the issues and show a willingness to learn the issues and the underlying facts. They also have a good strategic understanding and approach to litigation, with a dedicated and unstinting work ethic."

"What I am always impressed with is they dig deep into issues and know the case inside and out better than we do. They inhale files and know what they are talking about, and also give good, sound, cost effective and efficient advice."

Notable practitioners

Benjamin Haglund has notable expertise handling significant product liability claims for a range of clients. **Strengths:** "Benjamin is conscious on how we proceed in litigations and easy to work with."

Mark Morgan's broad practice spans a range of commercial litigation, which sees him act for clients across an array of sectors, including healthcare and finance. He is vice-chair of Day Pitney's litigation department.

Duane Morris LLP

What the team is known for

Duane Morris LLP is noted for its strong litigation practice which spans a broad range of matters. The team regularly handles cases relating to antitrust issues, securities disputes and consumer protection claims, among others.

Notable practitioners

Gregory Haworth is recognized for his representation of financial institutions in complex commercial litigation. He also handles real estate disputes and class actions.

Faegre Drinker

What the team is known for

Faegre Drinker offers a robust litigation practice providing recognized experience in commercial, insurance coverage and product liability disputes. The team frequently represents top clients from financial services, pharmaceutical, medical device, telecommunications and real estate companies. It is further well known for its expertise in consumer class action defense, as well as its expert handling of mass torts.

Strengths

"Faegre Drinker is strategic, thoughtful and practical."

Work highlights

Faegre Drinker represented Verizon in several state and federal court actions challenging the company's imposition of an "administrative charge" on top of monthly wireless services fees.

Notable practitioners

Sandra Dawn Grannum is highly regarded for her considerable expertise in securities class action litigation. She is further noted for her abilities in arbitration. **Strengths:** "She is one of the godmothers of the securities industry. She's terrific." Susan Sharko is adept at handling large product liability disputes, in which she often represents pharmaceutical and medical device companies. **Strengths:** "She is one of the top product liability lawyers in the state. She is shrewd and very good at case management." Andrew Joseph is commended for his broad practice as a litigator. He has notable experience at trial, representing clients in high stakes cases.

Strengths: "Andrew is strategic, knowledgeable and good at listening to others." Jeffrey Jacobson is recognized for his strong commercial litigation practice, representing university, entertainment and retail clients in consumer protection cases.

Strengths: "While dealing with litigation, he will be thinking of preventions and lessons to learn simultaneously."

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons is a regional litigation powerhouse that acts on high stakes disputes involving an impressive range of issues including ERISA class actions, breach of contract claims and shareholder derivative actions. The team is also recognized for its broad coverage of product liability litigation, which includes expertise in cutting-edge consumer fraud disputes. Gibbons demonstrates additional strength in handling mass torts and class actions on a nationwide scale. Its impressive New Jersey presence is augmented by offices in New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Strengths

"Their team is super responsive."

"FBT Gibbons is very responsive, organized and provides an excellent service."

Work highlights

FBT Gibbons is representing IREN Limited in a federal securities class action brought on behalf of investors who purchased shares in IREN.

Notable practitioners

Kim Catullo defends companies from a variety of industries against significant class actions and mass torts. She has particular experience in acting for clients in the pharmaceutical sector. **Strengths:**

"Kim is a strong lawyer." Peter Torcicollo has a wide-ranging commercial litigation practice, with particular experience in the construction arena. He also handles shareholder disputes. **Strengths:** *"Peter is always able to align me with the right attorney depending on the matter and it's always staffed properly. He is also super responsive."* **Fredrick W Alworth** chairs the firm's business and commercial litigation group and has a broad range of litigation experience, serving as trial counsel in both state and federal courts. Michael McDonald has significant experience handling class actions on behalf of large companies from a variety of sectors. He has particular expertise in matters relating to labeling, misrepresentation and statutory consumer protection claims.

Fox Rothschild

What the team is known for

Fox Rothschild has a notable group of litigators covering the gamut of commercial disputes for clients in a range of industries, with the notable inclusion of financial services companies and broker-dealers. The firm's areas of strength include securities cases, contractual disputes, patent claims and environmental litigation. The team has a strong New Jersey presence augmented by a national network of offices.

Strengths

"Fox Rothschild has good capacity and the ability to handle needs quickly."

"Fox Rothschild digs in and does what is needed to advocate for its client."

"They were very personable and supportive. Their resourcefulness allowed them to assemble a team that was brilliant and flawless."

Work highlights

Fox Rothschild represented M. Cohen & Sons in a \$100 million claim against Platte River Insurance Company alleging bad faith in connection with the settlement of a performance bond claim.

Notable practitioners

Corinne McCann Trainor is recognized for her representation of large institutions in complex commercial litigation. She counts construction and transportation clients among her broad client base. **Strengths:** *"I have the upmost respect for Corinne. She is relentless, really intelligent and street smart."*

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP

What the team is known for

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP provides sophisticated support to a broad client base, including significant domestic and international businesses. It offers strength at trial and appellate level, as well as in arbitration and mediation. The firm is noted for its experience in wide-ranging commercial disputes, including professional liability cases, RICO litigation, consumer finance class actions and business torts. The team is routinely sought out by real estate and developer clients for representation in corporate disputes.

Strengths

"The firm's litigators are quite strong, both in terms of knowing the applicable law and in knowing many of the judges who clearly respect the firm's capabilities. It stands out for its detailed knowledge and experience before the various judges in federal court in New Jersey and its senior lawyers who really

know their way around the courthouse."

"They have a good balanced approach on different issues and they are a good thought partner. The team is very responsive, practical and clearly very experienced."

Work highlights

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis represented the LeFrak Organization and its affiliates and principals in a series of lawsuits stemming from LeFrak's development and sale of condominium units along the "Gold Coast" of the Hudson River in Jersey City.

Notable practitioners

Paul Rowe is adept at handling high profile and complex business disputes, including those with cross-border elements. John North maintains a broad practice in commercial litigation, with substantial experience representing clients in jury and non-jury trials. **Strengths:** *"John is a very experienced, effective and result-oriented litigator."* *"John is a very strong and skilled litigator."*

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

What the team is known for

Greenberg Traurig, LLP is a high quality group that enjoys a leading reputation for its commercial litigation capabilities. The team offers particular strength in class action litigation, handling a wide array of disputes for clients hailing from the healthcare, technology and telecommunications industries, among others. Greenberg Traurig is supplemented by considerable experience representing bank clients and financial services entities. An extensive national and international footprint further allows for the handling of multi-jurisdictional disputes.

Strengths

"Greenberg Traurig's team is highly responsive and communicates clearly with both the client and the court."

"This department is distinguished by its strong integration with the business, disciplined risk management and a highly pragmatic approach to litigation and dispute resolution."

"Greenberg Traurig litigates bet-the-company type matters with necessary sophistication."

Work highlights

Greenberg Traurig represents Dr. Reddy's Laboratories in an antitrust civil case by private plaintiffs and certain states alleging wide-ranging price-fixing by multiple generic drug manufacturers.

Notable practitioners

Roger Kaplan has wide-ranging experience including the representation of pharmaceutical companies in civil antitrust and data privacy litigation. He also handles contract disputes and trade secrets claims. **Strengths:** *"Roger provides excellent service on sophisticated, bet-the-company matters."* **Louis Smith** is well regarded for his representation of financial institutions in commercial litigation. He has wide-ranging appellate experience and is also well versed in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. David Jay represents clients in a range of commercial disputes, including patent infringement claims, breach of contract cases and class actions. **Strengths:** *"David Jay is smart, decisive and cost effective."* **Ian Marx** has significant experience handling commercial disputes and class actions on behalf of large companies from a variety of sectors. **Strengths:** *"What distinguishes Ian Marx from his peers is his depth of trial experience, strategic judgment and efficiency. He combines strong courtroom presence with an ability to distill complex issues quickly and execute decisively, particularly in high stakes commercial litigation."*

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Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia LLC

What the team is known for

Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia LLC is a specialist litigation boutique with notable strength in a wide range of commercial disputes. The firm's lawyers represent clients in class actions, IP litigation and breach of contract claims, among other matters.

Notable practitioners

Mark Berman chairs the firm's litigation and criminal defense department. He is a highly regarded litigator whose experience includes numerous verdicts and appeals across multiple states. Paul Doherty serves as the managing partner and co-founder of the firm, and he represents both institutions and individuals across a variety of commercial litigation areas. He is highly experienced in a broad range of matters, including shareholder disputes, class actions, contract issues, consumer fraud, employment matters, construction disputes and civil RICO cases.

Herrick, Feinstein LLP

What the team is known for

Herrick, Feinstein LLP handles a wide spectrum of civil litigation, including complex commercial disputes, real estate litigation and commercial foreclosures. The firm boasts an impressive client roster including high profile players from a number of industries, such as financial institutions and food and beverage multinationals.

Strengths

"Herrick, Feinstein is responsive, diligent and goes the extra mile. It has a strong network that enables us to pull resources and get us to where we need to be."

"I have no hesitation in retaining Herrick to handle the most complex and sophisticated matters."

"Herrick, Feinstein executes matters well."

Work highlights

Herrick, Feinstein have represented PIM Brands in a product labelling class action, alleging that it falsely advertised its "Real Strawberry Fruit Bars" and "Real Strawberry Fruit Bars & Co."

Notable practitioners

David King handles commercial disputes, with expertise in real estate and construction litigation concerning foreclosures and leasing issues. **Strengths:** *"David is a great corporate commercial litigator."* *"David is exceptionally bright, skilled and understands our company and its needs. He is also very creative and has sheer determination, reasonableness and a wonderful disposition."*

Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins, P.C.

What the team is known for

Javerbaum Wurgaft is recognized for its robust

commercial litigation practice representing clients in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate level. The team has experience litigating partnership disputes and construction defect claims, among others.

Notable practitioners

Dennis Drasco wins market-wide recognition for his commercial litigation practice. He has extensive experience acting for clients in state and federal trials, as well as in mediations and arbitrations.

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

What the team is known for

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP fields extensive experience in complex commercial litigation. Its lawyers regularly defend corporate clients against consumer class actions, and offer particular expertise in TCPA cases.

Work highlights

Kelley Drye & Warren represented Garden of Life, a subsidiary of Nestlé Health Science, in a consumer class action alleging unsolicited calls in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Notable practitioners

Lauri Mazzuchetti acts for clients in a broad range of disputes, including high profile class actions and cases concerning the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. Her impressive roster of clients includes large, multinational corporations. **Strengths:** "Lauri can handle it all with aplomb. Simply put, she is exceptional." "Lauri is an in-house attorney's best friend. She is responsive, efficient and business-minded. She is also strategic and knows how to achieve results that are aligned with the business's goals and objectives."

Lite DePalma Greenberg and Afanador, LLC

What the team is known for

Lite DePalma Greenberg and Afanador, LLC possesses a robust litigation practice, acting for both individuals and corporates across a range of industries. The firm can adeptly handle commercial disputes and class actions of various types.

Notable practitioners

Managing member Joseph DePalma is a key contact at the firm.

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for

Lowenstein Sandler LLP boasts a formidable and highly rated litigation practice, offering clients an excellent pedigree and outstanding track record in business and securities disputes. The team is also highly regarded in the representation of policyholders in high value insurance coverage litigation, including D&O liability, product recall claims, and cyber and media liability.

Strengths

"Lowenstein Sandler stands out for its exceptional strategic insight, responsiveness and deep subject matter expertise. Their attorneys combine sharp legal analysis with a practical, solution-focused mindset that consistently advances our interests."

"What is great is they offer so many levels of support. They are the best in class."

"The team is distinguished by its creative thinking and deep understanding of the space, as well as some of the best brief writing I've ever seen."

"They have very sophisticated attorneys with impeccable backgrounds and they have gotten tremendous results for us. They are very personable and get back to us in a timely way. We have the utmost trust in them."

"They respond in a timely manner and are also excellent writers."

Work highlights

Lowenstein Sandler LLP represented Appaloosa Management, a senior certificate holder in certain commercial mortgage-backed securities trusts, against junior certificate holders and other trust parties. The dispute pertained to the distribution of approximately \$38 million, reserved for litigation expenses.

Notable practitioners

Christopher Porrino is sought out by clients for his handling of internal investigations, as well as white-collar and civil disputes that include fraud, tax and securities matters. **Strengths:** "Christopher Porrino brings extraordinary strategic judgment, unmatched credibility and a commanding presence. His guidance is consistently grounded, practical and exceptionally effective." "Christopher is a top-flight attorney who has impeccable credentials." "Christopher is bright, an incredibly good litigator and a great person. He is the lawyer you want to go to if you have high exposure in this area." "He has one of the best legal minds and provides outstanding sage counsel." **Thomas Redburn** chairs the firm's securities litigation practice. He has extensive experience in a wide range of disputes, including derivative litigation, and has particular expertise in matters concerning mortgage-backed securities. Gavin Rooney frequently represents large corporations in a wide range of litigation, including shareholder derivative cases and class actions. **Strengths:** "Gavin is excellent, he is extremely thoughtful and gives wise counsel. I value his perspective enormously in managing these cases strategically."

Matthew Oliver is well regarded for his representation of companies, executives and law firms in complex litigation and investigations. He is chair of Lowenstein Sandler's e-discovery task force. **Strengths:** "Matthew is a great, creative lawyer." "Matthew can learn an area that is new to him quickly, and he is also a good writer." "He has a useful mix of business commercial and white-collar and financial expertise, and his multi-faceted background and areas of expertise are helpful." **Peter Slocum** is recognized for his broad-based litigation experience, which sees him act for clients across a wide array of industries. He has additional strength in handling regulatory and constitutional matters. **Strengths:** "Peter is as smart a guy as you can find. He has an amazing combination of being a great tactician and being good on the law." "Peter demonstrates remarkable technical mastery of complex legal issues and an exceptional ability to distill intricate matters with clarity. His writing is precise, persuasive and strategically powerful, reflecting a depth of intellect and analytical rigor that strengthens every matter he touches." "Peter is a technically competent and proficient lawyer."

Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman LLC

What the team is known for

Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman LLC is prominent in product liability and personal injury cases across

New Jersey.

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English, LLP is distinguished for its expansive litigation capabilities and an outstanding reputation in New Jersey. The practice offers a first class group of civil litigators with strength in a full range of complex commercial disputes, securities litigation and antitrust matters. The firm's market-leading product liability practice covers disputes in a range of fields, including consolidated and multidistrict litigation, and is lauded in the insurance litigation space, with an insurance coverage group that regularly excels on behalf of policyholder clients. McCarter & English is in high demand among clients from wide-ranging industry sectors, including pharmaceutical companies, sporting entities and manufacturers.

Strengths

"The attorneys' ability to quickly master difficult subjects, as well as the lengthy transaction documents, really impressed me."

"McCarter & English's team is always very responsive and willing to jump into any issue."

"I was particularly impressed with their strategic preparation that was focused on the key elements of the messaging."

"I have an extremely high regard for them, they do a lot of great work in a lot of different spaces."

"The department adequately staffs the matter, without committing unnecessary resources. In that way, it efficiently handles proceedings. It can call on a deep bench from different departments to support when needed."

Work highlights

McCarter & English represented First National Realty Partners, First National Realty Advisors and their principals in litigation involving two separate groups of investors alleging violations of federal and state securities laws and RICO through systematic fraud and misrepresentation.

Notable practitioners

Edward Fanning frequently defends medical device manufacturers against product liability claims. He offers notable skill in handling large class actions. David Kott routinely acts on behalf of companies within the manufacturing and industrial sectors in class actions. Natalie Mantell is a talented litigator highlighted for her expertise on behalf of pharmaceutical and medical technologies clients in product liability litigation. William Wallach handles a range of commercial disputes and has recent experience representing companies within the logistics sector. **Strengths:** "William stood out absolutely, he was instrumental to the litigation." "From the very beginning, he brought clarity to a process that felt overwhelming and complex. His deep knowledge, careful attention to detail and steady guidance gave us confidence at every stage." **Gregory Hindy** is well regarded for his broad litigation practice, which includes complex securities disputes. He offers significant experience representing clients in both state and federal trials. **Strengths:** "Gregory Hindy zealously advocates for the client's interests. His advice always considers the client's ultimate objectives."

McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP

What the team is known for

McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP provides an experienced civil litigation practice offering particular strength in the commercial and insurance spheres. The firm handles a range of coverage issues for insurers and defends insureds against alleged mass torts, construction defects and other claims.

Notable practitioners

Thomas Curtin regularly handles an array of commercial disputes, specializing in representing clients from the sports sector. Joseph LaSala has a strong civil litigation practice, encompassing liability claims and securities disputes.

Nagel Rice LLP

What the team is known for

Nagel Rice LLP is noted for its handling of complex litigation on behalf of plaintiffs with particular expertise in personal injury and medical malpractice cases. It also has experience in class action claims, including those concerning consumer fraud and defective products.

Notable practitioners

Bruce Nagel is well-renowned for his experience in medical malpractice and personal injury claims.

Strengths: *"Bruce is an excellent lawyer."*

O'Toole Scrivo LLC

What the team is known for

O'Toole Scrivo LLC is well regarded for its experienced team, which is well versed in commercial litigation. Clients benefit from the firm's robust strengths across malpractice, employment, intellectual property and fraud claims. The firm advises clients in a variety of sectors including healthcare, transportation and real estate.

Strengths

"The team can navigate complex legal issues strategically and with foresight, while keeping it practical."
"O'Toole Scrivo is very responsive and proactive."

Notable practitioners

Thomas Scrivo, managing partner and co-founder of the firm, is acclaimed for his experienced litigation practice with significant expertise in cases concerning intellectual property, malpractice and fraud claims. **Strengths:** *"Tom is very responsive, always available and can masterfully argue our position in litigation"* *"What stands out is his style, his poise and his respect for everybody, as well as his judgment and ability to articulate issues."*

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.

What the team is known for

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C. offers a strong litigation practice with notable experience in securities cases and other complex commercial disputes. It demonstrates extensive trial experience in both civil and criminal cases and offers a respected appellate litigation practice.

Strengths

"I feel like I am in very good hands with Pashman Stein Walder Hayden."
"The firm has influence, credibility and gravitas with the courts."

Work highlights

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden successfully repre-

sented Lord's Additives in a case testing the distinction between an independent contractor and a business owner, winning a complete victory at trial.

Notable practitioners

Michael Stein is highly regarded for his vast experience in civil litigation, spanning breach of contract disputes and business torts. **Brendan Walsh** serves as cochair of the firm's litigation department. He garners praise for his strong commercial litigation and appellate litigation practice, representing clients in a range of disputes and class actions.

Strengths: *"Brendan is super smart, talented and on top of everything. I feel so confident in any advice he gives."* *"What stands out is his responsiveness and how he conducts himself."* *"Brendan is an exceptional lawyer."* *"Throughout the process, Brendan was super responsive and kept me informed on every step, and articulated all steps and the strategy very well. His legal mind is underlined by a super kind and professional attitude. It was a tremendous pleasure to work with him."* *"He's an excellent litigator who has a very good track record. He's good at helping us plan an on-budget legal strategy. We value his advice and expertise very much."*

Daniel Guadalupe is an experienced litigator who regularly represents clients in antitrust, breach of contract and civil fraud claims.

Riker Danzig LLP

What the team is known for

Riker Danzig LLP offers a highly respected litigation group known for its handling of a broad range of commercial disputes, including banking, real estate and environmental matters. The firm is noted for its representation of insurers and insureds in matters such as coverage disputes and reinsurance litigation. Riker Danzig regularly acts for clients in industries including healthcare, technology and pharmaceuticals in product liability disputes.

Strengths

"Riker Danzig's ability to get to a practical resolution was impressive."
"Riker Danzig is a well-respected New Jersey firm with substantial experience and professionalism."
"They are really communicative, so I never felt like there were steps being taken where I was not kept in the loop. I also really appreciate their expertise and guidance, and they are easy to talk to."

Work highlights

Riker Danzig's Insurance Group represents the New York Liquidation Bureau, as liquidator of Ideal Mutual Insurance Company, in litigation against two reinsurance companies.

Notable practitioners

Anthony Borrelli leads the firm's securities litigation, arbitration, regulation and investigations practice group. He has a well-established securities practice, with a particular focus on representing financial service clients. **Strengths:** *"Anthony is really smart, inquisitive and has good instincts. He is great to work with."* **Kelly Strange Crawford** focuses on the defense of medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers in product liability litigation. **Strengths:** *"Kelly is the kind of lawyer you need for a straight fight, and she knows both the lawyers and judges in her county really well."* **Michael O'Donnell** is the co-managing partner of the firm and head of the commercial litigation department. He regularly

represents title insurance companies and financial institutions. **Strengths:** *"Michael is a great attorney who is smart, aggressive and always professional."* *"Michael is very knowledgeable and responsive."*

Saiber LLC

What the team is known for

Saiber LLC offers a well-regarded civil litigation team recognized for its handling of an array of commercial disputes, including those involving allegations of fraud, antitrust violations, unfair competition and contract breaches. The firm also advises companies on internal investigations. Active across a variety of industries, particularly the pharmaceutical, food and beverage, and education sectors.

Strengths

"Saiber is very responsive and gives very helpful, concise and user-friendly advice."

Notable practitioners

William Maderer handles a diverse array of commercial disputes. He offers significant experience representing companies in shareholder disputes, as well as conducting internal investigations.

Saul Ewing LLP

What the team is known for

Saul Ewing LLP has a highly experienced commercial litigation practice which handles a broad range of matters, including fraud, unfair competition, antitrust, RICO violations, theft of trade secrets and IP infringement. The firm has particular substantive experience representing corporate clients, ranging from financial services companies and real estate brokerage companies to national retailers and a variety of franchisors.

Strengths

"Saul Ewing's ability to synthesize vast quantities of complex information impressed me."
"The team is responsive."

"Their experience and expertise is both wide and deep. They work well and collaboratively with others where appropriate, but are aggressive and driven when that is what is needed."

Work highlights

Saul Ewing represented Dun & Bradstreet and Lat-tice Engines in a New Jersey state court declaratory judgment action arising from Tropare's claims of fraudulent inducement and misappropriation of trade secrets related to a particular SaaS.

Notable practitioners

Trip Riley is an experienced litigator with notable expertise across a broad range of commercial matters. He represents clients in breach of contract claims, class actions and trade secrets litigation. **Strengths:** *"Trip is our go-to expert."* *"Trip is everything you want your lawyer to be. On the substance, there is no issue or set of problems that he cannot figure out. With regard to managing matters and other lawyers, he easily manages sophisticated matters."*

Seeger Weiss LLP

What the team is known for

Seeger Weiss LLP is recognized for its leading expertise acting for plaintiffs in mass tort litigation and class actions, with particular strengths in product liability claims. The firm possesses considerable experience handling multidistrict litigation concerning pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

Strengths

"They have a highly sophisticated and effective team that works cooperatively on these matters. They have high credibility with the courts and have a well-deserved reputation for taking reasonable positions and strong advocacy."

"They are top-tier plaintiffs lawyers."

"Seeger Weiss has a stellar reputation. I consider them to be one of the very best plaintiff-side firms."

Work highlights

Seeger Weiss continued to serve on the plaintiff's executive committee in the national prescription opiate litigation.

Notable practitioners

Parvin Aminolroaya is highly sought after for her representation of plaintiffs in product liability litigation. David Buchanan represents individual and corporate plaintiffs in state and federal courts throughout the country. His practice focuses on product liability and consumer fraud claims, among others. Christopher Seeger is a highly acclaimed litigator who frequently represents plaintiffs in consumer fraud and personal injury claims. **Strengths:** *"He is, in my opinion, the best person you'd want on the other side to resolve large cases. He's practical, keeps to his work, is direct and cuts to the chase."* *"He was outstanding."*

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.**What the team is known for**

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. boasts a prominent team of litigators, known for its extensive trial experience. The team handles complex commercial disputes and white-collar criminal defense, and houses a high profile product liability class actions and mass torts group. Areas of expertise include breach of contract, business tort and employment litigation.

Strengths

"They did a lot of precision lawyering, getting what I need and giving it to me in an organized fashion. They provide good, organized communications." *"Sills Cummis & Gross has a great team."*

Work highlights

Sills Cummis & Gross argued an appeal before the New Jersey Supreme Court on behalf of Rutgers University, concerning the process for adjudicating claims of sexual harassment.

Notable practitioners

Jeffrey Greenbaum is highly regarded for his handling of an array of commercial disputes. He offers particular expertise in the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors. Beth Rose has an impressive roster of clients in the technology and pharmaceutical sectors whom she represents in a multitude of product liability disputes. **Strengths:** *"Beth is one of those lawyers who inspires confidence. She has such a great demeanor and approach, even with the most difficult of cases."* *"She is a really good negotiator and she can be stern but they still like her at the end of the day, so she gets deals done easily."* Joseph Buckley is routinely called upon by both corporations and individuals for representation in high stakes commercial disputes. Peter Verniero maintains a broad practice spanning internal investigations and appellate proceedings. He is also a former Attorney General for the State of New Jersey.

Spiro Harrison & Nelson LLC**What the team is known for**

Spiro Harrison & Nelson LLC's diverse disputes practices sees it regularly engaged in a broad range of business litigation matters, including breach of contract, securities and fraud claims. It advises clients in sectors including financial services, healthcare and advertising.

Strengths

"Spiro Harrison & Nelson is incredibly competent and shows great care at each step."

"They're well suited to this area and have a broad bench."

"Spiro Harrison & Nelson provides really good quality and value. They excel across the board."

"Spiro Harrison & Nelson is skilled and capable in matters of New Jersey law."

"The lawyers are good at taking strong cases and what I like about them the most is that they are really professional and down to earth."

