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Banking & Finance

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McCarter & English, LLP
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Mandelbaum Barrett PC
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Rattner Mark S. <i>Riker Danzig LLP (ORL)</i> ◇
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Dempsey James <i>Schenck, Price, Smith & King (ORL)</i> ◇
Herman Peter R. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i> *
Lubben Michael <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Maurer Christopher <i>Reed Smith LLP</i>
Peck Daniel <i>Reed Smith LLP</i>
Shur Paul H. <i>Becker & Poliakoff PA (ORL)</i> ◇ *
Stefanowicz Lydia C. <i>Greenbaum, Rowe (ORL)</i> ◇ *
Band 2
Horn Michael <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Johnson Curtis <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
McNamara Kevin T. <i>Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP</i>
Stark Jonathan <i>Reed Smith LLP</i>
Up-and-coming individuals
Osborne Anthony <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.</i> *
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

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

"Reed Smith has a very strong banking practice."

Notable practitioners

Christopher Maurer is renowned for his ability to assist clients with a number of matters, including construction financings, loan restructurings and acquisitions. **Strengths:** *"Chris is thorough and practical."* **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. **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.

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. Also sought after by borrower-side clients, including those operating in the real estate and healthcare sectors.

Strengths

"The lawyers at Wilentz are knowledgeable, responsive and have broad expertise."

"The Wilentz team are very thorough and they provide exceptional guidance."

Notable practitioners

Peter Herman (see p.2285) is based in the firm's Woodbridge office and acts as cochair of the banking and financial services group. He is commended for his work for both lenders and borrowers, and advises on a full range of financing transactions. **Strengths:** *"Peter has a lot of experience and so he can bring a very broad perspective."* *"Peter is sought after counsel with a depth of experience and resources needed for complicated transactions."* **Anthony Osborne** (see p.2294)

is highlighted for his ability to represent both borrowers and lenders in commercial financing transactions involving multiple jurisdictions.

Strengths: *"He has a real sense of urgency on our deals and is able to work with a lot of different personalities successfully on our deals."*

Band 2

Gibbons P.C.

What the team is known for 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

"Gibbons' team does fantastic work across the board. They are quick and responsive, pragmatic and commercial."

"The team is comprised of specialists across all functions who are very knowledgeable and capable."

Work highlights Gibbons represented MTAG Investments in a variety of commercial loan transactions, including a loan workout of a commercial real estate loan.

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:** *"Michael is super responsive, very easy to deal with and technically very good."* *"Michael is one of our top choices. He is responsive and knowledgeable."*

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.

Notable practitioners

Michael Horn is a strong practitioner with considerable experience of advising clients on litigation and regulatory compliance. **Strengths:** “Michael is very knowledgeable.” “He is a fabulous lawyer.”

Curtis Johnson is notably adept at advising clients on ABL, syndicated loan facilities. **Strengths:** “He’s a very good lawyer.”

Band 3

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.

Notable practitioners

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

“The team manages tasks diligently and demonstrates expertise.”

Work highlights Mandelbaum Barrett represented eCapital Asset Based Lending in a financing for Pipsnacks for its working capital needs.

Notable practitioners

Richard Simon and Jeffrey Rosenthal are key contacts.

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 providing counsel on venture financings, asset-based financings and leveraged buyouts, among other issues.

Notable practitioners

Steven Gross is a key contact.

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, LLP represents financial institutions in significant transactions, including asset-based lending and construction financings. **Strengths:** “James is a great attorney who is really quick and provides top notch service.”

Mark Rattner is of counsel at Riker Danzig LLP. He receives praise for his commercial lending practice and for his work representing financial institutions. **Strengths:** “He’s an excellent lawyer.”

Paul Shur (see p.2298) 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 pleasure to work with. He has the ability to negotiate for the client’s best interests and be commercial.” “Paul is great at keeping clients updated and informed and really being collaborative on decisions, as well as bringing his expertise to the table.”