Work highlights

Spiro Harrison & Nelson represented Replenium in an action for misappropriation of trade secrets against Albertsons Companies.

Notable practitioners

Jason Spiro, a founding member of the firm, is an experienced litigator whose work covers a broad range of matters, including claims of antitrust law violations, trade secret misappropriation allegations, as well as arbitrations. **Strengths:** *"Jason is very sharp and he excels at delivering timely, understandable advice within budget. He is very good at translating complicated facts into straightforward advice and action items."* *"Jason is good with clients."* *"I love the way he can synthesize things in a way I can understand. He is client-focused, realistic and he can make win-win trades on both sides."* *"Jason is an excellent all around attorney."* *"Jason is smart, accessible and strategic. I trust him."*

Tanenbaum Keale LLP**What the team is known for**

Tanenbaum Keale LLP offers expertise in personal injury claims arising from product malfunctions and acts for a range of clients, with a particular focus on manufacturers. The team is active across a broad variety of sectors, including pharmaceuticals, construction and energy.

Strengths

"They are very knowledgeable, responsive and practical. I rely on them and I can count on them to know the subject matter and advise me in a practical and useful way."

"I feel that they are always looking for the best result for the client and are great at keeping us updated."

Notable practitioners

James Keale is an experienced litigator who specializes in complex product liability litigation. He has notable experience in nationwide class actions. **Strengths:** *"James' knowledge of the subject matter and his responsiveness are useful, alongside his practical advice."* *"James' knowledge of our business, the litigation landscape and how to try a case make him a valued extension of our team."* *"James is phenomenal and fun to work with."*

Jeffrey O'Hara is a highly experienced litigator in the product liability space, whose work includes a range of matters related to negligence, defective design and breach of implied warranty claims in

New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia.

Troutman Pepper Locke LLP**What the team is known for**

Troutman Pepper Locke LLP has a highly regarded commercial litigation practice. The firm assists clients from a range of sectors, including finance, higher education, healthcare, technology, retail and energy. It represents them in a range of litigation matters, including data breach issues, alleged violations of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, complex lease and property disputes, breach of restrictive covenant claims, as well as RICO claims.

Strengths

"Troutman Pepper Locke has the reputation for quality, with resources to handle any sized matter almost anywhere."

Work highlights

Troutman Pepper Locke continued to represent Allstate Insurance Company and related affiliates in dozens of bad faith claims in Southern New Jersey stemming from the enactment of the Insurance Fair Conduct Act.

Notable practitioners

Angelo Stio is a well-regarded trial lawyer who regularly represents clients in data privacy disputes. **Strengths:** *"Angelo is diplomatic in his negotiation style and he helps bring matters to a resolution. He is also a strong writer."* *"Angelo is a very strong litigator with particular strength in New Jersey."*

Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP**What the team is known for**

Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP is noted in the market for its strengths in commercial litigation. The firm's lawyers are called upon to represent clients in a broad range of cases, including class actions, IP litigation and breach of contract claims.

Strengths

"They have a depth of knowledge and experience in multiple areas of litigation. They're always responsive, and extremely good in maintaining communications and follow up."

"They get a lot of respect from the court and it's great they have that gravitas. The team does outstanding work and is great at knowing what will and won't fly with the courts."

"Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga is fully responsive and has thorough knowledge of the subject matter."

Work highlights

Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga represented Sanofi in several related cases, including in multidistrict litigation, brought on behalf of consumers, third-party payors, direct purchasers, and state attorney generals based on challenges to insulin pricing.

Notable practitioners

Liza Walsh offers significant experience representing corporations in an array of disputes, including IP litigation and class actions. **Strengths:** *"Liza has unparalleled knowledge of New Jersey judges and practices, and her advice always makes her clients look good."* *"Liza had thorough knowledge of the subject matter."* *"Liza Walsh is the main player in the state in litigation."*

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.**What the team is known for**

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. represents clients in connection with a wide array of disputes and is

well recognized for its strong trial experience. The team frequently handled matters including contract litigation, trade secret violations and class actions. The firm offers additional expertise in resolving contentious matters between shareholders.

Strengths

"Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer has proven to be highly capable of understanding both the technical and commercial aspects of the case."

Work highlights

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer represented Saker ShopRites in an action against SBC Holdings and Regional Construction Corp claiming breach of contract and breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing in connection with construction of a parking lot.

Notable practitioners

Brian Molloy serves as general counsel at the firm, alongside his practice representing companies in contract and shareholder disputes. **Strengths:** *"Brian is a trusted adviser, I recommend him wholeheartedly. He is smart, efficient and practical. In difficult situations, he knows when to be aggressive and when to relax."* Edward Kole has substantial experience representing companies in contractual disputes as part of a comprehensive civil litigation practice. He also acts in cases involving unfair competition claims and trade secret violations, as well as shareholder disputes. **Strengths:** *"He proved an high level of empathy, collaboration, strategic ability and availability."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Ryan DiClemente is a highly regarded litigator in the commercial litigation space. His work particularly concentrates on defending clients in both individual and class actions arising under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Telephone Consumer Pro-

tection Act and the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act. **Strengths:** *"Ryan DiClemente prioritizes client service and understanding our business needs."* *"Ryan provided fantastic customer service and really knew the legal developments."*

Judith Germano is well regarded for her experience in the securities space, where she represents both companies and individuals.

Maha Kabbash wins praise for her strong litigation practice. She regularly handles high value product liability disputes and offers notable expertise in cases concerning the healthcare sector. **Strengths:** *"Maha's work is so good that clients trust her with their most difficult and dangerous projects."*

Eric Kanefsky is an experienced litigator and trial lawyer sought after by both individuals and corporates to handle complex disputes and investigations. He is a co-founder of Calcagni & Kanefsky. **Strengths:** *"Eric Kanefsky is well known and respected."*

Stephen Matthews of DLA Piper is well regarded for his litigation practice, which includes large product liability cases and mass torts. He is noted in the market for his work concerning the pharmaceutical sector. **Strengths:** *"Stephen does a fine job."* *"Stephen is a really good lawyer in the area."*

Vincenzo Mogavero is an experienced litigator who specializes in commercial and construction litigation. He chairs the firm's New York and New Jersey litigation teams. **Strengths:** *"Vincenzo distinguishes himself through his responsiveness, practical judgment and business-first mindset. He combines strong legal expertise with a clear understanding of our operational and financial priorities, consistently offering solutions that are efficient, cost-effective and results-oriented."* *"He has extraordinary capabilities. He is highly responsive to requests for assistance, outstanding in his legal analyses, and aware of the financial implications of the recommendations he makes."* *"Vincenzo has been extremely commu-*

nicative, he is there to help and answer questions." Laurence Orloff of Orloff, Lowenbach, Stifelman & Siegel offers vast experience in commercial litigation, ranging from professional malpractice claims to real estate disputes.

David Osterman of Goldberg Segalla is a highly regarded lawyer in the product liability space and is known for his work in civil action matters and class action litigation.

Jeffrey M Pollock of Pollock Law is the managing member of the firm. He handles a range of litigation matters, including construction and environment-related disputes.

Keith Roberts is recognized for his wealth of expertise assisting healthcare industry clients with a wider array of litigation and regulatory matters. He chairs the litigation practice at Brach Eichler. **Strengths:** *"Keith does a phenomenal job. His responsiveness, knowledge and communication is excellent."* *"I hold Keith in high regard."*

Willard Shih is noted in the market for his impressive litigation practice. He regularly represents clients in complex commercial disputes and is adept at handling matters with cross-border elements.

Diane Sullivan of Weil, Gotshal & Manges comes highly recommended for her handling of high profile product liability claims and commercial disputes.

Anthony Sylvester is a founding partner of Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman LLP. He offers a wealth of experience in commercial disputes, specializing in cases concerning the financial services sector. **Strengths:** *"Tony is a fantastic lawyer."*

Neal Walters of Ballard Spahr routinely acts for large corporations in the automotive industry in product liability class actions. His experience includes defending against plaintiff claims alleging personal injury as a result of defective products.

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Band 1

Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP

What the team is known for

Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP is a highly regarded white-collar criminal defense outfit with significant experience defending individuals and companies against a range of criminal matters. Fields attorneys possessing significant governmental experience, including former state and federal prosecutors, and is regularly hired by clients for representation in their most highly sensitive matters. Boasts impressive skill in acting for healthcare entities facing allegations of fraud.

Strengths

"Calcagni & Kanefsky is an outstanding firm with

excellent lawyers."

"C&K is a go-to firm with the horsepower to be as big or as small as you need. It is trusted to understand the full universe of investigations."

Work highlights

Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP represented an attorney in a federally-indicted bank fraud matter alleging a short-sale conspiracy and multi-million dollar loss.

Notable practitioners

Thomas Calcagni brings to bear his former experience as a federal prosecutor in his impressive white-collar criminal defense practice. **Strengths:** *"Tom has great experience and easily navigates work in this space."* *"Thomas is a very strong and skilled white-collar litigator who has seen it all and done it all."* **Eric Kanefsky** regularly acts for cor-

porations and individuals in white-collar criminal proceedings. He is an experienced trial lawyer and often handles matters relating to the healthcare sector. **Strengths:** *"Eric is an awesome lawyer. He is smart and well-respected."* **Walter Krzastek** has a growing practice defending clients in government investigations as well as conducting internal investigations. **Strengths:** *"Walter is a talented white-collar lawyer."* *"Walter is really smart. He does not miss things and you know that things will be thoughtfully handled when he is on the matter."*

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC is a well-established firm with strong capabilities in white-collar

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Leading Firms
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Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
FBT Gibbons LLP
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Band 2
Arnold & Porter
Critchley, Kinum & Denoia LLC
Epstein Becker & Green PC
Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.
Band 3
Abell Eskew Landau
Baldassare & Mara, LLC
Duane Morris LLP
Fox Rothschild
Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP
Gelber & Santillo
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
Marino, Tortorella & Boyle PC
McCarter & English, LLP
O'Toole Scivo LLC
Riker Danzig LLP
Stahl Gasiorowski Criminal Defense Lawyers P.C.
Whipple Azzarello, LLC
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

criminal defense and government investigations. Its deep bench of impressive lawyers offer years of government experience and regularly represent clients in cases involving allegations of fraud and bribery.

Strengths

"The team provides immediate and well-articulated responses. They take time to learn your issue and think about how to accomplish your business goals."

"CSG offers skill, personal attention and a practical approach to client problems. The team is extremely knowledgeable in all areas and respond promptly."

"The team has top of the line talent bringing in former agency attorneys."

"The lawyers are very collaborative, very efficient and have exceptional responsiveness. They are able to see the forest not just the trees."

Work highlights

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC obtained a dismissal of charges for a school bus company owner brought by the New Jersey Attorney General's Office for allegedly procuring school bussing contracts by fraud.

Notable practitioners

Edward Dauber of CSG Law offers broad experience in contentious matters, including significant expertise in white-collar criminal defense. Matthew Beck has notable expertise in cases involving allegations of sexual misconduct taking place in various institutions, such as universities and prisons. He also advises on cases concerning fraud and corruption charges. **Strengths:** "Matthew is very experienced and handles sophisticated matters." "Matt is a really terrific strategist and has great business judgment. He knows how to navigate the

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Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Dauber Edward J. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Himmel Michael B. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Walder Justin. Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.
Leading Individuals
Star individuals
Lustberg Lawrence S. FBT Gibbons LLP
Band 1
Azzarello John A. Whipple Azzarello, LLC
Beck Matthew E. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Calcagni Thomas. Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP
Corcione Danielle M. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Critchley, Sr. Michael. Critchley, Kinum & Denoia LLC
Fishman Paul. Arnold & Porter
Harker Mala Ahuja. Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman
Hayden Joseph. Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.
Jampol Melissa L. Epstein Becker & Green PC
Klingeman Henry. Klingeman Cerimele Attorneys (ORL) ◇
Krovatin Gerald. Krovatin Nau, LLC (ORL) ◇
Marino Kevin H. Marino, Tortorella & Boyle PC
Porrino Christopher. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Solano Ricardo. FBT Gibbons LLP
Vartan Lee. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Whipple John. Whipple Azzarello, LLC
Band 2
Boxer Matthew. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Carpenito Mary E. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *
Chiesa Jeffrey. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Eskew David. Abell Eskew Landau
Fietkiewicz John. Arnold & Porter
Gordon Daniella. McCarter & English, LLP
Kanefsky Eric. Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP
Luria Amy. Critchley, Kinum & Denoia LLC
McBride Scott B. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
McKenna Charles. Riker Danzig LLP
Moran Eric. Greenberg Traurig, LLP (ORL) ◇
O'Connor Aidan. Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.
Santillo Kristen. Gelber & Santillo
Sapinski Richard. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. (ORL) ◇ *
Band 3
Adams Christopher D. McCarter & English, LLP
Adams Matthew. Fox Rothschild *
Agarwal Rahul. Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman
Arseneault Jack. Arseneault & Fassett LLP (ORL) ◇
Breslin Eric. Duane Morris LLP *
Carletta Dennis. O'Toole Scivo LLC *
Cortes Lee. Arnold & Porter
Mara, Esq. Jennifer. Baldassare & Mara, LLC
Moulthrop Samuel P. Riker Danzig LLP
Robertson Michael. O'Toole Scivo LLC *
Spencer Remi L. Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.
Band 4
Berman Mark. Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman (ORL) ◇
Khanna Vikas. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. (ORL) ◇ *
Koblitz Kingman Marissa. Fox Rothschild *
Krzastek Walter. Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP
Levy Bruce A. Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman (ORL) ◇
Magee Ryan. McCarter & English, LLP
Mintz Robert A. McCarter & English, LLP
O'Neill Ryan. Stevens & Lee PC (ORL) ◇
Shumofsky Joseph B. Sills Cummis & Gross (ORL) ◇ *
Wenik Jack. Epstein Becker & Green PC
Up-and-coming individuals
Collart Anne. FBT Gibbons LLP

government." Danielle Corcione is noted for her substantial practice representing clients in trials and government investigations, as well as conducting internal investigations. She offers notable expertise in matters concerning healthcare fraud. **Strengths:** "Danielle is really easy to work with and very communicative." "She is exceptionally responsive and picked issues up quickly." "Danielle is great at investigations. She is very talented and very highly regarded." "Danielle is phenomenal and brings excellent results. She gives clients her all and is not afraid of challenges." **Lee Vartan** has a wealth of experience defending clients at trial and is also adept at handling investigations by the DOJ, SEC and FTC. His experience includes acting for clients facing allegations of healthcare fraud and FCA violations. **Strengths:** "Lee is tenacious and relentless. His preparation was incredible and his pleadings were simply outstanding." "Lee is very astute and a very good strategist. He is a really talented litigator as well." "Lee is super effective and gets excellent results." "Lee is experienced, level-headed and practical." **Jeffrey Chiesa** focuses on the representation of corporations and institutions facing federal investigations. Clients may benefit from his prior experience as the US Senator for New Jersey. **Strengths:** "Jeff knows what he is doing on large cases. He is humble, ethical and easy to work with."

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

Gibbons P.C. maintains a strong bench of white-collar criminal defense experts, including notable former prosecutors, who act on large scale investigations and enforcement proceedings across a range of industries. The firm's impressive New Jersey presence is augmented by offices in New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Strengths

"From the most senior partners to associates, Gibbons lawyers are all extremely knowledgeable, responsive to client needs and excellent at strategizing. You are literally in the very best hands."

"Gibbons is terrific with coordinating moving parts with great follow-through. It has strategic thinkers and creative litigators that take on responsibilities and exceed expectations."

"The Gibbons team demonstrated superior expertise and genuine care. It is an outstanding team that is attentive and responsive."

"The lawyers' advice always exceeds expectations."

Work highlights

Gibbons P.C. represented Wael Hana who was charged by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the SDNY alleging bribery, fraud and conspiracy to have a public official act as a foreign agent.

Notable practitioners

Lawrence Lustberg has a wide-ranging practice encompassing internal investigations and criminal cases concerning fraud allegations. **Strengths:** "Larry is a visionary lawyer. His knowledge of the law, how to manage a case and how to craft a compelling legal argument is exemplary." "Truly one of the best lawyers in America." "Lawrence is an incredibly astute lawyer and a great issue-spotter. He is one of the lions of the bar." "Larry is a very seasoned and experienced white-collar defence lawyer. He has an incredible depth of knowledge and is a lawyer's lawyer." "Larry has been doing this

work at the highest level for at least 10 years. He is well-respected by judges and prosecutors alike."

Ricardo Solano is cochair of the white collar and investigations group, specializing in healthcare and financial services fraud matters. He expertly advises clients on the FCA, the Bank Secrecy Act and civil RICO. **Strengths:** "Ricardo is reasonable, smart and knowledgeable and knows when to settle and when to litigate." **Anne Collart** is a go-to for internal and government investigations, particularly in the life sciences sector. **Strengths:** "Anne has unwavering dedication to clients." "Anne is diligent, knowledgeable and creative. She is strongly recommended."

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for

Lowenstein Sandler LLP is noted in the market for its strong white-collar litigation practice. The team is adept at representing clients in government investigations and has considerable strengths in cases concerning healthcare fraud, antitrust matters and FCPA violations.

Strengths

"The lawyers combine their extensive backgrounds in government and their legal skills to provide strong practical, strategic advice."

"The team distinguished themselves with their strategic expertise, vigorous advocacy and technical mastery. For high-stakes, complex litigation, I would recommend them without hesitation."

"The firm has such vast experience and a depth of resources to be able to conduct investigations both effectively and efficiently."

"Lowenstein has superior strategy, innovation and a sterling reputation. Its talent, experience and resources have enabled success in all matters."

"The team has diverse experience and outstanding judgment. They can identify key issues at the outset."

Work highlights

Lowenstein Sandler represented Rutgers University in an investigation into allegations made against the Women's Gymnastics Head Coach Umme Salim-Beasley regarding her conduct towards the team.

Notable practitioners

Michael Himmel has extensive experience handling a myriad of white-collar criminal proceedings, including cases concerning tax evasion, fraud and FCPA violations. He is also adept at advising on complex matters with cross-border elements.

Strengths: "Michael Himmel is legendary." **Christopher Porrino** is sought out by clients for his handling of internal investigations, as well as white-collar and civil disputes that include fraud, tax and securities matters. He is noted in the market for his prior experience as New Jersey Attorney General. **Strengths:** "Chris' knowledge of the law, national reputation and brilliant strategic thinking places him among the best lawyers in the country."

"Chris is a market leader." "Chris is a stellar attorney with extensive experience." **Matthew Boxer** specializes in conducting internal investigations and offers further experience acting for clients in trials and appeals. **Strengths:** "Matt is a superb lawyer who combines his knowledge of the law with his extension knowledge of the NJ court system to provide practical, strategy advice that is always spot-on." "Matthew brought a rare blend of legal

acumen, strategic expertise, cooperation and calm leadership in a complex case." "Matt is extremely knowledgeable and takes the time to understand the issues involved. His ability to jump into a matter in very short periods of time is impressive." "Matt is reliable and succinct. There is no one better I'd want in my corner for litigation." "I appreciated Matt's level of expertise in governmental-affairs, risk management, problem solving and crisis-management." Scott McBride has particular expertise in the healthcare sector, and represents clients facing allegations of FCPA violations and corruption, among other offenses. **Strengths:** "Scott is the epitome of what an attorney should be. In a complex case, he was able to guide me with rational advice that resulted in the desired result." "Scott has deep connections to the judiciary as well as regulators which make him an indispensable partner." "Scott is a fantastic and talented attorney. His counsel and guidance are top-notch and had a positive outcome." "Scott is extremely talented and able to take on the most challenging cases. He knows the healthcare sector inside and out."

Band 2

Arnold & Porter

What the team is known for

Arnold & Porter has established a strong New Jersey white-collar crime and government investigations practice, becoming a go-to firm for litigation and investigations. The group frequently represent high profile individuals and major companies in high-stakes cases.

Strengths

"Because of its knowledge and experience, the team consistently delivers results in some of the most high-profile, sensitive investigations, often achieving outcomes that others cannot."

"Arnold & Porter demonstrates attention to detail, tactical and strategic judgment. It can handle a wide range of complex matters because of its size and subject matter expertise."

"The team of former federal prosecutors and seasoned white collar practitioners is highly skilled to handle sophisticated matters. The attorneys have strong instincts and thoughtful insight."

"A&P has an exceptionally talented group of attorneys with great depth of experience and knowledge. Their written work is well crafted and thorough and their advocacy is robust and assertive."

Work highlights

Arnold & Porter represented Congresswoman LaMonica McIver against charges that she violated 18 U.S.C. §111 in connection with her legislative oversight duties at an ICE detention.

Notable practitioners

Paul Fishman has a well-regarded practice that encompasses all areas of white-collar crime and government investigations. He has notable expertise acting for clients from the healthcare sector. **Strengths:** "Paul is a highly accomplished attorney. He has achieved regional and national prominence through his DOJ positions giving him valuable access and perspectives." "Paul brings his past experience to bear for clients." "Paul is a terrific and tenacious lawyer. He is a really excellent strategic thinker who is widely respected and cares about

his clients." "Paul is an exceptional attorney. He is a zealous, fierce advocate who knows how to win cases. He can be trusted to handle high stakes cases and get the best results." **John Fietkiewicz** brings a wealth of experience handling both criminal and civil investigations and trials. He is noted for his ability to handle complex white-collar matters on behalf of individual and corporate clients, and is well versed in an array of areas including healthcare, banking and securities. **Strengths:** "John was always available when needed and consistently provided clear and practical guidance grounded in his command of the law." "John is steady, whip-smart and has great judgment." "John is a phenomenal lawyer and a tactician you want on your side. He is smart, articulate and has a ton of experience. He is great with clients and owns every matter from start to finish." "John is a very effective advocate. I would trust him to handle the most complex and difficult issues and to do so in a superior manner."

"John is an extraordinary attorney who is an incredible trial lawyer and investigator." **Lee Cortes** is a highly regarded attorney commended for his extensive experience in government investigations.

Strengths: "Lee is an excellent lawyer." "Lee is an incredibly talented attorney who works very hard and has broad experience in every facet of white-collar crime and government investigations."

Critchley, Kinum & Denoia LLC

What the team is known for

Critchley, Kinum & Denoia LLP is a widely respected boutique well equipped to handle the defense of a wide range of white-collar crime cases. The firm offers significant trial expertise, with deep experience in advising on government investigations and criminal litigation involving allegations of securities fraud, bribery and political corruption, among other matters. Also, the firm is frequently called upon to conduct internal investigations.

Notable practitioners

Michael Critchley is noted for the defense of individuals and corporations in a variety of criminal proceedings, including the representation of politicians accused of corruption. **Strengths:** "Michael is the go-to lawyer in the state." "Mike is universally regarded as the dean of the bar. He works on the biggest cases in New Jersey." **Amy Luria** draws on her federal prosecutorial experience when handling a range of white-collar criminal trials and investigations. **Strengths:** "Amy is a former AUSA and a top of the line lawyer." "Amy is a tenacious former prosecutor. She has tremendous fortitude in both state and federal matters."

Epstein Becker & Green PC

What the team is known for

Epstein Becker & Green PC has a robust white-collar criminal defense practice, with expertise in representing both individuals and companies especially in the healthcare sector. The team handles matters relating to fraud and False Claims Act violations, as well as conducting internal investigations.

Strengths

"EBG has sophisticated lawyers with broad experiences."

"The team consists of great lawyers with healthcare expertise. They are capable of handling large fraud and corruption cases."

"The Epstein Becker & Green lawyers are super responsive and produce great work product."

"EPG' attorneys are thorough, communicative, thoughtful and fierce advocates for their clients."

Notable practitioners

Melissa Jampol acts for corporations and individuals facing a wide range of allegations, such as fraud and money laundering. She is also adept at handling internal investigations. She offers substantial expertise in the healthcare sector. **Strengths:** *"Melissa is an excellent lawyer who battles for her clients."* *"Melissa has very good judgment and instincts in knowing what the government might do. She is aggressive when needed and knows how to adapt. She is deeply ingrained in the healthcare sector."* *"Whenever I have a healthcare matter, I reflexively think of her because of how skilled and competent she is."* **Jack Wenik** is a recognized white-collar attorney with notable strength in the healthcare space. **Strengths:** *"Jack is very well regarded and easy to work with."*

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.

What the team is known for

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C. is noted for its strength in white-collar criminal defense proceedings as well as government and internal investigations. The team also impresses in securities cases and other complex commercial disputes. The firm's lawyers demonstrate extensive trial experience in both civil and criminal cases.

Strengths

"The team has very strong attention to detail on highly sensitive and serious matters."

"The attorneys are outstanding and can handle the most complex cases."

Work highlights

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C. represented Ras Baraka, the City of Newark Mayor, against federal trespassing charges brought by the US Attorney's Office in connection with his visit to an ICE facility.

Notable practitioners

Justin Walder has earned an outstanding reputation for his practice in white-collar criminal defense.

Strengths: *"Justin is a former prosecutor who is retained for his niche expertise and prior government experience."* **Joseph Hayden** is a celebrated criminal defense attorney who acts for clients across the full gamut of white-collar criminal proceedings.

Strengths: *"Joseph is a very good trial lawyer that can do the most complex cases."* *"Joe is a dean of the bar."* *"Joseph is a premier white-collar crime attorney."* **Aidan O'Connor** frequently defends individuals accused of fraud and corruption. He handles trials and government investigations as well as conducting internal investigations. **Strengths:** *"Aidan is a great lawyer, problem-solver and a pleasure to work with."* *"Aidan is a very thorough, very experienced and knowledgeable lawyer. He is sharp, analytical and leaves no stone unturned."* *"Aidan is an outstanding and capable lawyer."* **Remi Spencer** is a criminal defense lawyer with notable experience in white-collar matters, including cases relating to fraud, corruption and money laundering. She acts for both individuals and corporations. **Strengths:** *"Remi is an excellent trial lawyer with deep expertise in state court matters."* *"Remi is super smart, very aggressive and really looks out for clients."* *"Remi is*

a very experienced, skilled and thoughtful attorney."

Band 3

Abell Eskew Landau

What the team is known for

Abell Eskew Landau maintains a strong white-collar criminal defense practise with particular expertise in representing individuals. The team handles high-stakes matters including allegations of healthcare fraud, bribery, corruption and insider trading.

Strengths

"The lawyers are supremely knowledgeable and talented trial attorneys."

"The team is incredibly intelligent and resourceful. The attorneys are tremendous issue spotters who identify complex issues and come up with creative solutions."

"Abell Eskew Landau handles matters with care and precision."

Work highlights

Abell Eskew Landau represented the former Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor of the State of New York against allegations of conspiracy to violate the Foreign Agents Registration Act, fraud, money laundering and bribery.

Notable practitioners

David Eskew is an experienced white-collar criminal defense lawyer with notable expertise in the healthcare sector. His practice includes government investigations, trials and enforcement matters. **Strengths:** *"David is very dedicated, very insightful and knows how to get to the crux of the issue. He is a great advocate who strikes the right tone with the government."* *"David is a really effective advocate. He is down-to-earth and relates well to people especially juries."* *"David does the full range of matters with expertise in healthcare sector."* *"David is a great writer who is very practical and brings common sense."* *"I think the world of David's legal skills especially in healthcare sector."*

Baldassare & Mara, LLC

What the team is known for

Baldassare & Mara, LLC has a formidable litigation practice, backed by a strong team of seasoned trial lawyers. The team is frequently called upon to handle complex cases involving fraud and False Claim Act claims. The team expertly represents both individuals and corporations.

Strengths

"Baldassare & Mara can handle everything from A-to-Z. The team is distinguished by its ferocity and follow-through."

"The team is agile and a driving force in tactics and strategy."

"The team has handled the toughest cases out there and can do everything. It is passionate, effective and has incredibly talented advocates who believe in the fight."

Work highlights

Baldassare & Mara, LLC represented a former healthcare executive against allegations of a healthcare fraud conspiracy amounting to USD37 million.

Notable practitioners

Jennifer Mara is frequently retained on high-stakes criminal investigations and enforcement proceedings. **Strengths:** *"Jennifer is a bright, calm and*

collected lawyer. She is knowledgeable and cares for her clients." *"Jennifer is a fabulous trial lawyer. She thinks outside of the box."* *"Jen is an excellent attorney. She is very skilled in both written and oral advocacy."*

Duane Morris LLP

What the team is known for

Duane Morris LLP is an international firm with an excellent white-collar litigation practice in New Jersey. The team has expertise in representing high-profile individuals in investigations and cases concerning allegations of money laundering, insider trading and securities fraud. The firm also has the ability to handle matters with cross-border elements.

Strengths

"The white-collar litigators at Duane Morris are talented and they draw on a deep bench of civil and criminal attorneys with experience trying cases."

"Duane Morris has good judgment, cares about its clients, and isn't afraid to fight for justice, even when it's hard. The firm has amazing trial lawyers who handle difficult subject matter beautifully."

Work highlights

Duane Morris LLP represented officials of St. Kitts and Saint Lucia for the administration of the citizenship by investment program against allegations of RICO violations.

Notable practitioners

Eric Breslin's wide-ranging practice spans civil and criminal litigation, including RICO cases. He also advises corporations on internal investigations.

Strengths: *"Eric is a truly talented and experienced trial attorney."* *"Eric is an outstanding attorney. He handles high stakes litigation exceptionally well."* *"Eric has very good judgment."*

Fox Rothschild

What the team is known for

Fox Rothschild has a strong litigation team involved in high-stakes criminal proceedings. The team represents clients in investigations concerning PPP and other complex white-collar matters.

Strengths

"The team has excellent litigation strategy and fully grasped the evolving legal changes. The lawyers are very responsive, strategic and provide candid analysis."

Work highlights

Fox Rothschild represented Marg Patel, the CEO of a digital pharmacy, in a parallel SEC and criminal enforcement action alleging securities fraud amounting to USD170m.

Notable practitioners

Matthew Adams represents individuals and businesses facing allegations of fraud as well as conducting internal investigations. **Strengths:** *"Matthew is a very experienced white-collar lawyer."*

Marissa Koblit Kingman is growing an admirable practice in white-collar criminal defense and government investigations. She acts for both companies and individuals, and handles matters relating to prescription fraud. **Strengths:** *"Marissa is an incredibly smart attorney. She is very creative and comes up with novel approaches."* *"Marissa is incredibly determined and resourceful."*

Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP

What the team is known for

Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP possesses extensive expertise and deep experience handling all aspects of criminal enforcement proceedings and government investigations. The firm frequently represents a diverse client base including public companies, financial institutions and individual executives.

Strengths

"The team provides strategic advice. It has a really keen sense of how to protect its clients but also a broader sense on the business' perspective."

"The lawyers are outstanding, well-connected and understand how the agencies work."

"The team is staffed with talented lawyers who are diligent and knowledgeable."

"Friedman Kaplan very experienced and talented attorneys who have both the trial and investigative experience to handle all types of matters efficiently."

Work highlights

Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP represented Cognizant Technology Solutions in a criminal prosecution of its former president and former chief legal officer by the U.S. Attorney's Office and DOJ alleging FCPA violations.

Notable practitioners

Mala Ahuja Harker is sought after for her experience acting for individuals and corporations facing allegations of white-collar crimes. Her experience covers cases involving fraud, money laundering, corruption and insider trading. **Strengths:** *"Mala brings a great depth of understanding of the federal courts."* *"Mala had incredible advocacy that resulted in favorable outcome for the client."* *"Mala is always dialed into the industry of the investigation. She is very sensitive of business realities."* *"Mala has always impressed me with her professionalism and legal talents."* **Rahul Agarwal** is a top trial lawyer who expertly represents individuals and corporations in high-stakes enforcement proceedings and government investigations. **Strengths:** *"Rahul will be a star."* *"Rahul is a very smart and well-respected lawyer."* *"Rahul is a really talented lawyer that will keep growing and be a superstar. He is more personable than most lawyers and has unique federal experience."* *"Rahul is a talented and sophisticated lawyer. He is very easy to work alongside."*

Gelber & Santillo

What the team is known for

Gelber & Santillo offers extensive experience in white-collar crime defense. The firm's lawyers have broad capabilities covering allegations including healthcare fraud and securities fraud.

Notable practitioners

Kristen Santillo is noted for her vast experience in white-collar criminal defense. She frequently represents clients in a range of enforcement actions including healthcare fraud, insider trading and bank fraud. **Strengths:** *"Kristen is an excellent and relentless lawyer who knows her stuff."* *"Kristen is super dedicated and incredibly smart. She is relentless in research and really digs in."* *"Kristen is a phenomenal and unflappable lawyer. She is a great resource as she has seen every issue."*

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP

What the team is known for

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP has a robust white-collar crime practice, representing both individuals and corporate clients in a range of matters. The group regularly handles internal and government investigations, as well as litigation concerning FCA, FCPA and environmental violations, among other areas.

Strengths

"Greenbaum consistently delivers excellent quality work. It is led by a former federal prosecutor and backed by a team of professionals who are adept at handling a multitude of federal matters."

"The lawyers react very quickly to our concerns and conduct thorough research."

Work highlights

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP represented Pradeep Nigam in allegations involving conspiracy, honest services fraud and federal program bribery.

Notable practitioners

Mary E. Carpenito brings extensive experience and expertise to the New Jersey white-collar Bar. She is noted for her representation of clients in criminal defense, internal investigations and grand jury investigations. **Strengths:** *"Mary is an outstanding litigator. She is adept at client relations and her vast experience as a former federal prosecutor gives meaningful perspective in terms of case analysis and strategy."* *"Mary knew things before they would happen and saw the issues from both sides. She is extremely competent, very well-versed and has great preparation."*

Marino, Tortorella & Boyle PC

What the team is known for

Marino, Tortorella & Boyle PC is a well-established boutique with substantial expertise defending clients in white-collar cases and government investigations. The team offers vast trial experience and brings this to bear in high-stakes litigation.

Notable practitioners

Kevin Marino has a wealth of experience representing both individuals and corporations in a wide range of white-collar criminal matters. **Strengths:** *"Kevin is my first call as he gets uncommonly good results for his clients."* *"Kevin is always active in trials."* *"Kevin is a go-to trial lawyer for complex cases."*

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English, LLP has a robust white-collar criminal defense and government investigations practice. The team aptly handles a broad array of enforcement actions and investigations including allegations of FCA violations, anti-kickback claims and fraud.

Strengths

"McCarter & English's clear, concise and timely guidance and communication stands out."

"The McCarter & English team has very talented attorneys with the experience and knowledge to successfully guide clients through complex issues. It has decades of experience that assist in its representation of various corporate and individual clients."

"McCarter & English demonstrates strong capability in managing complex and sophisticated matters

with clarity and precision. It stands out through its integrity, and consistent results, supported by a solutions-oriented approach."

"The team had resources and experts for everything that we needed to be as informed as possible in creating the best defense. It truly took the time to understand us, our business, our needs and our concerns and delivered in every aspect."

Work highlights

McCarter & English, LLP represented a former senior executive at a pharmacy startup facing SEC charges brought by the U.S. District Court for the EDNY.

Notable practitioners

Daniella Gordon maintains a broad white-collar criminal defense practice. She is sought out by corporations and individuals for representation in government investigations and a range of disputes, including securities litigation. **Strengths:** *"Daniella is creative, diligent and an excellent advocate for her clients."* *"Daniella is a creative problem solver and a tenacious litigator."* *"Daniella is very thoughtful and strategic. She is a go-to for companies that need good representation."* Christopher Adams is an experienced white-collar criminal defense attorney with notable expertise acting for both individuals and corporations. He regularly represents clients at trial. **Strengths:** *"Chris is a highly polished and great advocate for his clients."* *"Chris has a depth of experience and knowledge."* *"Chris has the skills to be a star."* **Ryan Magee** offers extensive criminal defense experience. He is sought out by corporations and individuals for representation in government investigations, and is noted for his renowned trial skills. **Strengths:** *"Ryan is incredibly hard-working, bright and client-centric."* *"Ryan is thoughtful, uniquely personable and is commercially sensitive. He is excellent for complex work."* Robert Mintz is a seasoned expert in white collar criminal defense. He regularly advises clients in a range of enforcement actions and government investigations related to cyber fraud, False Claims Act violations and anti-kickback claims. **Strengths:** *"Robert is very smart and a pleasure to work with."* *"Robert is an extremely valuable asset and handles every step of the process with the utmost professionalism and immense knowledge."* *"No matter the time or day, Bob is superhumanly responsive. He provides thorough and thoughtful business advice."* *"Robert has a lot of great experience and always strikes the right balance."*

O'Toole Scrivo LLC

What the team is known for

O'Toole Scrivo LLC has a strong bench in the white-collar crime & government investigations area. The lawyers are adept at handling matters at both the state and federal level, concerning healthcare fraud, public corruption, wire fraud and FCA violations. The team leverages its deep experience as former prosecutors to expertly advise on high-stakes cases.

Strengths

"The team are terrific. It is not afraid to advocate and not afraid to litigate."

"O'Toole Scrivo did an outstanding job minimizing damage in a complicated case."

"O'Toole Scrivo is an awesome firm that is really collaborative and always responsive."

"It has a team of serious advocates that are very sharp, nimble and can easily navigate all layers of government."

"The lawyers have deep experience of the system and a very good sense of what clients need. They are very practical and easy to work with."

Notable practitioners

Dennis Carletta is renowned for his white-collar expertise under federal and state law. He regularly represents clients, both individuals and corporations, in complex internal investigations, white-collar criminal defense and grand jury trials.

Strengths: *"Dennis is very polished and client-centric." "Dennis is an excellent white-collar litigator. He is an aggressive advocate who executes strategy very well." "Dennis is very prepared and can easily identify problems." "Dennis is a phenomenal trial lawyer. He digs in and is a shark when cross-examining."* **Michael Robertson** draws on his former experience as federal prosecutor to provide deft representation to clients facing government investigations and litigation. He is particularly noted for his expertise in the healthcare industry. **Strengths:** *"Michael is a really qualified trial lawyer. He is a really effective advocate who understands both federal and state courts." "Mike understands clients' interests and is enjoyable to work with." "Mike is a skilled and knowledgeable white-collar lawyer."*

Riker Danzig LLP

What the team is known for

Riker Danzig LLP has a high caliber litigation team based in Morristown, New Jersey. The practice demonstrates strong capabilities in a range of white-collar criminal defense matters such as fraud cases and government investigations. The team also handles matters relating to corruption allegations.

Strengths

"Riker Danzig did an outstanding job in a very complex investigation."

"They are a very well-respected, full service team with a sterling reputation."

"Riker Danzig has a wealth of practical white-collar and litigation experience. It is always focusing on the realities of a situation to best achieve the client's goals."

"Riker Danzig has a well-known team of great advocates."

Work highlights

Riker Danzig LLP successfully dismissed a criminal complaint filed against its client, a CEO, in a federal investigation alleging wire fraud and a violation of the National Defense Authorization Act.

Notable practitioners

Charles McKenna is well regarded for his expertise in a broad range of white-collar criminal defense matters. He is regularly called upon to represent clients facing tax investigations and allegations of healthcare fraud. **Strengths:** *"Charlie is an outstanding criminal defense attorney. He is a skilled and intelligent lawyer who leaves no stone unturned. He has a very analytical mind and understands very complex law." "Charles' negotiation skills are very good. He advocates very strongly for his clients." "Charles is strategic and fearless. I trust his judgment a lot and he only does what is right for his client." "Charles is a real pleasure. He has tons of government and real-world experience that*

make him a real value-add to the team." Samuel Moulthrop is a highly regarded litigator well known for his work handling sophisticated environmental disputes. He has considerable expertise in criminal enforcement actions, drawing on his previous career as chief of the Environmental Section of the US Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey among other government positions. **Strengths:** *"Sam is very experienced, wise and very easy to work with." "Samuel is a very skilled attorney." "Sam is one of the most seasoned and talented white-collar lawyers in the state."*

Stahl Gasiorowski Criminal Defense Lawyers P.C.

What the team is known for

Stahl Gasiorowski Criminal Defense Lawyers P.C. is a noted boutique with substantial experience in white-collar litigation. The team frequently represents individuals in a range of enforcement actions including healthcare fraud, bank fraud and public corruption.

Strengths

"The Stahl Gasiorowski team guides you every step of the way. Its knowledge, mastery, wisdom and experiential advice helped me prevail. Its thoroughness, teamwork and relentlessness position you for the best outcome."

"Stahl Gasiorowski is always accessible, puts full attention and effort into everything. It actually cares and is creative on difficult issues."

"The lawyers at Stahl Gasiorowski were extremely valuable when it comes to really digging into complicated thorny legal and criminal federal matters with lots of moving parts."

"The team's attentiveness was truly appreciated. It can handle novel elements, lay out the facts in the best possible way and present a compelling case rooted in the facts."

"Stahl Gasiorowski possesses extensive expertise across various areas of criminal defense and healthcare law, enabling them to tackle complex issues with confidence."

Whipple Azzarello, LLC

What the team is known for

Whipple Azzarello, LLC is a criminal defense boutique with significant expertise in white-collar criminal cases. Its attorneys draw on previous prosecutorial experience when defending against the full gamut of white-collar allegations. The team also counsels corporations on internal investigations.

Strengths

"Whipple Azzarello is a stellar firm with a wide-ranging practice encompassing federal and state matters from street crime to complex corporate wrong-doings."

Notable practitioners

John Azzarello has a broad white-collar criminal defense practice covering a wide range of matters, including the representation of politicians accused of corruption. He also advises clients facing allegations of securities fraud and insider trading.

Strengths: *"John is a great storyteller and is attentive to clients." "John is a no-nonsense, incisive and aggressive attorney."* **John Whipple** is a seasoned attorney who maintains a broad white-collar criminal defense practice. His experience includes the handling of fraud, securities and political corruption

cases. **Strengths:** *"John is a skilled and experienced criminal practitioner." "John works on very high profile cases."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Jack Arseneault of Arseneault & Fassett LLP is noted for his vast experience in white-collar criminal defense matters. He is adept at representing both individuals and corporations facing a wide range of allegations. **Strengths:** *"Jack is a very smart and sharp lawyer." "Jack has a wealth of experience."*

Mark Berman is highly respected for his expertise in handling complex white-collar investigations and government proceedings. **Strengths:** *"Mark is one of the best legal writers in the city. He distills information in a compelling way. He is super smart and I would trust him with any matter." "Mark is always available throughout the long process. He never gives up and communicates everything."*

Vikas Khanna of Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. is a former acting U.S. Attorney in the District of New Jersey. He is the chair of the firm's white-collar practice.

Henry Klingeman of Klingeman Cerimele Attorneys specializes in white-collar criminal defense matters. He offers extensive experience acting for clients in high-profile, high-stakes trials, including various political figures. **Strengths:** *"Henry is a force of nature." "Henry is a well-respected attorney." "Henry is a top lawyer with a ton of experience."*

Gerald Krovin has an enviable track record in white-collar criminal cases. He continues to be a popular choice for individuals seeking representation in matters concerning allegations of fraud and bribery. **Strengths:** *"Gerald is very easy to work with and a great litigator." "Gerald is among the best thought-of white-collar criminal defense attorneys." "Gerry is one of the best top 10 lawyers I know."*

Bruce Levy of Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia LLC routinely represents clients facing a range of allegations, including False Claims Act violations. He is also called upon for his assistance with cases with cross-border elements. **Strengths:** *"Bruce is great. He can handle any white-collar crime case with a specialty in healthcare."*

Eric Moran is a go-to attorney for white-collar criminal defense and government investigations. He has experience handling matters across a variety of sectors, with notable expertise in the healthcare field. **Strengths:** *"Eric is one of the smartest lawyers. He knows how to run a case and is an absolute pleasure to work with." "He uses his expertise as a former prosecutor to steer his clients and protect them with a solid strategy." "Eric is excellent at making decisions and helping clients manage expectations." "Eric exudes credibility and juries find him very persuasive. He is a terrific trial lawyer who is always calm and measured." "Eric is a very surgical and cerebral attorney. He is very protective of his clients."*

Ryan O'Neill of Stevens & Lee PC is establishing a robust regulatory defense practice, adept at representing both individuals and corporations in complex white-collar investigations. **Strengths:** *"Ryan is an excellent attorney and strategist. Anyone would be lucky to have her on their team to navigate complex legal issues." "Ryan is very enthusiastic, stra-*

tegic and smart.”

Richard Sapinski of Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. wins praise from all corners of the market for his specialty in criminal tax matters. He advises clients on compliance issues as well as handling tax litigation. **Strengths:** “Rich is an excellent tax and criminal lawyer, who knows how to navigate difficult issues and investigations.” “Rich is a thoughtful, careful and highly experienced tax and white-collar

crime litigator. He enjoys a stellar reputation in the world of civil and criminal tax defense.” “Rich is an experienced and knowledgeable lawyer who is always ready to assist colleagues with solid strategic advice.” “He is a criminal tax guru with incredible and vast experience. He is great at strategy.”

Joseph Shumofsky of Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. is cochair of the white-collar criminal defense practice group, advising individuals across sectors.

He is skilled in handling grand jury investigations.

Strengths: “Joseph exercised excellent judgment and perspective in navigating the jurisdiction.” “Joseph is a reliable litigator who I would call in a heartbeat.” “Joe is an extremely intelligent, bright, hard-working lawyer with a sharp and analytical mind.” “Joseph is a tenacious litigator and a very experienced and diligent defense attorney.” “Joseph is very thoughtful and methodical.”

Public Finance

Public Finance
Leading Firms
Band 1
Archer Law
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
FBT Gibbons LLP
Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Batten Alexis Archer Law
Beinfeld Robert H. Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP *
Cantalupo John Archer Law
Draikiwicz John D FBT Gibbons LLP
Galano Scott FBT Gibbons LLP
Gasparine Tricia Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Jessup Matthew McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
Kobler Scott A McCarter & English, LLP
Myslinski Richard McCarter & English, LLP
Nolan Richard McCarter & English, LLP
Pearlman Stephen Pearlman & Miranda, LLC. (ORL) ◇
Shanes Jacqueline McCarter & English, LLP
Toto Charles Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP
Winitsky Jeff Parker McCay (ORL) ◇
Band 2
Flynn Kristine Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP
Kressel Dorit Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Archer Law

What the team is known for

Archer & Greiner, P.C. is a go-to choice for public finance matters in New Jersey and is regularly sought out by municipal issuers for expert bond counsel representation. The team is experienced in public issuances to fund projects in an array of sectors. It has particular strength acting for local municipalities as well as state authorities.

Strengths

“Archer Law distinguished itself by offering responsive, proactive service at every stage of the capital financing process.”

Work highlights

Archer & Greiner, P.C. acted in the capacity of bond counsel to the County of Atlantic, New Jersey in the issuance of its USD30,110,000 General Obligation Bonds.

Notable practitioners

Alexis Batten's practice sees her expertly represent municipal issuers as bond counsel on financings for various public improvement projects. She is experienced across a range financings structures including general obligation notes and bonds.

Strengths: “Alexis provides consistently excellent legal services.” **John Cantalupo** chairs the firm's public finance department and is particularly skilled in bond counsel representation. He frequently acts for authorities, municipalities and other public entities in the financing of local development projects.

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC has gained recognition for its nearly three decades of experience in the public finance sector, which it brings to bear on large-scale construction and transportation projects for state government and local authority clients.

Strengths

“The team at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi is extremely knowledgeable and always available. They are a pleasure to work with.”

“Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi provides outstanding counsel in an easy to digest way.”

Work highlights

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC acted as bond counsel to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, in the development of its new Community Hazard Assistance Mitigation Program for the financing of climate resiliency projects.

Notable practitioners

Tricia Gasparine is a recognized figure due to her extensive experience acting for the state of New Jersey in transportation transactions. **Strengths:** “Tricia is one of the best attorneys in New Jersey for public finance.” “Tricia produces quality work.”

Dorit Kressel has deep knowledge of the public finance sector and expertise in affordable housing, education and transportation projects. **Strengths:** “Dorit is a very thoughtful attorney.”

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons has expertise acting for public entities as bond counsel in a range of issuance to fund local projects. In addition to its issuer side representation, the firm has strength as underwriters' and borrowers counsel. The team is experienced across a range of municipal financings and offer particular skill in the education sector.

Strengths

“The attorneys at FBT Gibbons provide great client service.”

Work highlights

FBT Gibbons LLP acted as bond counsel to the Camden County Improvement Authority concerning the issuance of USD55,730,000 Health Care Redevelopment Project Revenue Refunding Bonds for the financing of a hospital redevelopment project.

Notable practitioners

John Draikiwicz has considerable depth of experience in public finance transactions, which he draws on to expertly represent his clients on tax-exempt financings. **Scott Galano's** public finance practice sees him frequently represent municipal entities as well as financial institutions in financings for a range of local projects.

Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP

What the team is known for

Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP has a depth of expertise in public finance transactions and is a strong choice for issuers, with its team frequently acting as bond, underwriter's and borrower's counsel on transactions. The firm has particular strength handling financings in the healthcare and education sectors, offering experience across a variety of developments in those spaces.

Strengths

“Hawkins Delafield & Wood is a wonderful firm and do strong work.”

“The team at Hawkins provides excellent service.”

Notable practitioners

Robert Beinfeld has a wealth of experience across a wide range of municipal financings in New Jersey. He is particularly adept acting for public issuers as bond and disclosure counsel. **Charles Toto** is experienced across a range of public financings including those to fund healthcare facilities, housing and schools. **Strengths:** “Charles is top-drawer, he's extremely talented.” “Charles is a great force at the Hawkins firm.” **Kristine Flynn** has built a prac-

tice acting as bond counsel, underwriters' counsel and borrower's counsel on a wide range of public financings in the health care and education sectors.

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English, LLP has significant strength in public finance transactions and is highly capable across an array of financing structures. The firm is notably active in the education and healthcare sectors and regularly acts for market participants in financings for the development of medical and school facilities. The team regularly acts as bond counsel and has additional expertise representing the underwriters in transactions.

Strengths

"McCarter & English LLP combines deep knowledge of public finance law with a practical, solution-oriented mindset, ensuring that deals are structured to withstand regulatory scrutiny while meeting strategic and operational goals."

"The only word that comes to mind for McCarter & English is exceptional."

"McCarter & English is a 10/10 in public finance."

"The team at McCarter & English is very responsive and accommodating."

Notable practitioners

Scott Kobler leverages more than four decades of experience to adeptly assist his clients in an array

of public issuances. He has particular strength handling transactions in the healthcare sector.

Strengths: "Scott is outstanding." "Scott is a strong lawyer."

Richard Myslinski focuses his practice on projects in the healthcare and economic development spaces. **Strengths:** "Richard provides comprehensive legal services that are on point. He delivered excellent service." "Richard's personable approach and top tier intellectual horsepower make him a top choice for any New Jersey public finance deal."

Richard Nolan brings over thirty years of experience in public finance to his practice, showcasing special expertise in environmental infrastructure and healthcare projects. **Strengths:**

"Richard is a very intelligent and gifted lawyer, who is also an extremely likeable person. The legal product he delivers is unmatched."

"Richard is extremely knowledgeable about bond issuance and related state and federal law."

Jacqueline Shanes is a strong choice for government entities seeking bond counsel on municipal issuances. She has experience across a range of public bond financings. **Strengths:**

"Jacqueline exceeds expectations and always goes the extra mile to provide assistance with all matters."