Lydia Stefanowicz (see p.2298) of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP is commended for her commercial lending and real estate finance practice. Her work on CMBS and mezzanine financings is of particular note. **Strengths:** “Lydia is an excellent lawyer.”

Bankruptcy/Restructuring

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Duane Morris LLP
Faegre Drinker
Fox Rothschild
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully, LLC
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
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McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
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

“Cole Schotz’s work is spectacular, its opinions are outstanding and its accessibility makes them special.”

“Cole Schotz possesses a deep bench of experienced professionals providing expert legal counsel who are always responsive to questions and provide

a high level of service.”

“Cole Schotz is a leader in New Jersey in terms of the number of highly qualified partners, who understand all the moving pieces of a bankruptcy process.”

Work highlights Cole Schotz P.C. acted as cocounsel in Bed, Bath & Beyond’s Chapter 11 proceedings 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: “Michael provides seasoned and experienced legal counsel and displays creative problem solving in response to client challenges.” “Michael is one of the best lawyers in the area, he is a very organized and strong advocate in court. He understands the law from both a business and legal per-

Bankruptcy/Restructuring
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Abramowitz Arthur J. <i>Sherman Silverstein (ORL)</i> ◊
Greenhalgh Walter J. <i>Duane Morris LLP*</i>
O'Grady Dennis J. <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Leading Individuals
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Etkin Michael S. <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Lubertazzi Jr Joseph. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Malone Robert K. <i>Gibbons P.C.</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>
Sirota Michael. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Usatine Warren A. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Band 2
Bass David. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Bauer Morris. <i>Duane Morris LLP*</i>
Brody Alan. <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>
DiPasquale Joseph J. <i>Fox Rothschild*</i>
Forman Charles M. <i>Forman Holt Attorneys At (ORL)</i> ◊*
Mairo John. <i>Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC</i>
Modugno Louis. <i>Trif & Modugno LLC (ORL)</i> ◊
Rabinowitz Jonathan. <i>Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully, LLC</i>
Testa Jeffrey T. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Trenk Richard D. <i>Trenk Isabel (ORL)</i> ◊
Zuber Scott A. <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
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Bernstein Jeffrey. <i>McElroy, Deutsch (ORL)</i> ◊
Hall Mark. <i>Fox Rothschild*</i>
Hollander Paul. <i>Okin Hollander LLP (ORL)</i> ◊
Lubetkin Jay. <i>Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully, LLC</i>
Moore Brett. <i>Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC</i>
Nies Robert. <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Perkins Eric. <i>Becker (ORL)</i> ◊
Pompeo Michael. <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Schellhorn Tara J. <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Stein David H. <i>Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.*</i>
Stolz Daniel M. <i>Genova Burns LLC (ORL)</i> ◊
Velocci Frank. <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Youngman Catherine. <i>Fox Rothschild*</i>
Band 4
Barney Dale E. <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Conlan Mark. <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Cooper Jeffrey A. <i>Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully, LLC</i>
Crapo David N. <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Della Fera Sam. <i>Chiesa Shahnian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Dobin Andrea. <i>McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC</i>
Falanga Stephen V. <i>Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga (ORL)</i> ◊
Farley Clement. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Frumkin Jacob. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Jareck Ryan. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Komrower Stuart. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Mankovetskiy Boris. <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.*</i>
McGill Douglas. <i>Webber McGill LLC (ORL)</i> ◊
Plaza Curtis. <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Prol Jeffrey D. <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Sodono III Anthony. <i>McManimon, Scotland & Baumann</i>
Songonuga Natasha. <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Theisen Brett S. <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Yudkin Felice. <i>Cole Schotz P.C.</i>
Up-and-coming individuals
Darling Sydney. <i>Trenk Isabel (ORL)</i> ◊
Placona Sari. B. <i>McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC</i>
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spective, and you can trust he will take you down the best path." "He gives us tremendous insight into how to proceed and that is invaluable. He understands what the judges are looking for in terms of information and arguments." **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 excellent to work with, he knows the law well and gives practical advice." "He is one of the best lawyers in New Jersey; he knows the law well and you can trust him to negotiate effectively." **David Bass** provides debtors with Chapter 11 representation and other bankruptcy counsel. His practice also encompasses bankruptcy litigation. **Strengths:** "David is a rock star, he provides excellent service and is always available to fight battles and get his clients through tricky situations." "David is extremely talented, experienced and responsive to his client's needs." "David is excellent, and can expertly handle negotiations during the bankruptcy process that lead to favorable results." **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. **Ryan Jareck** specializes in handling Chapter 11 cases on behalf of debtors, creditors and others. **Stuart Komrower** is adept at representing creditors and debtors in a variety of bankruptcy matters, including Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 proceedings in markets including bioscience and automotive. **Strengths:** "Stuart is accessible, intelligent and logical. He has institutional knowledge of business and so there is never any need to explain how businesses operate. He answers every question you have and is outstanding." **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 is smart, wonderful and she always gets involved in large cases." "Felice is highly sophisticated and can handle the most complex cases."