"Jacqueline is an exceptional public finance attorney whose depth of knowledge, attention to detail and client-first approach make her an invaluable partner." "Jacqueline is simply the best."

McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC

What the team is known for

McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC advises an range of state and local government entities as well as financial institutions in public finance transactions. It has experience across an array of bond financings structures to fund social improvement projects in New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Matthew Jessup's practice primarily sees him act for municipal issuers on financings transactions to fund a variety of public improvement projects.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Stephen Pearlman of Pearlman & Miranda is the firm's founding partner and is commended for his wide-ranging public finance practice. **Strengths:**

"Stephen is a veteran of the bar." "Stephen is a legendary figure in New Jersey, if you have something extra complex you go to him."

Jeff Winitzky of Parker McCay is well-versed across a range of tax-exempt and taxable financings and regularly acts for both public and private sector clients in transactions. **Strengths:** "Jeff is tremendous, he's a detailed lawyer."

Real Estate

Real Estate
Leading Firms
Band 1
Cole Schotz P.C.
Faegre Drinker
FBT Gibbons LLP
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
Band 2
Brach Eichler L.L.C.
Chiesa Shahinian & Giamtosi PC
Fox Rothschild
Riker Danzig LLP
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
Band 3
Connell Foley LLP
Day Pitney LLP
Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP
Band 4
Hyland Levin Shapiro LLP
Mandelbaum Barrett PC
Reed Smith LLP
Saiber LLC
Troutman Pepper Locke LLP

Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Cole Schotz P.C.

What the team is known for

Cole Schotz P.C. has a top quality and much-admired department, with expertise across the spectrum of real estate law. A versatile practice that demonstrates strength in areas such as sales, acquisitions, development and redevelopment as well as financings and restructurings on behalf of a wide range of major clients. It offers notable experience in residential real estate matters as well as commercial projects concerning office, retail and industrial space. It also offers substantial national reach owing to its network of offices in several states across the USA.

Strengths

"When you have a complex matter and feel overwhelmed, Cole Schotz has a way of simplifying the strategy and executing an effective plan."

"The team is creative and understands the importance of making a deal while protecting its client."

"The team collaborates seamlessly and ensures we benefit from both subject-matter depth and cross-disciplinary insight."

Work highlights

Cole Schotz P.C. represented Major League Baseball (MLB) in a USD200 million relocation of the

MLB Network headquarters and production facility to Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Richard Abramson is widely respected for his largely transactional practice supporting a range of household businesses and investors on various acquisitions, joint ventures and financing matters.

Strengths: "Richard Abramson is knowledgeable and attentive." **John Stewart** represents clients such as developers, owners and investors in a range of real estate transactions, including complex financings.

Jonathan Goodelman advises investors and developers on redevelopment matters. He is especially active in the retail and restaurant spaces. **Strengths:** "Jonathan's keen market awareness and sharp insight make him an invaluable partner."

Leo Leyva handles complex commercial real estate matters, regularly representing lenders, property owners and developers. **Strengths:** "Leo always has our best interests in mind and we're lucky to have him on our side."

Faegre Drinker

What the team is known for

Faegre Drinker offers excellence in representing real estate investors, developers and landowners in an array of transactions, covering issues such as regulatory compliance, land use and leasing. The

Real Estate
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Gordon David S. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Newman Jeffrey Hugh <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *</i>
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Abramson Richard W. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Dowd Martin F. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Fersko Jack <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *</i>
Hammer Alan R. <i>Brach Eichler L.L.C.</i>
Klausner Robert A. <i>Fox Rothschild *</i>
Racioppi, Jr. Nicholas <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Rothpletz Jr Michael E. <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Zangari Ted <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *</i>
Band 2
Berkey Mitchell S. <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Butler Jr. Edward <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Coakley Kevin <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Freylikhman David <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>
Li Christine F. <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *</i>
Meyers Laurie E. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Petit Jeffrey <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Popowicz Allen J. <i>Brach Eichler L.L.C.</i>
San Giacomo Michael <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Schiller Matthew J. <i>Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP</i>
Woodruff Michael C. <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Band 3
Anderson Scott <i>Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC</i>
Bills Kenneth T. <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *</i>
Camelotto Andrew J. <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
DaCosta Lobo Thomas <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Galluccio John V. <i>Fox Rothschild *</i>
Greenfield Joshua <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Hopkins Christopher D. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Lehder Todd E. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Levenson Mark S. <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *</i>
Markowitz Philip A. <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Molotsky Brad A. <i>FisherBroyles LLP (ORL) ◇</i>
Mynhier Rachel <i>Troutman Pepper Locke LLP</i>
Shin Grace <i>Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman (ORL) ◇</i>
Solberg Jennifer L. <i>Day Pitney LLP</i>
Stewart John <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Whitney Joseph <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Band 4
Agins Rand M. <i>Lasser Hochman LLC (ORL) ◇</i>
Denitzio Jr Thomas J. <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *</i>
Goodelman Jonathan <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Saltzman Jody <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>
Urban Stephen <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
V Leyva Leo <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Wilson-Brito Simone <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Up-and-coming individuals
Wilkes Charles <i>Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP</i>
<i>* Indicates individual with profile.</i>
<i>◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.</i>
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

team is widely recognized as a market leader for its concentration of business-focused attorneys with standout abilities in the sector. It advises clients across a wide range of industries and is noted for its excellent contacts and solid commercial acumen. It is also noted for its expertise in major development and redevelopment projects concerning commercial, industrial and residential space. It is regularly sought after for its expert advice on property financing.

Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Babineau Anne S. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Goldsmith Robert S. <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *</i>
Gonchar Meryl A G. <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *</i>
Jennings Donna M. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Malman Thomas <i>Day Pitney LLP</i>
Pantel Glenn S. <i>Faegre Drinker *</i>
Tripp Steven J. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Band 2
Carroll Thomas F. <i>Hill Wallack LLP (ORL) ◇</i>
Coffey Katharine A. <i>Day Pitney LLP</i>
John-Basta Lisa <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Meyers Laurie E. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Mlenak Steven G. <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *</i>
Norin Andy <i>Faegre Drinker *</i>
Phillips Smith Jennifer <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
Wolfson Peter <i>Day Pitney LLP</i>
Band 3
Beckelman Robert <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i>
Forshner Gary S. <i>Law Offices of Gary S. Forshner (ORL) ◇</i>
Geneslaw Howard <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
Gianetti Craig M. <i>Day Pitney LLP</i>
Giantomasi Francis J. <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Giunco Jr John A. <i>Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC</i>
Harrington III Charles J. <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Janacek Douglas J. <i>FBT Gibbons LLP</i>
Letizia Thomas <i>Troutman Pepper Locke LLP</i>
McCann Nevins <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Michalski John <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Skolnik Richard <i>Sole Practitioner (ORL) ◇</i>
Tuvel Jason <i>Prime & Tuvel (ORL) ◇</i>

Strengths

"The team is highly responsive and available at all times."

"Faegre Drinker's knowledge, experience and level of detail is impeccable."

Work highlights

Faegre Drinker advised Matrix Realty on the sale of a property approved for a 170-unit residential development in East Brunswick to K Hovnanian.

Notable practitioners

Glenn Pantel is highly regarded for his wide-ranging skill set, which includes strengths in a broad array of regulatory matters. He has significant expertise in advising on site plan approvals for large development projects. Glenn is a seasoned litigator with a great deal of perspective and technical skill. Michael Rothpletz's experience includes the representation of clients from both the developer and corporate side of the real estate sector, who turn to him for advice on complex transactions and leasing matters. **Strengths:** *"Michael is extremely thorough and one of the most knowledgeable lawyers in the state in terms of complex sale agreements."*

"Michael is thorough and thoughtful. I trust him to identify issues and have full confidence that he doesn't miss things." **Andy Norin** assists real estate developers in obtaining approvals for mixed-use, residential and commercial development projects. He is also adept at guiding clients through land use litigation. **Strengths:** *"Andy has a very high level of technical knowledge and experience."* **Michael San Giacomo** regularly supports clients on securing site plan approvals for developers and advises on transactional work for investment firms and real estate companies. Michael Woodruff offers robust

strengths across transactional and development work, with particular expertise in the health care and education sectors. Mike makes my job easier and less stressful. His knowledge and experience of both legal and business norms as well as risks is fantastic. He is very efficient, able to understand the issues and doesn't get bogged down in the minutiae. **John Michalski** is an up-and-coming attorney noted for his work advising clients on zoning issues. He is recognized for his expertise in the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law and other state statutes. **Strengths:** *"John Michalski has a lot of experience and has done a very good job managing big projects."* **Joseph Whitney** is a real estate partner operating out of Faegre Drinker's Florham Park office. He assists clients with acquisitions, sales and leasing matters relating to the full range of real estate assets, including office, industrial, retail and condominium properties. **Strengths:** *"Joe is very experienced and the kind of lawyer that keeps the momentum of a transaction by virtue of his work ethic and responsiveness."*

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons is a highly regarded mainstay of the New Jersey market with breadth and depth across a wide range of real estate matters such as acquisitions, dispositions and redevelopment projects. It acts for major clients including owners, developers, retailers and corporate entities. Local government land use work remains a strong area for the team. It also offers notable expertise in projects concerning industrial, retail and mixed-use sites.

Strengths

"FBT Gibbons combines deep expertise with a pragmatic, results oriented approach."

"The firm has a wide breadth of knowledge in real estate development."

"Balancing business objectives with legal risk and explaining that to their client is their forte."

Work highlights

FBT Gibbons LLP represented Bijou Properties through a single-purpose entity in the disposition of a USD40 million site in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Co-chair of the firm's real property department **Jennifer Phillips Smith** represents clients in development projects spanning the industrial, retail and residential sectors. She also has additional expertise in obtaining alcoholic beverage licenses.

Strengths: *"Her combination of legal acumen, strategic thinking and client-focused service sets her apart."* *"Jennifer is a very practical strategist."*

Andrew Camelotto represents institutional clients in acquisitions and dispositions, leasing, development and redevelopment matters, among others.

Howard Geneslaw focuses his practice on development, redevelopment, land use and permitting issues. He also assists clients with obtaining alcoholic beverage licenses. **Strengths:** *"Howard's deep knowledge, strategic thinking and attention to detail makes any project smooth and successful."* *"Howard is very responsive and anticipates issues."*

Co-chair of the firm's real property department Douglas Janacek represents developers, investors and state bodies in a range of redevelopment projects and related land use litigation.

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP**What the team is known for**

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP is a superb group for real estate matters, with an active and robust practice across the entire spectrum of work. It handles varied zoning and land use projects involving mixed-use buildings, industrial premises and brownfield redevelopment sites, assisting with issues including the acquisition of planning permits and site approvals. It also demonstrates expertise in transactional work including sales, acquisitions, leases, financing and tax issues. The team displays further strength handling litigation matters along with environmental issues associated with development projects. It has extensive experience acting for regional and national developers, private equity investors and landlords and tenants.

Strengths

"The firm is a leader in the local and regional area and their partners are subject matter experts."

"The firm achieves excellent results and is easy to work with."

Work highlights

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP represented Amarnath at Fords Urban Renewal, Woodbridge in the redevelopment of a property in Woodbridge, New Jersey into a multi-family apartment building.

Notable practitioners

Jack Fersko is recognized as an expert in real estate transactions, development projects and financing matters. He has additional expertise in environmental law issues. **Strengths:** *"Jack is the best in the industry and a go to lawyer for real estate needs."* *"He stands out for his responsiveness, attitude and approach."* *"Jack ensures consistency in the advice and representation I receive."* Robert Goldsmith assists clients with an array of matters relating to development and redevelopment projects. He has expertise in permitting and design issues as well as wider contentious matters.

Strengths: *"Robert has exceptional experience and diverse knowledge of redevelopment law and practice."* Christine Li is renowned for her expert handling of development projects, including notable expertise in condominium law. Steven Mlenak advises clients such as developers, municipalities and owners on a range of development projects.

Strengths: *"Steve has integrity, comprehensive knowledge and commitment to success for his clients."* *"Steven Mlenak has a keen ability to meet complex issues and bring forth resolutions."* *"Steve provides a high level of expertise and excellent customer service."* Kenneth Bills lends his expertise across all aspects of commercial real estate transactions, representing commercial property owners, developers, redevelopers and financial institutions. Thomas Denitzio offers considerable expertise in handling transactional and financing matters, alongside expertise in insolvency and tax issues.

McCarter & English, LLP**What the team is known for**

McCarter & English, LLP remains at the pinnacle of the market, with a leading real estate practice group that counsels clients including owners, developers and investors. It advises on development, redevelopment and leasing as well as land use matters. It handles a wide range of projects including retail, office, industrial and mixed-use sites. The team is

also recommended for real estate-related environment, construction and tax issues.

Strengths

"McCarter & English provides a very high level of service, quick turnaround and is very responsive."

"They understand the market and give practical business advice."

"The team is very adept and creative."

Work highlights

McCarter & English, LLP represented SJP Properties in negotiating a long term lease with Nokia Bell Labs for a research and development facility and office tower in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Martin Dowd remains a leading choice for businesses and investors on complex real estate transactional matters, alongside additional strength in leasing agreements. Edward Butler is a well-respected real estate attorney who advises clients on lease negotiations, financing matters and real estate sales and acquisitions. **Strengths:** *"Ed is a very pragmatic and very efficient real estate lawyer. He understands the business and can turn around leases at a high level."* **Jeffrey Petit** is particularly well versed in advising banks and other financial institutions on real estate financing matters.

Strengths: *"Jeff is a consummate transactions attorney. He consistently delivers outstanding levels of service."* **Thomas DaCosta Lobo** represents an array of clients in transactional mandates, including sales and acquisitions, leases and financings.

Strengths: *"Thomas is very efficient and is able to bridge the gap with opposing counsel."* **Simone Wilson-Brito** is recognized for her expertise representing a range of real estate clients in financing, acquisitions, leasing and the disposition of commercial properties. She is co-chair of McCarter & English's Real Estate Practice Group.

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.**What the team is known for**

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. is a strong practice group with expertise covering the breadth of real estate matters. It is experienced at handling acquisitions and dispositions as well as financing matters. It also has a significant land use practice, with notable expertise in re-zoning, site planning and obtaining land use approvals, which bolsters the firm's ability to handle a whole host of redevelopment work. It is also recommended for litigation and tax appeals. It adroitly handles an array of residential, commercial, industrial and institutional projects. Its clients include developers, lenders, investors and construction companies.

Strengths

"Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer has good business sense and is focused on getting the deal done."

"When it's not clear what the best course of action is, the firm carefully assesses the situation and all reasonable possibilities."

"Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer exhibits a clear strength in understanding client business models and tailoring legal advice to commercial realities."

Work highlights

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. represented The Morris Companies in the redevelopment of the Woodbridge Development Center with the construction of a warehouse facility in excess of 1.2 million square feet.

Notable practitioners

David Gordon is well regarded for his practice representing developers, owners and other clients. He regularly advises on matters such as acquisitions, dispositions, leasing and financing transactions.

Strengths: *"David Gordon is a master of negotiation. His depth of knowledge, integrity and character have earned him his loyal clientele."* Anne Babineau is renowned for her expertise in development projects, with clients regularly turning to her for her in-depth experience in regulatory issues and public-private partnerships. **Strengths:** *"Anne is highly respected, especially in redevelopment matters."* Donna Jennings represents developers and investors in obtaining land use approvals. She also has specific expertise in handling litigation relating to the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA). **Strengths:** *"Donna is an expert in the affordable housing industry."* *"Donna skillfully navigates complex regulatory and permitting matters across a broad range of project types."*

Cochair of the firm's land use group Steven Tripp is respected for his varied practice. He represents developers and investors in obtaining approvals, as well as advising on related land use litigation.

Strengths: *"Steven is detail orientated and knows the law very well."* Laurie Meyers is adept at handling a wide range of transactional matters, particularly acquisitions, redevelopment agreements and tax exemption applications. She also assists clients with obtaining site plan approvals and litigation concerning zoning ordinance. **Strengths:** *"Laurie's depth of knowledge and communication skills are impressive."* **Robert Beckelman** focuses his practice on land use, redevelopment and related litigation matters. Chris Hopkins assists clients across a broad suite of real estate projects and transactions, including the development of multifamily units, acquisitions and financings. **Strengths:** *"Christopher stands out as a pragmatic, knowledgeable and communicative legal partner in real estate and redevelopment."* *"Christopher answers every question in a timely manner, presents the options and advises on the best path to take."* Todd Lehder frequently advises developers and investors on transactional matters, especially those pertaining to acquisitions and sales.

Band 2**Brach Eichler L.L.C.****What the team is known for**

Brach Eichler L.L.C. possesses a significant profile in the market, with considerable capacity in financing and transactional work, including acquisitions and sales of apartment buildings. It is proficient at handling leasing in relation to commercial and retail properties. It offers further expertise in relation to residential developments, including substantial condominium, multifamily and affordable housing projects. The team is also recommended for matters involving Section 1031 tax-deferred exchanges.

Strengths

"Brad Eichler stands out for its efficiency and brilliant decision making."

Work highlights

Brach Eichler L.L.C. assisted Tag Investment Prop-

erties on the sale of a portfolio of properties encompassing a total of 519 units throughout Bergen County and Hudson County, totalling \$94 million.

Notable practitioners

Alan Hammer draws from over four decades of experience handling a broad array of real estate transactions and financing deals for major corporate clients and development businesses. **Strengths:** *"Alan is always available to talk and provide guidance." "He is knowledgeable about all aspects of our industry."* Allen Popowitz has in-depth experience across the full gamut of commercial and residential real estate matters, including sales, financings, leasing issues and tax work, including incentive schemes.

Strengths: *"Allen is smart, sophisticated and a great negotiator." "Allen understands the real estate business and is well respected."*

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi has a dynamic team of practitioners that assist on a variety of real estate matters, including redevelopment projects, acquisitions and leasing arrangements. Notable strength in obtaining land use and zoning approvals from municipal bodies. Acts for a diverse client base which encompasses investors, construction groups and public sector entities.

Strengths

"The firm is responsive, efficient and effective."

"Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi is wise and thoughtful."

"The team is always available and always able to meet deadlines."

Work highlights

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC represented Netflix in a venture to construct a 292 acre production facility on the former Fort Monmouth US Army Base.

Notable practitioners

Mitchell Berkey is well regarded for his knowledge in the transactional real estate space, including acquisitions and dispositions, financing transactions and loan workouts. **Lisa John-Basta** is a well regarded lawyer and chair of the redevelopment, land use and zoning department at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi. She frequently assists developers and local municipalities on matters concerning land use and redevelopment plans. Francis Giantomasi is a highly experienced zoning and land use lawyer based in Roseland, New Jersey. He is particularly adept at providing representation to developers and land owners in matters pertaining to the redevelopment of urban spaces. **Strengths:** *"Francis is the most incredible problem solver, whether small or big."* Philip Markowitz acts on a broad range of transactional, development and leasing work involving commercial and industrial real estate assets. He is particularly well versed in the retail sector. **Strengths:** *"Philip Markowitz is extremely responsive and he works well with others in his firm."*

Fox Rothschild

What the team is known for

Fox Rothschild LLP is a highly regarded firm with a significant presence in the New Jersey area. The team undertakes an extensive array of work including acquisitions, sales and leasing transac-

tions as well as zoning and tax appeals, acting for a range of large and prominent clients. It advises on high value mixed-use, industrial, commercial and residential development projects across the state as well as further afield. It is also adept at handling matters involving property portfolios as well as individual sites.

Strengths

"Fox Rothschild is willing to take on complicated transactional work and is good at describing complicated business terms."

"The firm coordinates very well together and is very practical in its approach."

Work highlights

Fox Rothschild represented Vision Real Estate Partners in the drafting and negotiation of a lease, involving a 40.36 acre property and four story office building, in Warren, NJ.

Notable practitioners

Robert Klausner is highly respected for his expertise in handling real estate transactions, leasing and development matters. **Strengths:** *"Robert is super technical and helpful."* John Galluccio advises clients on real estate transactional matters.

Riker Danzig LLP

What the team is known for

Riker Danzig LLP is an impressive group providing high quality legal representation on transactional matters in the real estate space. It possesses expertise in diverse matters including multifamily developments, acquisitions and dispositions, governmental affairs and land use issues. It also advises on large scale public infrastructure and redevelopment projects, with further expertise in complex leasing, representing both landlords and tenants in negotiating leases as well as associated disputes.

Strengths

"Riker Danzig is extremely knowledgeable, understands that timing is everything and gets the job done."

"The Riker Danzig team is unbelievably responsive."

Work highlights

Riker Danzig LLP advised JMF Properties in connections with land use approvals for the redevelopment of the former Pine Plaza Shopping Center and related properties for commercial and residential development.

Notable practitioners

Nicholas Racioppi has a broad practice covering both transactional and land use matters, where he regularly obtains government approvals for developers alongside roles handling real estate sales and acquisitions. **Strengths:** *"Nicholas is very creative and understands the regulations."* **Joshua Greenfield** is a growing talent who advises clients on the acquisition, leasing and sale of commercial and industrial properties. He is experienced in the representation of emerging growth companies. **Strengths:** *"I trust him to run independently on things and know that he has a good sense of our particular sensitivities and risk tolerance."*

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

What the team is known for

Sills Cummis & Gross is an expert group that acts across the scope of real estate concerns, with particular strength in retail and office leasing as well as complex redevelopment work. It offers additional

capability in matters including land use, zoning and governmental affairs. It benefits from input from specialists in environmental and public finance law. The team acts for a wide array of significant clients, including prominent financial institutions, leading retailers, property investors and developers.

Strengths

"The firm's bench is outstanding and able to pivot to address changing needs and demands."

"Sills Cummis & Gross provides concise and accurate answers to important questions."

Notable practitioners

Jeffrey Hugh Newman has deep experience in advising retail clients on transactional and commercial matters, as well as offering expertise in contentious matters. Meryl Gonchar has experience navigating complex environmental and land use regulations on behalf of her clients, including handling litigation and administrative proceedings. Real estate department chair **Ted Zangari** is particularly applauded for his in-depth expertise on a broad spectrum of transactional and development matters, where he acts on behalf of both owners and tenants. He has significant additional knowledge on government relations and public policy issues. **Strengths:** *"Ted is always anticipating our needs and brings matters to the forefront."* *"He has strong industry knowledge and stays very aware of what's happening in the broader market."* *"Ted is an incredible commercial real estate lawyer and strategist."* Mark Levenson has a broad practice, which includes longstanding strength in real estate acquisitions, dispositions, leasing and litigation matters. He acts for an array of investment firms and real estate developers. **Strengths:** *"Mark consistently provides good legal and business advice."*

Band 3

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for

Connell Foley LLP offers a wide range of real estate services, with expertise in transactional, development and financing matters. Frequently involved in high profile residential and commercial projects throughout the state. Also has notable expertise in land use and related environmental concerns.

Notable practitioners

Kevin Coakley regularly guides clients through dealings with government agencies in New Jersey, as well as advising on disputes against municipalities. Charles Harrington is well regarded for his work advising developers in obtaining approvals for mixed-use development projects, among other matters. **Neveins McCann** is a well-known real estate attorney with prominent expertise in zoning and land use matters. He serves as cochair of the firm's real estate and land use group **Stephen Urban** advises buyers and sellers across a broad range of transactions, including acquisitions and financings. He also represents landlords and tenants in leasing matters.

Day Pitney LLP

What the team is known for

Day Pitney LLP boasts a strong team of active and experienced attorneys that assists clients with financing, leasing and property transactions. It acts

for a wide range of owners, developers and financial institutions including a number of household names. The team has noted strength in land use and zoning matters, and is also recommended for real estate disputes and state tax controversies.

Strengths

"The firm's response times and client service is exceptional."

"Day Pitney understands the details while doing an excellent job summarizing for their clients who may not be as knowledgeable."

Notable practitioners

Thomas Malman is well regarded by his clients and peers. His practice sees him serve a wide variety of clients on zoning and land use mandates for commercial and residential developments. **Strengths:** *"Tom's institutional knowledge base of all of the municipalities is second to none."* **Thomas Malman** has extraordinary experience in land use. **Katharine Coffey** excels in advising on development and redevelopment projects, with experience advising on issues such as tax exemptions and redevelopment approvals. **Strengths:** *"She's knows the law and is up to date on current legal cases that affect us."* **Peter Wolfson** has substantial expertise in assisting developers on regulatory matters and approval processes. **Strengths:** *"He has seen it all over the years, finds a lane to the goal line and is respected for his good judgment on legal matters."* *"He understands the issues, has vast experience and knows what it takes to see a project through to completion."* **Craig Gianetti** assists clients with all aspects of real estate development and land use. He is noted for his expertise in affordable housing matters. **Strengths:** *"Craig Gianetti has a lot of experience, is very astute with the law and stays on top of legal changes."* **Jennifer Solberg** represents clients in the acquisition and disposition of commercial real estate including multifamily and office properties. **Strengths:** *"Jennifer is highly efficient and extremely smart."*

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC

What the team is known for

Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla is a high quality group of practitioners that adeptly advise landowners, developers, builders and lenders on a wide array of land use and other regulatory matters. The team is highly experienced at handling environmental issues as well as permitting and planning applications, with significant experience in smart growth and green building projects.

Strengths

"The firm has very pragmatic and connected attorneys."

Notable practitioners

Scott Anderson enjoys a strong reputation for real estate development and land use matters. John Giunco showcases a development-oriented real estate practice, which sees him regularly advise on significant land and property acquisitions and sales. **Strengths:** *"John Giunco is an experienced, knowledgeable and strong practitioner."*

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

What the team is known for

Greenberg Traurig has an impressive New Jersey practice that places a strong focus on real estate transactions, with experience negotiating the pur-

chase agreements and leasing of a range of commercial and domestic buildings. The team also advises development companies on land use and environmental matters. Its expertise extends to handling contentious real estate mandates.

Strengths

"Greenberg Traurig exhibited exceptional awareness of our needs and of the commercial factors."

"They are always very responsive to our inquiries and requests."

Work highlights

Greenberg Traurig, LLP represented Abaline Paper Supply in the USD65 million acquisition of an industrial building in Branchburg, NJ.

Notable practitioners

David Freylikhman represents clients such as operators, developers and investors in complex financings, as well as advising on transactions such as acquisitions. **Jody Saltzman** supports a range of clients including landlords and tenants in sophisticated real estate matters. She is recognized for her leasing expertise and depth of experience in the industrial, electric vehicle and fashion industries. **Strengths:** *"Jody Saltzman stands out for her responsiveness, efficiency and personality."*

Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP

What the team is known for

Murphy Schiller & Wilkes boasts a strong presence in the New Jersey real estate market. The team demonstrates its ability to handle a plethora of issues, including financing matters on behalf of both lenders and borrowers, litigation in relation to distressed real estate loans and permitting issues. The group is also relied upon to conduct land use and zoning due diligence.

Strengths

"Murphy Schiller & Wilkes is very responsive."

Notable practitioners

Matthew Schiller of Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP regularly advises on transactional real estate matters, including acquisitions, dispositions and leasing, as well as handling contentious mandates. **Strengths:** *"Matthew has great business sense and is a very smart attorney."* **Charles Wilkes** enjoys a growing reputation in the market. He is noted for expertise in real estate financing matters.

Band 4

Hyland Levin Shapiro LLP

What the team is known for

Hyland Levin Shapiro LLP is well recognized for its sophisticated real estate practice, with experience in acquisitions, financings and sales. The firm serves a range of clients including investors, lenders and business owners. The team is also sought for its expertise in land use and environmental matters.

Strengths

"Hyland Levin has a superb perspective on both national and local law trends and nuances."

"A firm that you can rely on to achieve your goals."

Mandelbaum Barrett PC

What the team is known for

Mandelbaum Barrett has a distinguished practice in the real estate space. The team has considerable strength in handling financings, joint ventures and

leasing issues. Its group is called upon by a wide array of clients including lenders, sellers and landlords. The practitioners are adept at advising on issues concerning industrial properties and office space.

Strengths

"The Mandelbaum team provides the most up to date information on the market."

"They cut to the chase, are deal makers and keep it simple."

Reed Smith LLP

What the team is known for

Reed Smith LLP is noted for its expertise in real estate financing transactions, often acting for lenders.

Saiber LLC

What the team is known for

Saiber LLC represents clients in the full gamut of commercial real estate matters. Its expertise covers acquisitions and dispositions, leasing and financing transactions. The team frequently acts for developers, owner/operators and other commercial users. It is also noted for its experience in the mid-market space.

Troutman Pepper Locke LLP

What the team is known for

Troutman Pepper Locke LLP offers a full range of real estate services spanning leases, acquisitions and financings. It has particular expertise in the energy, retail and pharmaceutical sectors. The team also advises on zoning and land use matters.

Strengths

"The team is aware, smart and knows the commercial real estate business extremely well."

"Troutman Pepper Locke is incredibly responsive, answers client questions directly and offers solutions."

Work highlights

Troutman Pepper Locke LLP represented Sharbell Development Corporation on the sale, leasing and financing of several mixed-use projects in New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Thomas Letizia advises owners and developers on all aspects of real estate transactions and zoning matters. **Strengths:** *"Tom can't provide a higher level of service. His level of sophistication and leadership presence is exceptional."* *"Thomas has excellent local expertise and breadth of experience."*

Rachel Mynhier offers extensive expertise in commercial leasing matters spanning office, retail and warehouse buildings. **Strengths:** *"Rachel always provides a comprehensive response to any question or issue raised."* *"We appreciate her expertise, efficiency and responsiveness."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Rand Agins is held in extremely high regard for his ability to handle acquisitions and leasing issues. His clients include both developers and owners. Thomas Carroll is a highly reputed attorney who is well versed in advising on zoning issues and acting in land use disputes, offering particular experience in affordable housing matters.

Gary Forshner is a zoning and land use specialist who counsels a range of clients, including developers and local businesses. He is well respected for his expertise in project work, including obtaining site plan approvals and zoning permits.

Brad Molotsky frequently acts for developers in matters relating to acquisitions, leasing and financing. **Strengths:** "Brad is an expert in real estate, sustainability and energy. He is always asking

questions and is a fact finder."

Grace Shin of Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Staelman LLP is highly regarded for her practice representing landlords and tenants in substantial commercial leases, which form part of her broad transactional capabilities. **Strengths:** "Grace is extremely responsive." "Grace Shin has an unbelievable eye for detail."

Richard Skolnik is a highly regarded zoning and

land use attorney. He focuses his practice on approvals and zoning due diligence, among other matters. **Strengths:** "Richard is very knowledgeable."

Jason Tuvel is highly sought after by clients for his expertise in the land use approvals process. **Strengths:** "Jason is a tenacious guy with a great deal of breadth of practice."

Tax

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Leading Firms
Band 1
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Riker Danzig LLP
Band 2
FBT Gibbons LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Hansen Heidi Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC (ORL) ♦
Kornstein Alan F. McCarter & English, LLP
Navarino Jason D. McCarter & English, LLP
Ulrich Peter J. FBT Gibbons LLP
Band 2
Ansari Farah Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP (ORL) ♦
Laracy Ward McCarter & English, LLP
Loeb Steven Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC (ORL) ♦
Muller Jeffrey S. McCarter & English, LLP
Sussman David Duane Morris LLP (ORL) ♦ *
Taylor Kristin V. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
* Indicates individual with profile.
♦ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for

Lowenstein Sandler is a well-regarded firm with a strong reputation in the space. The team is held in high regard for its ability to provide guidance on the tax aspects of corporate M&A and restructurings. Its practitioners are also adept at advising clients on cross-border transactions.

Strengths

"Lowenstein Sandler's team provide the legal creativity and conviction that enable clients to not only to comply but to lead."

"The team demonstrates impressive subject matter expertise and has an ability to synthesize, distil and explain complex concepts."

"Lowenstein Sandler adopts a detailed approach to unique situations, has real depth of knowledge and brings the right people to the table."

"The attorneys at Lowenstein Sandler listen attentively and provide actionable, sound advice in a

manner that is easily digestible."

Work highlights

Lowenstein Sandler represented EvolutionIQ on its proposed acquisition by CCC Intelligent Solutions Inc.

Notable practitioners

Kristin Taylor is regularly called upon advise clients on a range of transactional tax issues for both corporates and individuals. **Strengths:** "Kristin is excellent at explaining complex tax concepts to individuals. She also possesses robust subject matter expertise." "Kristin Taylor always works to find a solution to complex situations. She always delivers as promised."

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for

McCarter & English is a pre-eminent tax practice able to advise clients on a wide range of federal tax and SALT issues. The group is adept at handling both transactional and disputes matters, with notable experience in tax planning and structuring. It acts for a diverse list of clients including non-profit organizations and Fortune 500 companies.

Strengths

"McCarter & English is a one-stop shop. Everyone provides a very good service."

"The team at McCarter & English is both responsive and knowledgeable."

"The tax team at McCarter & English is capable of handling complex matters with a practical approach."

"Clients feel protected by the firm and its teams."

Work highlights

McCarter & English represented FMC Corporation in its signing of a definitive agreement for the sale of its Global Specialty Solutions business to Environmental Science US for \$350 million.

Notable practitioners

Alan Kornstein is held in high regard for his extensive expertise in both tax planning and disputes matters. He has experience acting for a broad array of clients from financial institutions to non-profit organizations. **Strengths:** "Alan is an excellent attorney with a significant amount of experience. He always provides great advice." Jason Navarino is noted for his strength in providing counsel on tax issues arising from M&A. He routinely han-

dles issues with complex cross-border elements.

Strengths: "Jason Navarino's expertise and service is top notch." "Jason is one of the most technically savvy attorneys around." "Jason has great technical knowledge and is a very, very good tax lawyer." "Jason is a go-to resource for complex tax matters."

Ward Laracy helps corporate and individual clients in federal and state tax matters. He has extensive experience in trusts and estates. Jeffrey Muller is a partner in the firm's tax, employee benefits and private clients group. He is noted for his expertise in transactional tax matters. **Strengths:** "He was always extremely responsive, communicated clearly and was always available to answer questions and provide clarity as often as we needed."

Riker Danzig LLP

What the team is known for

Riker Danzig's team demonstrates its ability to act on a wide range of tax matters including corporate structuring and litigation. The group is also adept at advising clients on state and local tax. Its clients stem from a number of sectors, including media, biotech and energy, to name a few.

Strengths

"Riker Danzig provides exceptional service in complex matters."

"Riker Danzig attorneys are very responsive and thorough in their approach."

"The team at Riker Danzig provides good subject matter expertise and practical advice."

"Riker Danzig provides strong technical expertise with a practical approach."

Work highlights

Riker Danzig represented Producer Plus Foundation with respect to the structuring of a cross-border initiative dedicated to improving the profit-sharing, sustainability and education of cocoa farmers in Ecuador and elsewhere.

Band 2

FBT Gibbons LLP

What the team is known for

FBT Gibbons is a well-regarded tax practice with a wealth of experience advising clients on a range of transactional tax matters. It offers notable expertise

in tax structuring as well as regulatory and compliance matters. The firm is experienced in state, local and federal tax matters and its clients range from startups to global corporations.

Strengths

"FBT Gibbons provides expert advice in the tax arena."

"FBT Gibbons has real depth of expertise and presence in New Jersey."

"The attorneys at FBT Gibbons are very responsive and operate with an appropriate level of urgency."

Work highlights

FBT Gibbons represented SGS North America, Inc., in its acquisition of Beta Analytic, LLC, a radio carbon testing company.

Notable practitioners

Peter Ulrich has a wealth of experience assisting clients with tax planning and transactional tax issues. He offers additional expertise in cross-border man-

dates. **Strengths:** *"Peter Ulrich is a great attorney in the tax space." "Peter does a great job finding solutions for any tax matters that arise."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Farah Ansari is the co-chair of the nonprofit practice group at Schenck, Price, Smith & King. She is known for her expertise in advising non-profit organizations. **Strengths:** *"Farah Ansari is an excellent and hard-working tax lawyer. She is a leading expert in non-profit taxation in New Jersey."*

Heidi Hansen is the leader of the group at Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi. She regularly advises clients on trusts and estate planning. She is also adept at providing counsel on tax audits. **Strengths:** *"Heidi Hansen is amazing and clients are simply thrilled to work with her." "Heidi Hansen is just so*

smart, strategic and professional." "Heidi demonstrates great strength in both trusts and estates work." "Heidi is a very bright tax lawyer with good communication and personal skills."

Steven Loeb is an experienced tax practitioner who regularly advises on estate planning, estate administration and marital planning to name a few.

His clients include both businesses and individuals. **Strengths:** *"Steve takes the time to understand the depth of any matter presented to him."*

David Sussman is regularly sought after by private equity funds to advise on tax planning. He also assists businesses with tax strategy and operational matters. **Strengths:** *"David learns quickly and provides excellent advice that has stood up to scrutiny." "His level of sophistication is evident in how he breaks down complex issues, offering multiple perspectives and practical strategies that give us the confidence that we're making the best decisions."*

Leaders' Profiles in New Jersey

ADAMS, Matthew

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Featured in Litigation (New Jersey)

Practice Areas: Matthew is Co-Chair of the firm's White-Collar Criminal Defense & Government Investigations Practice Group and an experienced criminal and civil trial attorney. He has a diverse national practice focusing on criminal defense, regulatory compliance and complex commercial litigation.

Known for his courtroom advocacy skills and meticulous attention to detail, he is an indispensable ally to clients ranging from individuals and small businesses to multinational corporations, who turn to him for practical, thorough guidance through treacherous legal minefields. Whether they have been indicted, named targets of a grand jury investigation or are embroiled in a "bet the company" commercial dispute, clients count on Matthew as a "go to" lawyer when it matters the most. Recently, Matthew has become well versed in the U.S. Department of Justice's crackdown on fraud and abuse involving government funding distributed under the Paycheck Protection Program and other CARES Act initiatives aimed at supporting businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. He provides compliance advice to companies that have received emergency funding and represents companies whose loans or grants have come under scrutiny or been referred for prosecution. Matthew is particularly knowledgeable in e-discovery, digital forensics, data privacy, social networking and cybersecurity. His clients routinely rely upon him to advance their interests through the use of high-tech, digital evidence such

as e-mails, text messages, internet IP address and intrusion analysis, metadata and cellular tower triangulation – just a few of the novel forms of evidence with which Matthew has demonstrated proficiency over the course of the last decade. Outside the courtroom, Matthew holds elected office, serving as a councilman on the Scotch Plains, NJ, Township Council, the town's municipal governing body. He was appointed to a then-vacant seat in April 2021 and later elected in a special election in November 2021. Matthew also is President-elect of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey and a former trustee with the Essex County, New Jersey Bar Association. A bar leader, Matthew is at the forefront of novel legal issues, and frequently appears as amicus in trial and appellate courts grappling with issues of first impression and other high impact litigation. Criminal & Regulatory Defense Meticulous, zealous and ethical, Matthew defends individuals and entities that face state or federal criminal charges, regulatory or enforcement actions or are the target of an investigation by enforcement agencies or regulatory bodies at all levels of government. He co-founded and leads the firm's COVID-19 Compassionate Release Task Force, which assists nonviolent offenders in jails and prisons across the U.S. who are at increased risk from the disease, with requests for compassionate release, bail, early parole and medical furloughs. Commercial Litigation Matthew represents individuals and businesses in the prosecution and defense of complex civil actions. Entrepreneurs, startups, closely held businesses and Fortune 100 companies rely on Matthew's pragmatic business sense and effective litigation skills to

prevail in their commercial disputes. Technology & Cybersecurity Technology is a two-edged sword. Matthew keeps at the cutting edge, helping companies investigate and respond effectively to cyberattacks in compliance with local, state, federal and international data breach notification regulations, and defending clients who have been accused of hacking, data theft or cybercrimes. In the same vein, he protects individuals' privacy rights against technology-fueled prosecutorial overreach while strategically employing innovations in the realm of digital forensics and other emerging methods to build and defend cases, often breaking new legal ground. Internal Investigations & Compliance Matthew conducts comprehensive internal investigations for companies of all sizes that face existential crises involving potential internal wrongdoing, or intense regulatory scrutiny of their operations. He employs sharp investigative skills developed in his white-collar defense practice — working closely with professionals such as accountants and digital forensics experts — to identify the facts, present them clearly and provide actionable advice that helps clients minimize liability, preserve their reputations and meet their legal and regulatory obligations. Crisis Management Matthew provides sophisticated crisis management services to companies and individuals facing investigations and civil or criminal liability. Drawing on his extensive white-collar defense and regulatory compliance experience, he helps clients design crisis response plans and oversees their implementation to ensure they are carried out strategically to advance his clients' interests. Community Involvement Matthew prioritizes public

service, dedicating his time outside the office to causes that improve lives and make a difference in the overall quality of life in his community. He is currently an elected member of the Scotch Plains, NJ, Township Council, bringing new perspectives and energy to the town's municipal governing body while working to move his community forward.

Professional Memberships:

Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey | National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers | American Bar Association | New Jersey State Bar Association | Essex County Bar Association | Monmouth County Bar Association | New York County Lawyer's Association | New York State Bar Association | Federal Bar Association | Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America | Essex County Bar Association (Former Trustee) | Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey (President) | New Jersey State Bar Association – Criminal Justice Section (Trustee)

Personal:

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Featured in Litigation (New Jersey)

Practice Areas: Brian F. Amery has dedicated almost four decades to creating a law firm that people respect, trust, and depend on. Since co-founding Bressler Amery & Ross, Brian has utilized his entrepreneurial mindset, business acumen, and legal experience to benefit his clients and colleagues alike. He has instilled a client-first, business-oriented approach in all the lawyers who have

worked alongside him, helping to grow the firm from a small boutique in the early 1980s to the national presence it enjoys today. Brian believes that his clients deserve the very best and strives for excellence every day, and in every matter. As chair emeritus of Bressler and during his tenure as Managing Principal and leader of the Executive Committee, the firm expanded by opening five new offices across four states and significantly enhanced its practice offerings. Brian developed and implemented strategies that have fostered continued growth and profitability. Under his strategic direction, Bressler Amery & Ross has earned numerous industry awards and accolades, establishing a prominent national presence. Brian has always had a keen interest in business. He received both his undergraduate and MBA degrees from Ohio University, where he focused on finance. After graduating from Georgetown Law, he began his legal career in the litigation department at Merrill Lynch, where he cultivated his passion for the financial services sector and securities litigation. Throughout his 40-year career, Brian has committed himself to representing clients in the financial services industry. While his focus is on securities-related litigation, his experience also includes representing brokerage firms in various employment-related claims brought by financial advisers, managers, and staff. These claims have involved wrongful termination, discrimination based on age, race, or gender, and "burned my book" litigation. Additionally, he has represented organizations in class action cases concerning race discrimination and wage and hour issues. Known for his problem-solving abilities, Brian has developed in-depth knowledge of both the business and legal challenges faced by the financial industry. Many general counsels seek his advice to resolve their most complex issues, appreciating his practical, business-oriented approach to developing solutions for difficult cases and regulatory matters. Additionally, Brian offers clients risk management counseling on business issues, leveraging insights gained from his experience as a former General Counsel and Senior Officer of a commodity trading and brokerage firm.

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Featured in Bankruptcy/Restructuring (New Jersey)

Practice Areas: Mr. Bauer has represented debtors, creditor committees, banks and other secured creditors, trade creditors, and landlords in Chapter 11 proceedings and is a New Jersey bankruptcy mediator. Businesses he has represented in Chapter 11 proceedings include a multistate nonprofit behavioral

and mental healthcare facility, a regional supermarket chain, a national distributor of electronics, residential developers and income-producing property owners, construction contractors and small businesses. Mr. Bauer has also been appointed by the court as a Chapter 11 trustee, a liquidating trustee, an assignee for the benefit of creditors and a bankruptcy mediator.

Career: Duane Morris LLP: Partner, 2021-present; Norris McLaughlin PA: Partner, 2007 – 2021; Ravin Greenberg PA: Partner, 1996 – 2007, Associate, 1990 – 1996

Professional Memberships:

Turnaround Management Association; American Bankruptcy Institute; Morris County Bar Association; American Bar Association; New Jersey State Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Northampton County Bar Association; New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Advisory Committee; Association of Federal Bar of New Jersey

Personal: Hofstra University School of Law, J.D., 1988; Dickinson College, B.S., 1985

BEINFELD, Robert H.

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Featured in Public Finance (New Jersey)

Practice Areas: Bob Beinfeld joined Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP in 1985 as an associate attorney and became a partner in 1995. He has specialized in public finance matters of New Jersey counties, municipalities, schools and state and local agencies and authorities. His work with such issuers has involved all phases of the authorization, sale and issuance of general obligation and revenue bonds and certificates of participation including attention to official statement preparation and review, priority of liens and other security considerations, refunding issues, arbitrage and other tax law related matters, and disclosure issues and other securities law related matters. Mr. Beinfeld has served as bond counsel or underwriters' counsel in hundreds of financings in the State of New Jersey, including financings for municipalities, counties, school districts, sewerage authorities, municipal and county utilities authorities, county improvement authorities, housing authorities, parking authorities, fire districts, redevelopment agencies and other issuers. Mr. Beinfeld has served as bond counsel to, among other issuers, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, the State of New Jersey in connection with its \$5.8 billion Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, the New Jersey Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation in connection with its \$3.4 billion of tobacco settlement asset-backed bonds and the New Jersey Turnpike. Mr. Beinfeld has also served as bond counsel to the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission-

ers, the Counties of Atlantic, Cape May, Essex, Morris, Passaic and Union, the Camden County Improvement Authority, the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority, the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority, the Monmouth County Improvement Authority, the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority and the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority. Mr. Beinfeld acted as underwriters' counsel in connection with the \$2.8 billion New Jersey pension bond financing (at the time, the largest municipal bond offering in history) and has served as underwriters' counsel in several financings for, among other issuers, the New Jersey Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, the Bergen County Improvement Authority, the Essex County Improvement Authority, the Hudson County Improvement Authority, the Bergen County Utilities Authority, the Essex County Utilities Authority, the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority, the North Hudson Sewerage Authority, and the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority. In addition, Mr. Beinfeld has represented the liquidity banks in connection with the issuance by the State of New Jersey of commercial paper tax and revenue anticipation notes and has served as trustee's counsel and bank counsel for Bank of Montreal, First Union National Bank, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, North Fork Bank, State Street Bank and Trust Company, Summit Bank, The Bank of New York Mellon, U.S. Bank, Wachovia Bank, Wells Fargo Bank and Wilmington Trust Company, in dozens of financings for New Jersey issuers. Mr. Beinfeld has represented issuers in other states including Connecticut, Indiana, New Hampshire and New York and has represented underwriters in financings by issuers in Connecticut, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New York and Oklahoma. Mr. Beinfeld has been on panels of meetings of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, the New Jersey Association of Environmental Authorities, the New Jersey Association of Counties, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute of Professional Development. Mr. Beinfeld is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the National Association of Bond Lawyers, the American College of Bond Counsel, the Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute of Municipal Attorneys and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of New Jersey and the bar of the State of New York.

Professional Memberships:

National Association of Bond Lawyers
American College of Bond Counsel
New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys
Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey
New Jersey Association of Environmental Authorities
New Jersey Bar Association

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Featured in Healthcare (New Jersey)

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Career: Julia P. Belton is a Partner in the Firm's Corporate Practice Group. She advises businesses, professional practices, and healthcare organizations on complex transactional, regulatory, and strategic matters. Julia brings deep experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and regulatory compliance, with a particular focus on the healthcare and professional services sectors. Clients seek guidance from Julia on regulatory matters, including Medicare and Medicaid enrollment issues, corporate practice of medicine, state licensure, change of ownership, and compliance with other laws and regulations. Julia routinely advises on employment and equity ownership agreements for healthcare practices and facilities, as well. She represents a diverse array of health care clients, including dentists, dental practice groups, management service organizations, home health agencies, licensed professionals, ABA therapy providers, behavioral health providers, hospital and health systems, physicians, and physician practice groups. Prior to joining the firm, Julia was a Partner at another law firm, where she advised healthcare clients on corporate and regulatory matters and supported major transactions across the provider landscape. Before entering the legal profession, she worked as a strategy consultant to leading pharmaceutical companies and executive teams, giving her a unique business-oriented perspective that informs her legal approach. Julia is known for her practical, responsive, and solutions-oriented style. She is committed to helping clients achieve their business objectives while navigating the regulatory and operational complexities that shape today's corporate and healthcare environments. She earned her J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law in 2015 and her B.S. from St. Joseph's University in 2008. She is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York, including the New Jersey Supreme Court, the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

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Career: Tami Bogutz Steinberg is chair of Flaster Greenberg's Business Transactions Department. For over 35 years, scores of business owners, entrepreneurs and closely held businesses across a wide range of industries have turned to Tami as their trusted legal advisor. She is known as a leading business and corporate attorney. She represents businesses in all stages of their business life cycle, from formation through dissolution or sale. Her practice has a large focus on mergers and acquisitions, in addition to representing businesses in bank financings, joint ventures, partnership and shareholder transactions, contracting, dispute resolutions, corporate governance and private placements. Tami works with business owners and C-level executives in identifying their needs and providing practical advice to guide them through the ever-changing business and legal environment, always with their desired goals in mind. She regularly functions as outside general counsel, providing oversight and counsel with the myriad of issues her clients encounter, including corporate, real estate, tax, employment, intellectual property and litigation. She also has considerable experience working with business owners in closely held companies to resolve disputes among the owners. Tami has considerable experience counseling business owners at every stage of the business life-cycle, including protective measures to address potential future business disputes. She regularly assists litigators in settling shareholder and partner disputes that are in active litigation or in which litigation is threatened. She represents both minority and majority shareholders/partners and other disenfranchised parties. Tami also serves as chair of the firm's Gaming Industry

Group. She represents casino developers and operators in the competitive process for new facilities and in running operating facilities. She also represents online sports and gaming entrepreneurs as they maneuver through the regulatory process, in addition to providing them with corporate counsel. Tami assists gaming clients with obtaining financing and licensing, negotiating management agreements, handling general corporate, contractual and regulatory matters and overseeing lobbying efforts, real estate, labor, employment and litigation issues.

Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Bar Association Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey Pennsylvania Bar Association Camden County Bar Association Philadelphia Bar Association International Association of Gaming Advisors (IAGA)

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Career: Duane Morris LLP: Partner, 2004-present; Epstein, Becker & Green: Partner, 1999-2004; Hannoch Weisman, P.C.: Partner, 1989-1999; Kostelanetz & Ritholz: Associate, 1985-1988; Stryker, Tams & Dill: Associate, 1983-1985

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Career: Martin Cabalar is Chair of Becker's New Jersey Condo, Co-Op & HOA practice and represents condominium and homeowner associations, cooperatives and other residential homeowners as general counsel and in complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on construction and real estate related claims. In addition to providing counsel to community associations, Martin represents residential and commercial property owners and contractors in complex construction and contractual disputes. For community association clients, Martin provides advice and counsel on a variety of issues including association governance, contract negotiations, dispute resolution, collections and the applicability and interpretation of governing documents and the law. Martin also counsels his community association clients through pre-litigation transition negotiations with developers and handles all stages of transition litigation with respect to construction defect claims. (See njconstructiondefectlaw.com). He is an advocate for helping clients faced with construction defects left behind by a developer, design professional, general contractor or subcontractor. For residential or commercial property owners, contractors and other clients, Martin provides counsel through pre-litigation negotiations and represents them in lawsuits, mediations and arbitrations. He also represents clients before local municipal Planning and Zoning boards. Martin frequently lectures on community association, development and construction issues for organizations including the Community Associations Institute - New Jersey Chapter, the New Jersey State Bar Association and the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education. Martin is also a regular contributor to Becker's New Jersey Condo Blog, providing commentary and insight with respect to community association law, governance and construction litigation.