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

"Lowenstein Sandler has specialty lawyers that can handle any matter needed. It is always upfront with the budget, and always delivers within those expectations." "Its experience and depth of knowledge is unparalleled and all members of the team are exceptionally bright and talented."

"The firm has a big bench and can handle contested matters easily. It is knowledgeable of the bankruptcy world and does a great job with sensitivity." "Lowenstein is the leader in the state, and com-

mands the highest respect. It creates tremendous value in conjunction with assisting with wind downs and avoidance actions."

Work highlights Lowenstein Sandler LLP acted as counsel to the Official Committee of Tort Claimant Creditors in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Camden, New Jersey.

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 is a brilliant bankruptcy lawyer, who can operate for both creditors and debtors, and provides insight that is helpful in strategizing." "Michael excellently and deftly leads complex defences in adversarial proceedings in bankruptcy court. His deep knowledge is invaluable in achieving exceptional results." "Michael is a fantastic lawyer who can communicate very well, he keeps everyone up to date and can get a consensus. He is able to please very sophisticated clients and is able to deal with complex transactions and cross-border matters." **Jeffrey D Prol** is vice chair of the department at Lowenstein Sandler LLP and 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 has an incredible depth of experience and knowledge, and he is wise in his approach to handling disputes." "Jeffrey can handle any type of matter that walks in the door, he has a good depth of knowledge and knows how to negotiate in cases. He knows everyone very well, including future claims reps and claims estimators. He is a mass tort specialist but knows how to handle anything."

Band 2

Gibbons P.C.

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 is a known fixture in New Jersey, and has a solid bench of experienced practitioners."

"Gibbons has a great team of professionals who always deliver. It has a great bench in litigation and bankruptcy."

"The law firm is preeminent in New Jersey and are businesslike in all dealings. It is proactive and keeps us apprised of all matters relevant to the company's interests."

Work highlights Gibbons P.C. represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Bed Bath and Beyond Inc in a Chapter 11 filing in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Robert Malone chairs the firm's financial restruc-

turing and creditors' rights group. He frequently counsels trustees and creditors on Chapter 11 proceedings and bankruptcy litigation. **Strengths:** "Robert is responsive, knowledgeable and provides a lot of value. He is attuned to both the desire to help the client understand and navigate legal challenges, but also the role of relationship building."

"Robert is able to flag critical issues that other lawyers in the case do not see, he is able to hold his own with the top lawyers in the country." **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 zealous advocate for his clients and he is highly knowledgeable." **Mark Conlan** is sought out for his expertise in representing trustees in Chapter 11 proceedings. He is very well versed in fraud related disputes. **Strengths:** "Mark is a strategic thinker, he has a great knack for keeping his eye on the bigger picture and can home in on the key issue."