Professional Memberships: Member, Legislative Action Committee, CAI-NJ, 2026 Mentee, Legislative Action Committee, CAI-NJ, 2024 - 2025 Member of the Community Associations Institute (CAI) Member of the New Jersey chapter of the Community Associations Institute Member of the New Jersey

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Practice Areas: D.J. Camerson is a Principal at Bressler and a senior member of the firm's preeminent environmental law practice. D.J. has extensive regulatory, transaction, and litigation experience involving federal and state law environmental issues. He has represented and advised clients on issues involving federal and state air, water and solid and hazardous waste matters. Similar to Bressler, D.J.'s practice is multi-jurisdictional and he has represented a wide range of clients (from Fortune 500 companies to individuals) in New Jersey, Colorado, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Louisiana, Florida, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and North Carolina. D.J.'s experience includes complex, multi-party matters to small private actions. In addition to defending clients in response to governmental and private party actions for cost recovery or contribution, D.J. has prosecuted state and federal cost recovery and contribution claims which included the investigation and identification of responsible parties. D.J. has also served as common counsel for multiple parties at several sites and is serving as national counsel in defense of allegations by various states relating to remediation of former retail gasoline service stations. He is highly skilled in Federal and State courts and has extensive experience negotiating disputes through mediation and alternative dispute resolution. D.J. has assisted clients on environmental issues in real estate transactions totaling in excess of \$500 million. D.J. has also led and/or conducted numerous internal/due diligence investigations of environmental incidents and sources/causes of contamination. D.J. has extensive experience in providing clients with federal and state regulatory advice and dealing with state and federal agencies on regulatory and enforcement issues. He has assisted clients in obtaining required approvals and permits and negotiated numerous agreements and orders with governmental agencies. D.J. has served as a panelist at several bar conferences and has lectured extensively including CERCLA: Liability, Enforcement and Cost Recovery and Hot Topics: Environmental Law for LSRPs 2015 at Rutgers University. He also was a guest lecturer in the fall of 2015 on environmental law for the Insurance Law course at Rutgers School of Law in Newark. Most recently, he presented on New Jersey State of the Union at a client organized LSRP roundtable conference. He is a member of the ISRA

and Environmental Issues Committee and served as a Director of the Environmental Section of the New Jersey Bar. D.J. obtained his undergraduate degree in economics from Washington and Jefferson College. He graduated cum laude and received the Birch Scholarship as the Outstanding Student Athlete. D.J. obtained his law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law where he was an associate editor on the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law.

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Career: Mary is a litigator who maintains a practice focused on white collar criminal defense and corporate internal investigations, especially those involving the U.S. DOJ. Her work encompasses the defense of clients in criminal matters including those related to wire and mail fraud, healthcare fraud, financial crimes including money laundering, public corruption including bribery and embezzlement claims, RICO claims, and False Claims Act matters. Mary handles all aspects of litigation, including internal investigations on behalf of financial institutions and other corporate entities, pre-trial motions and plea negotiations, and trials. She has tried numerous cases to verdict and has experience in grand jury investigations, and in guiding clients through the process of responding to subpoenas and investigative demands from state and federal entities, including the DOJ, State Offices of the Attorney General, and local prosecutor offices, as well as federal and state agencies, including the SEC, the Board of Medical Examiners, and the Office of State Comptroller, Medicaid Fraud Division. She also represents clients in complex civil litigation involving shareholder disputes, contract, employment, and construction disputes and other commercial matters. Prior to entering private practice, Mary gained extensive experience as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey for over ten years. In her role as Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, she managed all aspects of litigation from investigation through conviction, supervising the Office's violent crime, narcotics, organized crime

and gang-related caseload and serving as the Office's Grand Jury coordinator. In addition, as Chief of the General Crimes Unit, her responsibilities included the oversight of a variety of cases, including those involving mail fraud, wire fraud, healthcare fraud and tax fraud. Mary's background also includes her tenure as a trial attorney in the U.S. DOJ, Criminal Division, where her work encompassed the investigation and prosecution of complex international narcotics, money laundering and narco-terrorism cases.

Professional Memberships: Essex County Bar Association: President-Elect (2026 – 2027), Vice President (2025 – 2026), Treasurer, Secretary; Criminal Bench Bar Committee; Criminal Law Committee; Former Trustee Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey: Trustee; Vice-Chair, Outreach Committee; ReEntry Committee; Barry Scholarship Committee New Jersey State Bar Association: Federal Practice and Procedure Section New Jersey Women Lawyers Association Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey Women's White Collar Defense Association, New Jersey Chapter

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Professional Memberships: Law360 New Jersey Editorial Advisory Board; Asian Pacific American Bar Association for Pennsylvania

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Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Bar Association (Past Chair and Director – Environmental Law Section) Morris County Bar Association (Past Chairperson – Environmental Law Committee) Supreme Court of New Jersey, District Ethics Committee for Essex County, District V-A (Former Member) **Publications:** "NY, NJ Lease Auctions Highlight US Push For Offshore Wind," Law360, 10 February 2022

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Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Bar Association, Executive Committee, Labor and Employment Section; (Legislative Coordinator for

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Professional Memberships:

American College of Mortgage Attorneys Fellow New Jersey State Bar Association Middlesex County Bar Association: President (2010 – 2011); Real Estate Committee (past Co-Chair)

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and highly regulated environment. Ryan positions clients for success in an industry whose products and services are evolving alongside constantly changing regulations and interpretations of those regulations. Whether defending consumer financial services companies against enforcement actions prompted by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Electronic Fund Transfer Act (EFTA), or others, he assesses whether a claim is part of a larger servicing error or systemic problem that may put the business at significant risk. As a matter of practice, Ryan seeks to understand the client's business, goals and needs, then develops and executes a plan to achieve the desired result. He routinely identifies issues before they develop and is prepared to discuss public relations, crisis management, and other reputation- and business-preserving strategies when necessary. Ryan also helps companies navigate complex class actions and business disputes, including derivative actions, breaches of asset purchase agreements, and claims under New Jersey's Revised Limited Liability Act.

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Career: Prior to joining Fox, Joe was a New Jersey-based partner in the Bankruptcy & Restructuring Department of a national law firm. From 1994 to 1997 he was a principal in one of New Jersey's

largest commercial banking firms. After completing law school, Joe served as the law clerk for the Honorable William F. Tuohy of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey.

Professional Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute | Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors | Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, Board of Trustees (2015 – 2025); Co-Chair, Judicial Conference (2021 – 2022); Chair, Bankruptcy Court Committee (2020) | National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees | New York Institute of Credit | Turnaround Management Association, Sponsorship Subcommittee, Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium (2026), Co-Chair, Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium (2024) | Old Dominion National Bank, Board of Directors.

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Practice Areas: Greg has wide-ranging experience representing public utilities, renewable energy companies, electric generation companies, educational and governmental institutions, and other industry participants. He maintains a comprehensive energy and utility regulatory and transactional practice, with significant experience in base rate cases, rate clause filings, reliability issues, public utility project siting petitions and appeals, mergers and acquisitions, New Jersey Water Infrastructure Protection Act acquisitions, renewable energy (including offshore wind and solar generation projects), demand response and energy efficiency issues, regulatory audits, provider of last resort and competitive third-party supplier issues, and utility financing issues. He also has experience in administrative rulemaking, drafting legislation, and counseling on energy policy issues, as well as appellate experience in both state and federal courts. Greg has litigated hundreds of utility rate and regulatory filings to successful completion. Since the early 1990s, he has handled many base rate cases involving water, wastewater, natural gas, and electric utilities.

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Practice Areas: Daniel Eliaades is a partner in the firm's Finance practice. He regularly represents franchisors, resort owners and associations, real estate developers, automobile lessors, and financial institutions in all phases of debtor and creditor relations. Daniel regularly represents franchisors in out-of-court workouts and restructurings with distressed franchisees; collection and enforcement litigation (including

mediation and arbitration proceedings); bankruptcy cases of franchisees; receiverships; and other debtor/creditor matters involving franchisor-franchisee relations. Daniel has represented franchisors in thousands of such matters throughout the United States and internationally. His representations include efforts to: (a) maximize the recovery of amounts due franchisors; (b) if appropriate, rehabilitate and restructure the exiting franchisor/franchisee relationship; (c) when directed, facilitate the transition of franchised businesses to "good standing" or new franchisees; and (d) protect franchisor marks and systems from unauthorized use or continued use by "bad acting" franchisees. Daniel provides guidance to emerging systems as well as some of the largest franchisors in the world. Daniel routinely assists financial institutions, finance entities, automobile lessors, real estate holding companies, and other entities in loan restructurings, compositions, assignments for the benefit of creditors, commercial collection and foreclosure actions, lease financing, and all phases of bankruptcy representation. His insight into the issues facing lenders well positioned Daniel for his service on the Board of Directors of a publicly traded financial institution. Daniel also represents financially distressed businesses in out-of-court workouts and restructurings in bankruptcy proceedings. He has represented a wide range of retail businesses, manufacturers, timeshare developers, associations, real estate investors and service providers in successful reorganization efforts. Daniel advises timeshare developers, resort owners, associations, and exchange companies in a variety of debtor/creditor issues. He represents association resort owners in inventory recovery programs in judicial and non-judicial foreclosure jurisdictions across the United States. Daniel also represents timeshare developers in bankruptcy litigation, defending consumer claims, financing matters, debt restructurings, HOA litigation, commercial disputes (including construction litigation), and disputes involving third party exit entities. Finally, Daniel has published numerous articles and served as a contributor in reference and practice series in the areas of bankruptcy law, franchise law, foreclosure and bankruptcy fraud. He is a frequent speaker on these and related issues and was formerly an Adjunct Professor, Bankruptcy Law, at New York University, School of Continuing Education.

Professional Memberships: American Bar Association American Resort Development Association Commercial Law League of America Essex County Bar Association International Franchise Association New Jersey Bar Association, member of Franchise Law Committee Vice Chair of the Franchise Law Committee of the New Jersey Bar Association – 2021 – 2022

Publications: "An Overview of Chapter 11 Franchise Cases," American Bankruptcy Institute, 2023 "Friendly Foreclosure: A Non-Bankruptcy Alternative to Resolution of Franchise Defaults,"

New Jersey Lawyer, February 2019 Editor, The Bankruptcy Handbook for Franchisors & Franchisees, American Bar Association Forum on Franchising, 2018 "The Bankruptcy Filing—Initial Issues," Chapter 2, The Bankruptcy Handbook for Franchisors & Franchisees, American Bar Association Forum on Franchising, 2018 "Where Do We Go From Here? The Consequences Of Rejecting Contracts," Westlaw Journal, April 2014 "Hungry For Cash, Casual Dining Co's. May Flock To Ch. 11," Quoted in Law360 article, February 2014 "Too Hot to Cybersquat: How Franchisors Can Use the Anticybersquatting Consumer Protection Act," American Bar Association, Franchise Law Journal, Spring 2012 "Franchisee Chapter 11: A Primer for Franchisors," ALM Law Journal Newsletter, February 2008 "Elusive Sovereign Defendant: A Primer on Sovereign Immunity in Bankruptcy Proceedings under 11 U.S.C. §106," New Jersey State Bar Association Bankruptcy Law Section Newsletter, November 1999 "Bankruptcy Fraud," Chapter 34, Business Crime, Matthew Bender, 1999 "Partnerships," Volume 12, New Jersey Pleading and Practice Forms Series, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing, 1996 "Fraudulent Conveyances," Volume 9, New Jersey Pleading and Practice Series, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing, 1996 "The Fair Foreclosure Act: A Mixed Bag for Lenders and Borrowers," ECFB Chronicle, December 1995 "Tax Assessors Personal Liability for Biased Assessments," Real Estate New York, November 1995

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also encompasses disputes between physicians in a medical practice, business disputes between the buyers and sellers of an existing business, disputes between partners and shareholders as to their mutual rights, insurance coverage disputes, and more. Dennis has additional litigation experience related to real estate and commercial disputes, and general equity matters.

Professional Memberships: Superior Court of New Jersey List of Civil Mediators (1998 – present); American Arbitration Association (AAA); Litigation Counsel of America Senior Charter Fellow; American Bar Foundation Fellow; College of Community Association Lawyers Fellow; National Conference of Bar Presidents Fellow; Construction Lawyers Society of America Charter Fellow; New Jersey State Bar Association: Construction Law Section; Dispute Resolution Section (former Board of Directors); Nominating Committee (former Member); Equity Jurisprudence Committee (former Chair); Middlesex County Bar Association: President (2003 – 2004); Middlesex County Bar Foundation: Board of Trustees (former Member); New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys: Senior Trustee; New Jersey Builders Association; Community Associations Institute; American Bar Association: Construction Litigation Committee of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Sections (former Co-Chair); Forum on Construction Law; Diversity Law Institute; Trial Law Institute; Editorial Board of the Journal of Community Association Law (former Member)

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Professional Memberships: American College of Environmental Lawyers: Fellow and Past President, Co-Chair, International Pro Bono Committee, Chair, Cuba Working Group American Bar Foundation Fellow

Publications: 'ISRA Compliance: Environmental Issues in Transactions and Brownfields Redevelopment' (ICLE 2013, 8th Ed.); 'Contractual Allocation of

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technology, food & beverage, real estate, construction and healthcare, as well as service industries. He counsels clients on issues including buy-sell provisions and trade secret protection. He also represents issuers and underwriters in public and private offerings and counsels clients concerning corporate governance and SEC compliance issues.

Professional Memberships: New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2010 – present) New Jersey State Bar Association; Business Law Section, Board of Directors (former Chair) Middlesex County Bar Association
Publications: Author, 'Organization and Sale of Small Businesses' and numerous articles.

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Career: Jack focuses his practice on commercial real estate and business transactions, with particular experience in industrial, commercial, and retail real estate matters. His practice includes acquisitions, dispositions, leasing, financing, redevelopment projects, environmentally impacted transactions, landlord-tenant matters, and alternative energy initiatives. He represents clients in sophisticated transactions involving large-scale acquisitions, mixed-use developments, data centers, specialized assets, and complex financing structures. Jack regularly advises real estate developers, real estate investment trusts (REITs), commercial and industrial property owners and operators, commercial tenants, healthcare systems, and real estate investors. Jack has significant experience addressing the impact of environmental laws on commercial real estate transactions, including matters involving New Jersey's Industrial Site Recovery Act (ISRA). He advises clients on the acquisition and redevelopment of environmentally contaminated properties and negotiates agreements involving environmental liabilities, post-closing obligations, and related insurance issues. He also counsels clients on alternative energy and solar development matters, including transactional and funding issues affecting leases and related agreements. His work includes negotiating and drafting Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreements (EPCs), Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), rooftop leases, easement agreements, access agreements, and related contracts.

Professional Memberships:

American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL) Fellow; Programs Committee, Chair; Changes in the Profession Task Force Committee, past Chair; Energy Subcommittee of Land Use and Environmental Committee, Chair; Land Use and Environmental Committee, past Chair; Board of Governors, former member NAIOP New Jersey: Board of Trustees

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Publications: Editor and Contributor, "Commercial Real Estate Transactions in New Jersey" (ICLE 2019 – Fourth Edition) Contributor, "Commercial Real Estate Transactions Handbook" (Aspen Press, updated to 2019) Contributor, "Brownfields – A Comprehensive Guide to Redevelopment of Contaminated Property" (ABA 2010)

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Practice Areas: In his national real estate law practice, John helps clients capitalize on emerging opportunities ranging from complex 1031 acquisitions and dispositions to construction financings and retail leases. With nearly two decades of experience in all aspects of real estate law, John concentrates his practice on construction financing, acquisitions and distressed debt dispositions. In the area of leasing, he assists a national roster of landlords and tenants in preparing and negotiating lease agreements for office, industrial, and retail properties. As a strategic legal adviser, John stays at the forefront of emerging market trends to help clients leverage new techniques and opportunities as well as avoid potential risks. He advises on compliance requirements for like-kind exchange transactions to ensure tax-deferred treatment under IRC Code Section 1031. He also guides the structuring of these exchanges from a real estate perspective. Frequently quoted on commercial real estate topics, John was a guest instructor at the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority's Redevelopment Training Institute.

Career: Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, John was a partner in the real estate practice of a Northeast regional law firm.

Professional Memberships:

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Career: Bob's practice is devoted to providing support in the redevelopment and revitalization of communities throughout New Jersey. As a leader of the firm's redevelopment practice, he brings decades of hands-on experience to the representation of private and public sector clients in countless redevelopment projects, including those related to downtown and urban revitalization efforts, transit-oriented development, sustainable building initiatives, special improvement districts (SIDs), and public-private partnerships (PPPs). Bob provides guidance to builders, developers, real estate entrepreneurs, municipalities and other clients in redevelopment planning, including project siting and property acquisition. He assists with securing redevelopment area designations and land use approvals, and in the drafting and negotiation of redevelopment plans and redevelopment agreements. He counsels clients on project financing, including opportunities to leverage financial incentives such as Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) tax abatements. Bob has specialized expertise in the redevelopment field related to population density and parking demand, design and construction issues, as well as condemnation and eminent domain actions and sustainable building practices, including projects seeking LEED certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). His experience also encompasses complex commercial litigation, construction litigation and appellate work before the Third Circuit, the New Jersey Supreme Court and the New Jersey Appellate Division.

Professional Memberships: Newark Regional Business Partnership; Real Estate Council Downtown New Jersey; Board of Directors: Past President New Jersey Future Board of Trustees Regional Plan Association; New Jersey Committee The Counselors of Real Estate New Jersey Chapter NAIOP New Jersey; Legislative Committee (past co-Chair) New Jersey Builders Association; Mixed-Use Developers New Jersey State Bar Association New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill's Interdisciplinary Advisory Task Force New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; Ad Hoc committee focused on Special Improvement Districts (Former Member) New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Civil Practice and Procedure (Former Member)

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Career: Andrew Graw's work is informed by his belief that a company's greatest asset is its employees. Whether he is crafting an equity-based program, a deferred compensation arrangement or a 401(k), pension, or fringe benefit plan, he provides practical solutions that serve his clients' needs. He is consistently ranked in the category of Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation law in New Jersey by Chambers USA. The rules and regulations governing compensation arrangements are complex and frequently changing, and businesses sometimes discover that their benefits plans are no longer in compliance. Under such circumstances, clients appreciate Andy's ability to think outside the box and suggest solutions that avoid costly problems. Andy has a successful track record representing clients on either side on many issues. He has represented employers that sponsor 401(k) and pension plans, as well as the third-party administrators of such plans; businesses hiring and recruiting senior executives and the executives being recruited; and companies acquiring new businesses and those divesting them. Andy also handles fiduciary and other benefit-related disputes. He counsels clients through the prelitigation phase, and, if necessary, the litigation process itself. Despite the complex and myriad regulations in his field, Andy makes a point of communicating with his clients in clear and understandable terms, providing them

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Practice Areas: Construction Litigation Healthcare Real Estate

Career: Jacky is a highly accomplished attorney and chair of the Construction Law Group at Mandelbaum Barrett PC. With a passion for the construction industry, Jacky draws on her wide-ranging expertise to represent a diverse clientele, including owners, developers, investors, lenders, and contractors throughout every stage of the construction process. From the initial conception and project planning phase to contract negotiations, bid preparation, and project delivery, Jacky brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her clients. She is an advisor who understands her clients' businesses providing valuable guidance and strategic advice to mitigate risks and maximize project success. Recognized as a formidable force in resolving construction-related disputes, Jacky's expertise extends to a wide array of construction-related issues. She adeptly handles payment disputes, lien claims, defective design and construction claims, delay claims, indemnity claims, personal injury claims, labor and employment matters, as well as default and convenience terminations. Her comprehensive approach allows her to effectively advocate for her clients' interests, no matter the complexity of the dispute. Jacky is also well-versed in litigating claims against surety bonds and construction insurance policies, ensuring her

clients' rights and interests are protected. She also addresses creditors' rights and bankruptcy issues, offering a holistic perspective when navigating challenging financial circumstances. Jacky's reputation for excellence is widely recognized in the legal community having achieved a ranking in Band 1 for Construction Law in Chambers USA, recognizing her as one of the top ten attorneys in the state. This accolade is a testament to her unparalleled commitment to her clients and her deep understanding of construction law. Jacky's dedication to professionalism and her commitment to delivering exceptional legal services have earned her the AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell. This esteemed distinction represents the highest level of professional excellence as determined by her peers. Jacky's impressive track record extends beyond accolades and rankings. She has successfully tried cases in state courts, administrative tribunals, and arbitration panels, showcasing her courtroom prowess and ability to advocate passionately for her clients' interests.

Publications: Construction Contract Must-Haves, Surety Bond Quarterly, December 4, 2025 How AI Is Transforming Collision and Mechanical Repair Shops, Thomas Greco Publishing, November 5, 2025 Ethical Considerations in Construction Contract Negotiations, Construction Executive, April 17, 2025 Avoid Costly Surprises When Building a Clinic, Today's Veterinary Business, February 1, 2025 Construction Chaos: Protecting Your Building From Contractor Woes, Habitat Magazine, December 1, 2024 From Clouded Titles to Clear Solutions: Defending Against Construction Liens, New Jersey Law Journal, April 23, 2024 5 Benefits of Arbitration for Construction disputes, Construction Dive, January 26, 2024

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chemical, waste, retail, heavy industrial, construction, municipal, financial and other sectors in environmental matters including the defense of natural resource damages claims, contaminated sediment sites, the defense and prosecution of private and government initiated environmental cost recovery claims, citizen suits, the defense of government penalty actions, permit challenges, administrative appeals, site remediation matters, as well as on-scene emergency responses and government inspections. John also received formal mediator and arbitrator training through the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR).

Professional Memberships: Pennsylvania New Jersey U.S. Supreme Court American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources Secretary, 2024 – 2026 Executive Committee, 2024 – 2026 Budget Taskforce, 2024 – 2025 Cyber Security Legal Task Force and SEER Liaison, 2023 – 2025 Special Committee on SEER Policy Positions – Chair, 2021 – 2024 Section Council Member, 2018 – 2021 Strategic Planning Committee, 2018 – 2019 Superfund and Natural Resource Damages Litigation Committee – Chair, 2016 – 2018; recognized as Best Committee 2016 – 2017; Vice Chair, 2014 – 2016 Section Liaison, Dispute Resolution Section, 2012 – 2013 Dispute Resolution Committee – Chair, 2010 – 2012; Vice Chair, 2008 – 2010 American Railway Development Association: Environmental, Law and Real Estate Committees Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey, Environment Committee Chair, 2022-present New Jersey Bar Association Pennsylvania Bar Association Philadelphia Bar Association

Publications: Resilient Environments and Landscapes Rule Updates MGKF Special Alert – 2026 New Jersey Forecast – January 20, 2026 New Jersey Governor Sherrill's Environmental Priorities MGKF Special Alert – 2026 New Jersey Forecast – January 20, 2026 NJDEP Has Begun Issuing Requests for Information Directly to LSRPs MGKF Special Alert – November 14, 2025 New Jersey's Coastal Flood Rules MGKF Special Alert – 2025 New Jersey Forecast – January 17, 2025 ABA SEER Year in Review 2010, co-author of Alternative Dispute Resolution chapter

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Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Bar Association

Publications: Contributing Author, Commercial Real Estate Transactions in New Jersey (NJICLE, 4th Ed 2019) Contributing Author, ISRA Compliance: Environmental Issues in Transactions, Brownfield Redevelopment and the Site

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Professional Memberships: Healthcare Financial Management Association New Jersey Chapter: CARE (Compliance, Audit, Risk & Ethics) Forum New Jersey State Bar Association American Health Law Association

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Practice Areas: Vikas Khanna is Chair of the White Collar Practice Group at Sills Cummis & Gross. He is an accomplished trial attorney and litigator whose practice focuses on white collar defense and internal investigations. Vikas Khanna counsels individuals, small businesses, and corporations facing complex enforcement investigations conducted by federal and state authorities, including the U.S. Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, state attorneys general, and district attorney's offices. His work spans a broad range of industries, including health care, financial services, technology, and other highly regulated sectors. View Vikas Khanna's full attorney profile: www.sillscummis.com/professionals/vikas-khanna/

Career: As the Acting United States Attorney and First Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, the Office's first and second highest positions, Vikas Khanna supervised over 150 Assistant United States Attorneys and was responsible for managing every aspect of the Office, including all criminal, civil, civil rights, and appeals matters. At the U.S. Attorney's Office, he previously served as Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, supervising the Health Care and Government Fraud, Opioid, and Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Units; Deputy Chief of the Health Care and Government Fraud Unit; and a line Assistant United States Attorney. He handled some of the Office's most high-profile and significant trials and investigations.

KING, David

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Featured in Litigation (New Jersey)

Practice Areas: – Litigation – Product Liability – Real Estate Litigation & Dispute Resolution – Business Divorce & Partnership Disputes – Restructuring & Finance Litigation – Corporate Litigation

Career: David King is a partner in Herrick's Litigation Department. David has broad complex commercial litigation experience. He has significant real estate

and construction litigation experience. He also represents lenders and other parties in complex partnership and joint venture disputes, and in foreclosure and restructuring matters. He has also prosecuted and defended significant malpractice cases, including legal and accounting malpractice matters, and successfully defended multiple class actions. David is an experienced insurance and reinsurance litigator, having represented both insureds and insurance companies in coverage matters and reinsurance claims. David practices in state and federal courts and has tried over a dozen matters to verdict before courts and arbitration panels. He is recognized as an AV Preeminent-rated attorney under the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings. Significant matters include the representation of the Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee of Winstar Communications in an adversary proceeding in Delaware Bankruptcy Court. David co-chaired the three-month bench trial, recovering a judgment worth over \$300 million on preference, equitable subordination and breach of contract claims. David also successfully defended appeals of the judgment to the District Court of Delaware and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, where the Court affirmed the Bankruptcy Court in all relevant aspects and left the judgment fully intact. Other recent matters include the successful defense of Bridgestone Americas in the Third Circuit's landmark Marcus class action decision, his representation of a consumer products manufacturer post trial, where he secured reversal of a multi-million dollar jury verdict and a new trial in a published New Jersey Appellate Division opinion, and his successful representation of a registered investment advisor in a multi-million dollar key-man disability policy coverage action. Most recently, he prosecuted through trial auditing malpractice claims valued at approximately \$90 million on behalf of a group of hedge fund investors against a prominent international accounting firm, and he is representing the Condominium Board of a Billionaire's Row property in construction defect litigation claims valued in excess of \$100 million.

Professional Memberships: – Law360 New Jersey Editorial Advisory Board, Member (2023)

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Practice Areas: Co-Chair of the Real Estate Department, Robert has more than 30 years of both legal and business experience in the real estate industry. Throughout his career, Robert has represented clients in connection with a wide variety of office, industrial and retail transactions, including the leasing of more than 100 million square feet of

space, the purchase and sale of more than \$40 billion worth of properties, and the borrowing and lending for more than \$25 billion worth of properties. Robert has also served as lead attorney in connection with 12 “Deal of the Year” Awards from NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate Development Association). Robert possesses in-depth insight and hands-on knowledge into leasing, acquisitions and dispositions, joint venture structuring, financing and build-to-suit development. He has been recognized for his reputation among clients in the industry and by NJBIZ, which selected him to its list of the 50 most powerful and influential real estate industry professionals in New Jersey. Chambers USA has selected Robert to its list of leading New Jersey real estate attorneys for 14 consecutive years. Beyond this scope of his legal practice, Robert spent several years immersed in the business side of real estate, acquiring and developing properties in urban areas. This insider's perspective allows him to craft practical strategies and solutions that address the legal aspects of his clients' real estate needs.

Career: Robert started his career at Shearman & Sterling and was previously a partner at Day Pitney, Thacher Proffitt & Wood and Drinker Biddle & Reath.

Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Bar Association | New York State Bar Association | Rutgers Business School Center for Real Estate Advisory Board

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Practice Areas: Marissa focuses her practice on white-collar criminal defense, complex commercial litigation and legal issues related to social media use. She provides thorough and analytical legal representation, looking at criminal and civil matters from every angle. An original thinker who seeks out novel legal solutions, Marissa is a tenacious, compassionate advocate clients trust when they face potentially life-altering legal challenges. Marissa has a wide range of experience in criminal defense, fiduciary litigation and regulatory law related to social media use. That includes risk mitigation for brands, agencies, businesses, firms, endorsers, advertisers, and individuals that are involved in social media advertising, endorsements and influencer agreements. She is particularly well-versed in representing clients charged with digital-related crimes and cases where cell phone data is used as evidence. She has written extensively on the topic of the U.S. Justice Department's scrutiny of pandemic relief programs and has handled litigation and appeals involving the Paycheck Protection Program. She has also represented medical professionals against charges of prescription fraud and clients in domestic violence litigation. She is active in the New Jersey Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Women of

White Collar Defense Association. She has contributed to New Jersey Supreme Court and Supreme Court of the United States amicus briefs involving a wide array of issues. Regulatory Compliance and Commercial Litigation Marissa works proactively with businesses to design compliance assurance and ethics programs designed to reduce the likelihood of violations that can lead to investigations and regulatory action. Companies that have identified or been informed of potential internal wrongdoing, or are under intense government scrutiny, rely on Marissa to conduct thorough internal investigations to help determine their potential risk and respond appropriately. Marissa also provides legal representation that helps companies and individuals resolve business disputes, fiercely protecting their interests in commercial litigation involving breach of contract and other issues. She has represented a large car company, investors in a real estate investment firm and a church pastor and his congregation in a leadership dispute. In addition, she counsels clients on compliance with state and federal health care and occupational health and safety laws and regulations and represents medical professionals in cases involving malpractice and Medicare and Medicaid fraud. Social Media Counsel Marissa helps clients avoid the legal and regulatory pitfalls related to social media use. That includes risk mitigation for brands, agencies, businesses, firms and individuals that are involved in social media advertising, endorsements and influencer agreements. Marissa provides guidance on: – Child-directed endorsements – Child user/consumer considerations – Scope of liability – Disclosures – Contests and sweepstakes – Deceptive advertising – Consumer actions – State regulations – Brand/business and influencer contract agreements She is well-versed in Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) regulatory requirements and enforcement tools, and counsels clients facing criminal or civil liability or investigations related to social media. She can also help clients prepare manuals on proper and improper social media use for employees.

Career: Prior to joining Fox, Marissa was an attorney at an East Coast-based law firm. After law school, Marissa was a law clerk to the Honorable Rachelle Lea Harz at the New Jersey Superior Court, Civil Division. During law school, Marissa was a legal intern at a local New Jersey firm and a research assistant to Professor Vera Bergelson. She was also a judicial intern to the Honorable Katharine Hayden of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, a research assistant to Professor Gary Francione and a legal intern at the Office of Prosecutor for the Central Municipal Court of Bergen County. Additionally, she was a law clerk at a local New Jersey firm.

Professional Memberships: Supreme Court of New Jersey, Criminal Practice Committee and District Ethics

Committee for District IIA (2021 – 2023) | Morris Pashman Inn of Court (2016 – 2018) | Rutgers Alumni Association of Rutgers Law School – Newark, Board of Trustees | Women Lawyers in Bergen Young Lawyers Division, Co-Chair | Women's White Collar Defense Association, Vice Chair for the Sponsors Committee; Social Media Coordinator (NJ Chapter) | Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey (Trustee)

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Featured in Energy & Natural Resources (New Jersey), Environment (New Jersey)

Career: Barbara represents project owners, developers, investors, and energy industry stakeholders in traditional energy, renewable energy, battery storage, and infrastructure projects. Her practice focuses on permitting, development, interconnection, regulatory compliance, enforcement matters, and state and federal incentive programs. She advises clients on complex state and federal environmental permitting matters, including Clean Air Act Title V compliance, New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDDES) and Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act (CAFRA) approvals, Industrial Site Recovery Act (ISRA) obligations, and New Jersey Environmental Justice requirements. Barbara also represents clients in enforcement actions and regulatory proceedings involving the EPA, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBP), and regularly serves as New Jersey local counsel to national law firms. Barbara has significant experience in renewable energy and infrastructure development matters, including solar, agrivoltaic, and battery storage projects. She assists clients with development incentives, interconnection agreements, Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contracts, Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), and energy rights-of-way matters. In addition, Barbara advises solid waste companies, brokers, recyclers, vendors, and investors on A-901 licensing, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) requirements, facility transfers, and related regulatory compliance matters.

Professional Memberships: American College of Environmental Lawyers Fellow New Jersey State Bar Association: Corporate Sustainability, Cleantech, and Climate Change Special Committee, Member and past Co-Chair; Public Utility Law Section; Environmental Law Section NAIOP New Jersey Board of Trustees American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources Energy Bar Association Florida Bar Association New Jersey Builders Association Environmental Affairs Committee New Jersey Women Lawyers Association

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Practice Areas: Anthony La Rocco focuses his practice on a wide range of complex commercial and insurance coverage litigation, including unfair competition, contract disputes, and healthcare and ERISA disputes. He is an AV-rated lawyer—the highest available rating by Martindale-Hubbell for legal ability and professional ethics. Currently, Anthony leads a team of lawyers from firm offices across the country who are involved in significant reimbursement litigation matters. This team represents healthcare providers in cases against various insurance companies' health benefit plans and their third-party administrators, addressing issues related to the under-payment and non-payment of claims for a variety of covered medical testing procedures conducted nationwide. Insurance Coverage Anthony exclusively represents corporate and individual policyholders and has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars from insurance companies involving claims pertaining to numerous types of policies and a variety of areas of insurance coverage, including significant provider-side healthcare reimbursement claims, property damage coverage for environmental site remediation, bodily injury and property damage for construction and manufacturing events, advertising injury, intellectual property coverage for trademark/unfair competition claims, product liability, toxic tort and laboratory malpractice claims, and claims involving directors and officers and errors and omissions liability, among others. He has been retained as an expert witness and consultant in insurance matters and is a frequent speaker on insurance law topics. Anthony has been listed in Best Lawyers in America® in the area of Insurance Law (Dispute Resolution) since 2008. Business Litigation Anthony's commercial and business litigation experience includes antitrust (Sherman and Clayton Acts), trade secret misappropriation, trade libel and disparagement, software licensing litigation involving the Digital Millennium Copyright and Lanham Acts, lost profits, fraudulent conveyance, and corporate veil piercing. He was lead trial counsel in a groundbreaking antitrust jury verdict which was the first antitrust claim of its type to make it to trial and to a successful verdict since the plaintiffs in Eastman Kodak v. Image Technical Services in 1992. Anthony has also defended companies and executives against online defamatory attacks by competitors, former employees and customers in connection with internet defamation, trade libel and unfair business practices litigation. Healthcare and ERISA Disputes Anthony's healthcare and ERISA disputes experience includes representing healthcare providers, ranging from major hospital systems to medical device companies, in disputes with payor insurance

companies, health benefits plans, and third-party administrators. Anthony also has substantial experience counseling healthcare providers by evaluating contracts with payors (network contracts and participation agreements), patients (assignments of benefits and ERISA rights), and internal procedures to ensure compliance with regulations and carrier guidelines. He also advises on public relations strategies associated with the in- or out-of-network status affecting the communities served by his healthcare provider clients.

Professional Memberships: Knight in the Order of St. Gregory the Great and a member of The Association of Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (Eastern Lieutenancy of the United States). American Bar Association (Litigation Section, Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee) National Diocesan Attorneys Association New Jersey State Bar Association (Insurance Law Committee)

Publications: "An Ounce of Prevention—Why Investigating a Health Plan's Grandfathered Status Matters to Providers," Bloomberg Law, 16 August 2018 "An Ounce of Prevention—The Importance of Early Review of Assignment of Benefits and Powers of Attorney," Bloomberg Law, Health Law & Business News Insight, 21 June 2018 "Select Reimbursement Issues for NJ Out-of-Network Hospitals," New Jersey Law Journal, 1 September 2015 "Do PIBS Puncture Learned Intermediary Doctrine?," New Jersey Law Journal, 9 August 1993

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Practice Areas: Dawn M. Lamparello concentrates her practice in environmental law, including related regulatory compliance and litigation concerning various federal and state environmental statutes. Dawn counsels clients in connection with CERCLA site studies and remedies, as well as RCRA waste management issues, across the United States. She serves as common counsel to approximately 50 companies participating in the Lower Passaic River Study Area Cooperating Parties Group, which is engaged with federal and state agencies in a CERCLA study of the Lower Passaic River in Northern New Jersey. Dawn brings her significant remediation experience to advise clients on transactional matters, including environmental implications associated with corporate restructures, real estate transactions, and bankruptcy matters. Dawn also monitors and manages issues related to PFAS and other emerging contaminants under various EPA and state programs.

Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Bar Association, Environmental Law Section, Board of Directors New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, Editorial Board, 2012 – 2025 New Jersey State Bar Association, Renewable Energy, Cleantech and Climate Change

Committee, Past Co-Chair American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources: Superfund and Natural Resource Damages Litigation Committee, Past Marketing Vice-Chair NJ LEEP (Law Education Empowerment Program). Served as mentor to a high school student in Newark, NJ in this law-related education programming organization.

Publications: "Biosolid Contaminants Spawn Litigation, Regulation Risks," Law360, August 2025 New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, Special Editor, Renewable Energy, June 2024 New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, Author, 'Forever Chemicals' and the Law: Broadening PFAS Regulations and Legislation, June 2024 New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, Special Editor, Renewable Energy, June 2022 New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, Special Editor, Technology and Law, June 2019 New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, Special Editor, Bankruptcy, February 2019 New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, Special Editor, Environmental Law, October 2016 "Key Environmental Liability Considerations in Bankruptcy Actions," New Jersey Lawyer, October 2016 New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, Special Editor, Class Actions, April 2015

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Career: Chris concentrates her practice on condominiums, planned real estate developments, and community associations, with significant experience advising residential and commercial developers on compliance with New Jersey's Planned Real Estate Develop-

ment Full Disclosure Act (PREDFDA) and related regulatory requirements. She handles all aspects of project registration before the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, including preparation of public offering statements, master deeds, declarations, and governing documents. Chris also advises on public disclosure compliance, builder registration, conversion and eviction laws, community association regulations, new home warranty matters, consumer protection issues, and housing and building code compliance. Chris represents clients in connection with residential, commercial, industrial, and mixed-use developments, including condominium conversions, phased developments, affordability-restricted housing, and projects involving Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Housing Administration requirements. She also advises successor developers, sponsors, lenders, owners, and associations on operational and regulatory issues affecting existing and distressed communities. In addition, Chris handles acquisitions, sales, financing, and leasing of commercial and residential real estate, and provides litigation support relating to construction defects, sponsor transition matters, collections, and alternative dispute resolution involving community associations.

Professional Memberships:

American College of Real Estate Lawyers Fellow College of Community Association Lawyers Fellow New Jersey State Bar Association: Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section, Board of Consultants (Chair, 2010 – 2011); Amicus Committee (former member) Community Associations Institute – New Jersey Chapter (CAI-NJ); National Legislative Action Committee – NJ (past Chair); Board of Directors (former member and past Vice President); Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act Task Force (former member); Education Committee (former member); Editorial Committee (former member) Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey

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Featured in Healthcare (New Jersey)

Practice Areas: Fox Rothschild's Chief Privacy and HIPAA Compliance Officer, Co-Chair of the firm's Data Privacy and Security Practice and Chair of its Government Relations Practice, Elizabeth serves as national and regional counsel to a wide range of health care related entities including hospital systems, health care facilities, regulated and self-funded health plans, and health care technology companies. With more than 30 years of experience in the industry, she is known nationally as a go-to source for insight on health care law and regulation. Elizabeth provides advice related to artificial intelligence (AI) governance, contracting and regulatory compliance to health care providers, medical technology companies and related service providers. Clients trust her timely and practical legal advice

to help them grow their companies and avoid costly legal pitfalls.

Career: Governor's Appointee on Legal Privacy to the Governing Board of the New Jersey Integrated Population Health Data Project, which oversees an effort to use data to drive population health research designed to improve residents' health, safety, security and well-being and improve government efficiency.

Professional Memberships:

American Law Institute CLE Health Law Advisory Panel | Association of Corporate Wellness (Executive Committee) | American Health Lawyers Association | Health and Hospital Law Section, New Jersey State Bar Association | Health Care Financial Management Association (Publications Committee) | International Association of Privacy Professionals | New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute | New Jersey Integrated Population Health Database Governing Board, governor appointee on HIPAA and data privacy.

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Featured in Intellectual Property (New Jersey)

Practice Areas: Jerry is a patent attorney and concentrates his practice mainly in intellectual property, corporate and litigation matters. With an M.S. in polymer science, a Ph.D. in organic chemistry and substantial industrial experiences in both U.S. and China, Jerry has experience in all areas of intellectual property law with a focus on chemistry, pharmaceutical, biotech, material sciences and medical device-related inventions and FDA law and regulations. He helps individual and institutional clients from both the U.S. and China in pharmaceutical, cosmetic, chemical and biotech, as well as other industries on their matters in various areas of law. He counsels clients regarding their IP strategies, global IP rights protection and drug development strategies. He often advises on patent protection strategies and drafts and prosecutes patent applications globally. He also advises on trademark registration strategies and applies for trademark registrations globally; provides patentability, non-infringement, invalidity and freedom-to-operate analysis and opinions; conducts IP due diligence for investment, corporate mergers and acquisitions, technology transfer or licensing, etc.; and advises on new drug development strategies and abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) processes. Jerry also assists clients in corporate and litigation matters. He advises on business entity selections and help with formation of U.S. companies or subsidiaries; prepares and negotiates business contracts, such as service contracts, collaboration contracts, clinical trial contracts, joint venture agreements and technology transfer or license agreements, etc.; advises on corporate structuring, shareholder agreement and private equity transfers, etc.; and helps evaluate and resolve commercial or IP disputes and provide technical and legal analysis in complex patent/trade secret

litigations, in particular Hatch-Waxman patent litigations. Jerry serves as the chair of Fox Rothschild's national China Practice Group and as co-leader of the firm's China IP initiative, where he applies his in-depth knowledge of the Chinese economy and intellectual property landscape to serve clients that operate in or have IP interests in China and the U.S.

Career: Upon obtaining a B.S. degree in chemistry and an M.S. degree in polymer science and before coming to the U.S., Jerry worked as an assistant engineer in the technology development department of Yizheng Chemical Fibre Co., Ltd., now a subsidiary of Sinopec, of China. Upon obtaining his Ph.D. degree in organic chemistry with Prof. Sir Derek H. R. Barton (Nobel Prize, 1969) at Texas A&M University, Jerry worked as a postdoctoral research associate with Prof. Lanny S. Liebeskind at Emory University for over two years and then worked as a research investigator/senior research investigator in the pharmaceutical development division of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company for several years. His research experience includes organic synthesis, radical chemistry, organometallics, transition metal-catalyzed reactions, heterocycles, polymers, and biomedical materials, in particular pharmaceutical process research and development and scale-up of processes in glass plants and pilot plants under the FDA's cGMP guidelines. In law school, Jerry participated in the Community Law Clinic and served as a Facilitator in the Minority Student Program tutoring the first-year law students in the Criminal Law class. He was also active in the Rutgers Intellectual Property Law Society and Rutgers International Law Society. Jerry joined Fox Rothschild as a Summer Associate in summer 2007 and then worked as a part time law clerk for one year before becoming a full-time associate with the firm in 2008.

Professional Memberships: New York American Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA) | New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) | Chinese American Chemical Society (CACS) | Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association (SAPA), President | University of Science and Technology of China Alumni Association of Greater New York (USTCAAGNY) | University of Science and Technology of China Alumni Foundation (USTCAF) | Chinese American Cosmetics Professional Association (CACPA)

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Practice Areas: Lisa has successfully litigated matters before the state and federal courts of New Jersey and New York, as well as the American Arbitration Association, with a focus on construction matters. Her experience in commercial litigation and construction litigation is unique in that she represents both plaintiffs and defendants. She was co-lead counsel in a three-year long arbitration representing a major university in a claim

involving extensive and complex design and construction defects, which resulted in a multimillion-dollar award in our client's favor and the arbitrator striking down a limitation of liability clause. Unlike most litigators in the construction arena, Lisa also has experience drafting and negotiating contracts. She has worked with owners, contractors, subcontractors, and designers on contracts for projects involving academic centers, public schools, laboratory facilities, office buildings, energy facilities, public-private projects, and building additions of varying sizes. Namely, Lisa is lead construction counsel for a prominent healthcare system in the tri-state area.

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Featured in Labor & Employment (New Jersey)

Practice Areas: Appellate Commercial Litigation Corporate Crisis Management Labor & Employment Litigation Regulatory & Compliance Cannabis Construction Consumer & Retail Financial Services Food, Beverage, and Hospitality Healthcare Insurance Non-Profit Private Client Services Professional Services Real Estate

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Practice Areas: Boris I. Mankovetskiy is a Member of the Creditors' Rights/Bankruptcy Reorganization Practice Group at Sills Cummis & Gross. He has significant experience in hospital and other health care provider bankruptcies throughout the United States, particularly representing the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. Boris Mankovetskiy represents official creditors' committees, debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, investors that focus on distressed situations, and other parties-in-interest in corporate insolvency matters. His practice involves advising clients in complex corporate restructurings, including Chapter 11 cases and out-of-court workouts. Additionally, he represents investment management firms in debt restructuring matters, commercial workouts, and Chapter 11 cases. Beyond representing health care industry clients, he represents clients in the telecommunications, commercial real estate, retail, manufacturing, transportation, construction, and pharmaceutical industries. View Boris Mankovetskiy's full attorney profile: www.sillscummis.com/professionals/boris-mankovetskiy/

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Practice Areas: Corinne is a seasoned trial lawyer who helps business leaders resolve complex, high-stakes commer-

cial, constitutional, regulatory, real estate and construction disputes. Owners and executives of companies facing existential challenges rely on Corinne to design and implement multi-front legal strategies that protect their interests and advance their business goals. She often coordinates the services of experts in technical fields, including forensic accounting, actuarial science, architecture and design, engineering, quality assurance, public affairs and government relations. She represents clients in a range of highly regulated industries, including pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, life sciences, construction, real estate and land use, insurance, transportation and commercial banking. She helps them solve a broad range of legal problems involving contract disputes, regulatory overreach, civil and property rights issues, unfair competition, fraud, breach of fiduciary duties and intellectual property violations. Corinne is skilled with real estate litigation, particularly as it relates to property and development disputes. Landowners and developers depend on her to find ways to overcome regulatory challenges. Corinne regularly appears before the New Jersey state and federal courts, the State of New Jersey's Office of Administrative Law, and in arbitration as both lead and local counsel. She also has extensive experience as lead counsel in appellate matters and applications involving constitutional claims and statutory disputes.

Career: Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Corinne was an associate at an East Coast-based law firm, where she was a member of the firm's Associates Committee, Technology Committee and Cybersecurity Committee. She also previously worked as a judicial clerk from 2008 to 2011 for Chief U.S. District Judge Garrett E. Brown, Jr., in the District of New Jersey and from 2007 to 2008 as a judicial clerk to Judge Clarkson S. Fisher, Jr. in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey. While in law school, Corinne held internships in the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, Appellate Section, as well as judicial internships with Judge Thomas R. Vena in the Superior Court, Essex County, Criminal Division, and U.S. District Judge Dennis M. Cavanaugh in the District of New Jersey. Additionally, Corinne was an intern with Seton Hall University School of Law's Juvenile Justice Clinic, where she appeared in family court in defense of juvenile offenders. She was chair of the school's public interest fundraising efforts and served as senior notes editor for the Seton Hall Legislative Journal.

Professional Memberships:

Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey | Federal Bar Association | Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce | Lifland Inn of Court | Monmouth County Bar Association, Trustee (2026 - 2027) | New Jersey State Bar Association, Civil Trial Bar Section, Federal Practice and Procedure Section, Women in the Profession Section | New Jersey Women Lawyers Association | Trial Attorneys of New Jersey | Mercer County District VII Ethics

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Featured in Environment (New Jersey)

Practice Areas: Keith McManus, a principal in the firm's Environmental Law practice group, is an experienced environmental practitioner, particularly in the areas of Superfund and cost recovery litigation. Keith defends companies in CERCLA matters nationwide, including in some of the largest Superfund sediments cases in the country, both in allocation proceedings and in litigated settings. In addition to his defense work, Keith helps his clients recover their remediation costs from other responsible parties by prosecuting CERCLA and Spill Act cost recovery claims. Given the significant passage of time that is typically associated with legacy environmental liabilities, a deep dive into the historical record is often critically important and Keith takes pride in using all available historical resources to develop a factual narrative that best positions his clients to defend or prosecute environmental claims. Keith also works closely with technical experts to develop the scientific basis to support clients in allocation and litigation proceedings. On the transactional side, Keith advises clients concerning state and federal environmental regulatory compliance issues and guides clients through all aspects of site remediation projects. He also drafts environmental provisions for purchase and sale agreements and professional services agreements. Keith also works to ensure that his clients maximize recovery from their insurers by advising clients on a wide array of complex environmental and general liability insurance issues, including handling claims, coverage disputes, and the allocation of environmental and products liability among insurers and policies. While at Boston College Law School, Keith was Senior Articles Editor of the Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review. He received his undergraduate degree from the College of William & Mary.

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Practice Areas: Ian is a former Co-Chair of the firm's Labor & Employment Department and a former member of the Executive Committee. He practices labor and employment law, representing employers across the country in both union and non-union contexts. He works closely with human resource professionals and in-house counsel to navigate the increasingly complex workplace-related rules and regulations mandated by the myriad of laws to provide creative, prac-

tical, cost-effective advice and solutions to employment issues. In the unionized area, Ian focuses on: union avoidance/union organizing campaigns representation proceedings; strikes, mass picketing, and union access disputes; collective bargaining and contract administration; arbitrations; and unfair labor practice proceedings. Ian also counsels and assists employers with respect to, among other things: development and implementation of personnel policies and procedures; discipline and discharge of employees as well as employee leave issues; development and administration of Affirmative Action Plans; negotiation, drafting and enforcement of employment and severance agreements; and harassment avoidance and training. Additionally, a significant portion of Ian's practice includes ensuring compliance through periodic labor and employment-relations audits and court appearances and administrative hearings on a variety of subjects, including wrongful discharge, employment discrimination, occupational safety and health matters (OSHA), wage and hour disputes, unemployment compensation claims, non-compete, non-disclosure and trade secret disputes. In conjunction with the firm's Taxation & Wealth Planning Department, Ian provides advice with respect to tax implications of employment-related matters and provides extensive counseling and guidance on employee benefits.

Professional Memberships: American Bar Association | New Jersey State Bar Association (Member, Executive Committee of the Labor & Employment Section, former Chair) | Camden County Bar Association | Mercer County Bar Association | Sidney Reitman Employment Law American Inn of Court (Bencher and Former Executive Director of Southern New Jersey) | Past Chair, Employment Law Group, Lexwork North America | Vice President, Academy of New Jersey Management Attorneys | Fellow, The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers

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Career: Duane Morris LLP: Partner, 2017-present; Drinker Biddle & Reath: Partner, 1995-2017; Cohen, Shapiro,

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Professional Memberships: New Jersey Bar Association; Princeton Bar Association; American Bar Association; Chemical Council of New Jersey.

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Career: Steve focuses his practice on redevelopment, land use, and community association law. He represents developers, property owners, municipalities, condominium associations, and homeowners associations in matters involving redevelopment projects, land use approvals, tax incentives, and community association governance throughout New Jersey. His redevelopment and land use practice includes mixed-use, residential, industrial, commercial, office, retail, and affordable housing projects. Steve advises clients on redevelopment agreements, redevelopment area studies and plans, redevelopment ordinances and resolutions, financial agreements (PILOTs) under New Jersey's Long Term Tax Exemption Law, and state incentive programs administered by the Economic Development Authority (EDA), including Aspire Program matters involving low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC). He also represents clients before municipal, county, and state planning and zoning boards in connection with permits, variances, and development approvals. Steve's practice is informed by prior legislative experience as Chief of Staff to a member of the New Jersey General Assembly, providing him with insight into the intersection of redevelopment law, public policy, and local government. In addition, Steve advises condominium and homeowners associations on governance, operational, and compliance matters. His community association practice includes interpretation and amendment of governing documents and bylaws, contract drafting, collections, rule enforcement, fiduciary obligations of board members, transition matters, Municipal Services Act compliance, and dispute resolution. He also represents associations in construction defect litigation, Fair Housing matters, landlord-tenant disputes, and alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

Professional Memberships:

American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL) Fellow New Jersey Builders Association: Redevelopment Counsel; Legislative Affairs Committee Community Associations Institute - New Jersey Chapter (CAI-NJ); Board of Directors (2026): President (2025); Executive Committee (2022-2025); Membership Committee: Vice Chair (2020), Member (2019); National Legislative Action Committee - NJ: Member (2026; 2013-2016) Board Liaison (2020-2025) New Jersey

State Bar Association: Land Use Law Section, Secretary (2026-2027), Board of Directors (former Member), Legislative Committee (former Chair) NAIOF New Jersey: Legislative Committee and Regulatory Affairs Committee Rutgers Business School Center for Real Estate Advisory Board Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of New Jersey **Personal:** While attending law school, Steve was a semi-finalist in the Nathan Baker Mock Trial Competition, and was a three-time merit scholarship recipient

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Featured in Litigation (New Jersey)

Career: Vincenzo is an experienced litigator with significant litigation and trial experience representing clients in civil and criminal cases, mediations, arbitrations, trials and appeals. Vincenzo is Chief Operating Officer to Becker's NY/NJ offices, serves as the firm's Chief Strategy Officer, and chairs its New York and New Jersey litigation teams. He focuses his practice on business and construction litigation (see njconstructiondefectlaw.com). He has represented clients in civil and criminal cases, mediations, arbitrations, trials and appeals involving complex contractual disputes. In the construction sphere, Vincenzo has spearheaded complex veil piercing analyses, including the analysis which supported Becker's jury verdict in Grandview I and winning summary judgment motion in Grandview II. Given this rich background and experience, Vincenzo brings significant litigation and trial experience to his representation of our clients. As the firm's youngest equity shareholder and Chief Operating Officer of our northeast offices, Vincenzo has built a client-centric model that at its core employs a business minded approach to every engagement.

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Featured in Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (New Jersey)

Practice Areas: Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

Career: With a focus on ensuring compliance and minimizing cost, Megan Monson advises businesses and C-suite executives on a wide variety of employee benefits and executive compensation matters. She represents an array of public and private businesses of varying sizes and across multiple industries. Megan's experience ranges from plan design, implementation, and ongoing administration and compliance through termination. She provides legal counsel pertaining to tax qualified plans, welfare plans, and Affordable Care Act issues, as well as on deferred compensation and equity arrangements intended to attract and retain employees. Megan also assists in the negotiation of employment and separation agreements and applies honed skills in both company and executive representation. Due to her exposure to analyzing the issues from both perspectives, Megan is able to effectively negotiate, identify, and advise on potential problems before

progress can be obstructed. Moreover, she provides counsel on the employee benefits and executive compensation aspects of business transactions. This includes assisting with the transition of employee benefits arrangements; implementing new benefits arrangements such as retention bonuses, management incentives, and equity plans; complex 280G analyses and completion of shareholder votes; and negotiating the terms of benefits deal documents. Prior to joining the firm, Megan worked as a tax consultant for Deloitte Tax LLP. While attending law school, she served as a judicial intern for the Hon. Freda L. Wolfson of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

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Professional Memberships: American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Environmental Committee American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOE) New Jersey State Bar Association, Trustee (2004-present) New Jersey State Bar Association, Past Chair, Environmental Law Section Morris County Bar Association, Past President (2003) Morris County Bar Foundation, Past President (2002) New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Civil Practice (1993 – 1996) Chemistry Council of New Jersey Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey Environmental Law Institute National Stone Sand and Gravel Association New Jersey Business and Industry Association New Jersey Asphalt Pavement Association

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Publications: "Environmental Justice at a Crossroads," New Jersey Law Journal, 25 February 2002 "Environmental Justice: Meeting the Challenge," The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel, February 2002

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Publications: "FTC's Labor-market Rule Ends Most Noncompetes for Physicians, If It Clears" Part B News, May 2, 2024 "The Non-compete Ban and Your Practice" Physicians Practice, April 26, 2024 "IRS Crackdown Shows Your Covid Program Responsibilities Aren't Over" Part B News, October 5, 2023 "The recent uptick in False Claims Act investigations explained," Medical Economics, February 24, 2023. "Fighting Back: Facing extinction amid monopolization, independent pharmacies see a lifeline," NBJIZ, January 17, 2022.

Personal: Mohamed H. Nabulsi, Healthcare Chair at Mandelbaum Barrett, represents healthcare providers, organizations and entrepreneurs in complex healthcare transactions, strategic affiliations, regulatory matters, governmental

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Career: John is a trial attorney certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney. He has tried jury and non-jury cases in state and federal courts, including more than 75 jury trials to verdict. His practice focuses on high-exposure litigation involving catastrophic injury, toxic torts, negligence, public entity liability, professional liability, employment disputes, healthcare litigation, and construction and real estate matters. John represents public entities, hospital systems, real estate developers, financial institutions, and professionals, including physicians, attorneys, accountants, and insurance brokers. John has significant experience defending toxic tort and personal injury actions, as well as employment claims brought under the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (NJLAD) and Conscientious Employee Protection Act (CEPA). He also represents hospital systems and healthcare clients in physician privilege disputes, medical staff litigation, and related trial and appellate matters involving medical staff bylaws, tortious interference, fraudulent inducement, and suspension or termination of privileges. In the real estate and construction sectors, John represents commercial and residential developers in design and construction defect litigation and matters involving the Planned Real Estate Development Full Disclosure Act (PREDDFA) and Consumer Fraud Act. His practice also includes the defense of professionals in negligence and malpractice actions and representation of financial services clients in lender liability, financial fraud, and negotiable instrument disputes. John is also an author and lecturer on evidence and trial practice. His publications include A Trial Lawyer's Strategic Guide to the New Jersey Rules of Evidence, contributions to Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts, and a chapter in Winning Legal Strategies for Construction Law. He regularly lectures on trial practice and evidence issues for continuing legal education programs sponsored by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Professional Memberships: International Academy of Trial Lawyers Fellow American College of Trial Lawyers Fellow Litigation Counsel of America Senior Fellow, Order of Centruons Barrister, Order of Certus Advocate Trial Attorneys of New Jersey (President, 2012) New Jersey State Bar Association, Civil Trial Bar Section Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey Million Dollar Advocates Forum Trial Law Institute Diversity Law Institute

Publications: Author, "A Trial Lawyer's Strategic Guide to the New Jersey Rules of Evidence," (NJICLE) 2013 Contributor,

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Career: Steve represents owners, developers, construction managers, general contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, condominium associations, and sureties in construction-related transactions and disputes throughout the New Jersey and New York metropolitan area. With more than 30 years of experience, he advises clients across all phases of commercial and residential construction projects, from contract negotiation and project delivery strategy to claims management and litigation. Steve regularly prepares, modifies, and negotiates customized construction agreements, including industry-standard forms published by organizations such as the American Institute of Architects, ConsensusDocs, and the Design-Build Institute of America. His practice includes advising owners, developers, contractors, and licensed design professionals on risk allocation, contract administration, and dispute avoidance strategies. He also has notable experience representing condominium associations and unit owners in connection with construction and renovation projects within condominiums and other common-interest communities. When disputes arise, Steve represents clients in state and federal courts, as well as in mediations and arbitrations, involving public and private construction projects. His litigation and dispute-resolution work encompasses claims relating to construction defects, design and performance defects, mechanic's liens, payment disputes, delays, disruption, acceleration, liquidated damages, lost productivity, force majeure, warranties, and payment and performance bonds. He also handles matters involving design professional malpractice and errors and omissions claims. In addition, Steve represents clients in regulatory and public contracting matters, including proceedings involving alleged violations of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act and the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code Act. He regularly defends clients before municipal courts, the Construction Board of Appeals, and the Office of Administrative Law.

Professional Memberships: Construction Lawyers Society of America, Charter Fellow, Order of Equitas Barrister Litigation Counsel of America Fellow New Jersey State Bar Association: Construction Law Section, Past Co-Chair (2022 – 2023) American Arbitration Association (AAA): Panel of Construction Arbitrators; Consumer Panel American Bar Association: Forum on Construction Law (2024 Annual Meeting Session Coordinator; 2023 Mid-Winter Meeting Session Coordinator); Young Lawyers Division, (New Jersey Delegate to the

Assembly, 2004 – 2005), Young Lawyers Division Newsletter (Editor, 2003 – 2004) Law360 Real Estate Editorial Board (2024 – 2025); Real Estate Editorial Advisory Board (2023); Construction Editorial Advisory Board (2022) Diversity Law Institute Trial Law Institute **Personal:** New Jersey State Board of Bar Examiners (appointed by New Jersey Supreme Court) (Bar Reader, 2007 – 2022). While attending law school, served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Law and Policy and was the recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award in Legal Writing.

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Professional Memberships:

American Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association, Essex County Bar Association, Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey

Personal: Tricia B. O'Reilly is an accomplished litigator and trial attorney with more than twenty years of experience in the fields of commercial litigation, employment law, and internal investigations. As a commercial litigator, Tricia has assisted clients across a broad range of industries in matters involving commercial contract disputes, shareholder oppression, unfair competition, fraudulent business practices claims, intellectual property, and antitrust litigation, and in defending complex, putative class actions. She has represented clients in state and federal courts. In her employment practice, Tricia specializes in the representation of management in employment disputes and has conducted dozens of internal investigations for major corporations, educational institutions, and privately held businesses. She has litigated cases in federal and state courts involving claims for wrongful discharge, breach of employment contracts, restrictive covenants and trade secrets, alleged discrimination and retaliation under state and federal anti-discrimination, and whistleblower statutes. Tricia has tried numerous cases to jury verdict. Tricia also has a depth of experience in representing institutions of higher education across a broad range of issues, including investigating Title IX complaints and defending against Title IX claims. Before entering practice as an attorney, Tricia served as a law clerk to the Honorable Nicholas H. Politan, former United States District Court Judge for the District of New Jersey. She has been named one of New Jersey's Women Leaders in the Law, Labor and Employment and to the 2015 "Best Lawyers in America," Commercial Litigation. (This award, published by Best Lawyers in partnership with US News & World Report, is not approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Selection method-

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Career: Christine Oswald-Mruz focuses her practice on executive compensation and employee benefits. In addition, she handles an array of limited liability company, partnership, and joint venture matters. Across her practice, Chris helps clients design, negotiate, and formalize ways of sharing in the value of a business. Versatile and pragmatic in her approach, Chris asks incisive questions that enable her to assess the key issues and tailor the response to each client's particular needs. Chris' work at Lowenstein Sandler includes equity compensation plans and incentives, phantom equity, bonus plans, executive employment agreements, and severance and change-in-control agreements. She advises on the compensation and benefits aspects of mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, and other complex corporate transactions. She also navigates clients through complex tax rules, particularly Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. In the limited liability company area, Chris addresses relationships among owners, including economic rights as well as management and governance. Her projects include structuring operating companies to which owners may contribute capital, property, or services, and negotiating joint ventures. In constructing profit interest plans, Chris combines her experience in LLCs with her experience in executive compensation.

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restrictive covenant enforcement, discrimination, sexual harassment, retaliation, employee theft, and wage and hour issues. In addition to litigation, she provides guidance to clients in the areas of reducing risk, trade secret protection strategies, restrictive covenant use and enforcement, practices to prevent unfair competition, human resource support, employment infrastructure (policies, agreements, on- and off-boarding protocols and procedures, employee classification, reporting, discipline, and record keeping), employee misconduct and theft, and compliance with the law and government regulations. Additionally, she conducts internal investigations and supports her clients through government/administrative agency investigations and audits. Patti Prezioso serves local, national, and international businesses of all sizes, with clients ranging from the Fortune 100 to start-ups, in numerous industries, including pharmaceutical, manufacturing, logistics, technology, fashion, luxury goods and furnishings, e-commerce, and service providers. View Patti Prezioso's full attorney profile: www.sillscommis.com/professionals/patricia-prezioso/

Career: Before entering private practice in 2007, Patti Prezioso was an Assistant Attorney General in the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, where she was the lead prosecutor in *State v. McGuire*, one of New Jersey's most infamous murder trials. She also served as an Assistant District Attorney at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where she was a designated homicide assistant and a member of the Sex Crimes Unit. She frequently speaks on trade secret and restrictive covenant issues and strategies, discovery and investigations, and trial advocacy. She is licensed to practice law in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Professional Memberships: Member, New Jersey State Bar Association – Executive Committee, Labor and Employment Law Section Member, The Sedona Conference Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association Former Member, Supreme Court of New Jersey District VB Ethics Committee (completed service in 2016) Former Member, Supreme Court of New Jersey Committee on Women and the Courts (2002 – 2006)

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Professional Memberships: Mr. Prisco is a Community Associations In-

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Publications: "Community Associations + Civil Litigation: A Primer", Community Trends, August 2024 "Master Deeds, Declaration and Bylaws: Oh My! A Guide to Community Association Governance in New Jersey", Community Trends, June 2024

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Career: Thomas Prol was appointed Chair of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy in June 2023. In that role, he and his fellow commissioners oversee fiscal monitoring of Garden State election candidates and campaigns, monitor state independent expenditure committees, and regulate state lobbyists and lobbying activity. He serves as General Counsel to the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey and Special Environmental Counsel to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority. Previously, he was Associate General Counsel and Agency Chief Contracting Officer for New York City's Department of Consumer Affairs. Prior to practicing law, he was an environmental scientist and enforcement officer for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and served two years as a volunteer in the U.S. Peace Corps in Nepal. He has also held externships with the U.S. Attorney's Office (E.D.N.Y.), the New York City Commission on Human Rights, CNN, and The Carter Presidential Center.

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He assists clients with corporate compliance programs, audits, government investigations, voluntary self-disclosures, advisory opinions, Certificates of Need, and approvals required by the New Jersey Department of Health, the Attorney General, and the Community Healthcare Asset Protection Act (CHAPA). He also advises on medical staff matters, including bylaws, fair hearing requirements, and privileging issues, and represents healthcare entities in litigation involving provider-payor disputes, restrictive covenants, and medical staff proceedings.

Professional Memberships: Healthcare Financial Management Association New Jersey Chapter: Chair, Communications Committee; Editor, Garden State FOCUS Magazine American Health Law Association: Hospitals and Health Systems Practice Group

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Career: Jeff's unique background of also having an MBA and CPA, as well as having worked as a controller for a wealthy individual provided him with the tools necessary to assist clients in the finance area in negotiation and documentation of loan transactions, workouts and bankruptcy cases throughout the United States and in many cross-border transactions. He is a Partner and Chair of the Firm's Bankruptcy and Creditor's Rights practice and the Banking and Financial Services practice. He has advised money center, regional and community banks, hedge funds, private equity funds, commercial finance companies, as well as borrowers, entrepreneurs and other interested parties in such transactions, workouts and bankruptcies. Jeff can help clients navigate difficult transactions to a successful closing as well as working with clients to maximize their recoveries from stressed and distressed companies and fraud situations. Jeff has represented healthcare lenders in various loan transactions and workouts. Jeff has handled 363 sales for lenders, bidders and debtors as well as being involved in Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors, funding borrowers to conduct their own orderly liquidation, assisting lenders in funding Chapter 7 trustees to do orderly liquidations, Article 9 sales under the Uniform Commercial Code and purchasers in "loan to control" transactions. His creativity and vast knowledge of difficult situations has resulted in some unusual workouts that have had successful results for his clients. Jeff has spent the bulk of his career with very different firms. At his first firm, he was the eleventh lawyer to join a regional NJ law firm that he helped grow to 65 lawyers before he left for a larger platform for his asset based practice. He spent 12 years as one of the founding partners of the NJ office of an international firm that was over 1,700 when he left. He practiced in New York for a few years and then returned to Mandelbaum Barrett, which had approximately 65 lawyers when he joined and is now over 140 lawyers and still growing. He has regularly appeared on panels and written articles relating to commercial lending, workouts, bankruptcy and fraud in asset based loans. He has been an instructor for the Commercial Finance Association's Advanced Legal Issues since its inception. Since 2018, Jeff has been selected by his peers to The Best Lawyers in America® list which highlights top practitioners

in various areas of practice across the United States. Jeff was named to the Super Lawyers list - New York and New Jersey from 2007 to Present.

Professional Memberships:

-American College of Commercial Finance Attorney (currently a Fellow, previously served as a Regent) -Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys -Turnaround Management Association -Commercial Finance Association -Board member and officer of various charitable organizations, including past president of Jewish Family -Services of the Delaware Valley and the Mercer County Chapter of the American Heart Association.

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Career: Paul is a foundational figure in New Jersey's legal community. A tenacious trial lawyer with a career that spans decades, he has long been recognized both statewide and nationally as one of the most formidable practitioners of complex commercial and matrimonial litigation. His career has been characterized by the shrewd legal judgment and sharp-sighted instincts that have made him a trusted advisor in some of the most prominent and highly publicized litigations in New Jersey history. Paul's influence on the practice of law extends far beyond the courtroom. He is the original author of New Jersey Business Litigation, the definitive resource utilized by practitioners and the judiciary to navigate business disputes. He also serves as the co-author of the Guidebook to Chancery Practice in New Jersey, which remains the standard textbook for judges and equity lawyers throughout the state. These seminal works continue to shape the legal landscape and serve as a testament to his deep intellectual command of the law. Throughout his practice, Paul has successfully managed a diverse portfolio of sophisticated matters, including partnership and corporate disputes, antitrust cases, professional malpractice defense, stock fraud, intellectual property disputes, construction matters, complex chancery litigation, and high-profile matrimonial cases. His enduring legacy of success in both jury and non-jury trials remains the hallmark of the firm's commitment to excellence and high-stakes advocacy.

Professional Memberships: American College of Trial Lawyers Fellow International Academy of Trial Lawyers Fellow American Bar Foundation Fellow New Jersey State Bar Association: Family Law Section; Equity Jurisprudence Special Committee; Fee Arbitration Committee (past Chair) Essex County Bar Association (past President) Legal Services Foundation of Essex County: Trustee and past President Middlesex County Bar Association New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (former Trustee) American Bar Association: Litigation Section; Family Law Section

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Richard Sapinski's practice involves white collar defense on both federal and state levels and civil and criminal tax litigation, as well as international tax reporting and compliance issues. View Richard Sapinski's full attorney profile: www.sillscommis.com/professionals/richard-sapinski

Career: Before entering private practice, Richard Sapinski was employed by the IRS Office of the District Counsel as a Trial Attorney and later as a Special Trial Attorney (international) with the IRS Office of Regional Counsel, Mid-Atlantic Region.

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Career: Joseph Shumofsky was a federal prosecutor for nine years, serving in the United States Attorney's Office in the District of New Jersey and in the Southern District of Florida.

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Career: Paul H. Shur is a Shareholder in Becker's Corporate Practice and heads the Banking and Finance Group. Mr. Shur focuses his practice in all aspects of commercial and financial transactions and related litigation enforcing and defending creditors' rights. Having more than 30 years of experience, he has represented a broad array of clients in secured lending, asset based lending, commercial finance, debt restructuring, sales and lease transactions, negotiable instruments, letters of credit, documents of title, real estate secured transactions, and title insurance defense. A thought leader in his field, Mr. Shur has written extensively on a variety of topics including e-signatures and e-documents, commercial transactions, second lien financing, Uniform Commercial Code, equipment finance, and loan participation; published in the *Banking Law Journal*, *Uniform Commercial Code Journal* and *ABFJournal*. Additionally, he is an avid speaker at industry seminars and conferences throughout New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania on topics of interest to clients and continuing legal education. Mr. Shur is a Fellow of the prestigious American College of Commercial Finance Attorneys and serves as Education Chair to the New Jersey and New York Chapters of the Secured Finance Network. He also serves as a member of the Executive Board of Directors and Education Chair of the New York Institute of Credit, and as Board Member Emeritus and Chair of the Banking Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

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Career: Richard Simon, who has practiced law for over 30 years is a Shareholder, Co-Chair of the Firm's Banking and Financial Services Practice Group, and Partner in Charge of the Firm's New York Office. Richard has extensive experience in, all aspects of commercial lending, including commercial and industrial, both bilateral and syndicated, asset-based lending, factoring, trade, purchase order, supply chain and other alternative financing, finance litigation, and commercial transactions. Throughout his career he has acted as outside general counsel, advising clients on a myriad of issues confronting midsize to large businesses on a daily basis, including business structure, planning, finance, corporate governance, cybersecurity and privacy issues. Richard, who first became a partner in 2000, also spent ten

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Career: Lydia is a business lawyer with a practice focused on commercial lending and real estate finance. She provides representation in commercial real estate financing transactions, serves as an expert witness related to transactional issues, and provides third-party closing opinions as local counsel in financing transactions. Having served as counsel to both lenders and borrowers in real estate acquisition, construction, permanent mortgage (including CMBS) and mezzanine financings, she also has significant experience in real estate loan workouts and debt restructuring transactions and has represented real estate developers and investment funds in connection with the formation of joint ventures to acquire, develop, construct and manage properties. Lydia has handled the structuring, negotiation and documentation of both secured and unsecured corporate and commercial loan transactions and other credit accommodations. Her work in this area includes revolving credit and term loan facilities, syndicated and participated credits, letters of credit and bankers' acceptances, asset-based financings, liquidity facilities and tax-exempt financings. She has represented lenders in the negotiation and documentation of inter-creditor agreements. Lydia also has experience in a variety of general corporate, commercial and real estate matters. She has negotiated and drafted contracts in connection with a wide range of transactions including acquisitions and divestitures, LLC and partnership agreements, leases, easements, and management agreements.

Professional Memberships: Working Group on Legal Opinions Foundation; Board of Directors and Operating Committee (2019-present); Affinity Groups Function Co-Head (2019 – 2022) American College of Mortgage Attorneys (ACMA) Fellow; Co-Chair, Senior Fellows Committee (2022-present); Strategic

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Career: Duane Morris LLP: Partner, 2013-present; Day Pitney LLP: Partner, 2006 – 2013, Associate, 2000 – 2005; Lum, Danzis, Drasco, Positan & Kleinberg LLP: Associate, 1997 – 2000.

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Practice Areas: A Principal of Bressler since 1990, Mark Tallmadge's practice is concentrated in trial and appellate litigation involving professional negligence, insurance coverage, insurance insolvency and bad faith issues. In an era where very few lawyers go to court, Mark is a true trial and appellate lawyer, and is valued for his pragmatic approach, negotiating skills and intuitive ability to create synergy where most professionals become mired in strife. When a negotiated solution cannot be achieved, Mark is a litigator whose courtroom experience has proven to be a significant advantage to his clients. A noted authority in the areas of insurance insolvency and insurance coverage litigation, Mark provides comprehensive litigation representation in the areas of professional liability, environmental claims, and the representation of state insurance guaranty associations. In addition, Mark is the litigator other lawyers turn to when faced with a professional liability lawsuit or ethics grievance. His

professional negligence litigation practice is known throughout the state, and he is frequently retained to defend even the most difficult claims. Mark remains ever mindful of each client's specific concerns about a given case and is retained again and again for providing a truly objective assessment of the situation at hand. Mark never loses sight of the big picture of a claim. Although he has an impressive track record of undeniable results, he never loses the practical perspective and evaluates matters from a legal, as well as economic perspective. Mark has been a featured speaker at the National Conference of Insurance Guaranty Funds and at the New Jersey State Bar Association on coverage and insurance solvency issues. He has also spoken before the Professional Liability Underwriting Society on legal malpractice issues. Upon graduation from law school, Mark clerked for The Honorable Clarkson Fisher, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mark was also appointed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey to the District XA Ethics Committee, where he served on the committee for four years, acting as the Chair in 2010.

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Career: Peter Verniero joined Sills Cummis after serving as the then youngest member of the New Jersey Supreme Court in modern history. Prior to his judicial service, Peter Verniero served as the 51st Attorney General of New Jersey as well as chief of staff and chief counsel to Governor Christine Todd Whitman. He is the only person in the state's history to have served in those four senior positions within the executive and judicial branches.

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Career: Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Catherine was a partner at Forman Holt Eliades & Youngman LLC. She was also previously a partner at two boutique law firms for more than 15 years.

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