David Crapo's experience covers the handling of Chapter 11 cases. His practice also includes acting as patient care ombudsman in a bankruptcy proceeding. **Strengths:** "David is focused on getting a good result at a reasonable price. He knows that we have a business to run and he prioritizes that." **Natasha Songonuga** has experience in working with nonprofit organizations and handling Chapter 11 cases. **Strengths:** "Natasha is very smart, she is a details person so nothing gets by her. She has sharp eyes and understands all the risks and opportunities in bankruptcy."

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 a rising star in the firm, he is extremely hard working, high energy and knows the law really well." "Brett is knowledgeable, intelligent, and a great communicator. He is highly involved in the bankruptcy bar and is an effective advocate both in court and with business clients." "I have had wonderful experiences with him, he is thorough, bright and creative."

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 can handle matters across the country, and cover all issues related to commercial contract, equipment leasing and financing transactions."

"McCarter & English has substantial geographic coverage with experienced attorneys in each region who are always highly responsive. They have substantial depth and expertise in this area. The team here has an excellent handle on what is happening in the industry."

Work highlights McCarter & English LLP represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in BlockFi Inc, as efficiency counsel in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of digital assets before the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey.

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 an excellent external legal partner." **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 really solid guy, he is trustworthy and always has your back. He is adept at explain bankruptcy issues and is able to utilize his knowledge and experience to bring parties to settlement." **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 ad 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 law firm is very good nationwide. It is creative, and really good value for its rates."

"The team here is an essential asset in bankruptcy matters in the Northeastern United States. It has multiple layers of partners, associates and paralegals, who are bright, capable and productive partners in our tasks."

Work highlights Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in Christmas Tree Shops' bankruptcy and liquidation.

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.

John Mairo is head of the department and 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 is very commercial and has the ability to compromise when he needs to, he doesn't force anything that won't work." "John is very intelligent; he is an excellent strategist and he is available day and night to provide advice and counsel." **Brett Moore** has notable experience on behalf of investment funds in bankruptcy matters with aspects in multiple jurisdictions.

Riker Danzig LLP

What the team is known for Riker Danzig LLP houses an accomplished group of practitioners with experience in bankruptcy and Chapter 11 reorganizations. It has considerable experience representing debtors and creditors in a range of industries including construction, insurance, aviation and healthcare.

Strengths

"Riker Danzig are able to handle cross-jurisdictional issues, and they are good at keeping the costs down. They have a really strong bench and we were able to utilize its resources and the specialists that build up its team."

"We have supreme faith in Riker Danzig's ability to handle even the most complex and sophisticated matters. Its attention to detail and legal acumen is top notch."

Work highlights Riker Danzig LLP represented Wilmington Savings Fund Society in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of Cyxtera technologies.

Notable practitioners

Dennis O'Grady has a wealth of experience in counseling an array of clients on a variety of bankruptcy and restructuring issues. **Strengths:** "Dennis is considered the dean of bankruptcy and he is always available for advice and counsel."

Joseph Schwartz is head of the department at Riker Danzig, and 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 is a respectful professional, who is concerned about the individuals in a case and does huge amounts of advocacy to get the best results for his clients." "Joseph's technical bankruptcy capability is outstanding and his performance in court is amazing. He has an ability to focus on being prepared for court, and it shows because he never loses an argument." "He is a very smart attorney who keeps you abreast of the file and works with you to try and minimize the costs and maximize recovery." **Tara Schellhorn** has notable experience in significant Chapter 11 cases, in industries including finance, pharmaceutical and real estate.

Strengths: "Tara is super responsive and on top of all issues at all times. She is good at advocating for her clients' needs." "Tara is a solid lawyer, who knows the issues in the case, and writes very well. She is really active in the community, gets into court and presents herself nicely." **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:** "Mr Plaza's acumen in bankruptcy is very impressive."

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 law firm has a good bench built up of solid professionals including younger lawyers which deepens its bench."

Notable practitioners

Scott Zuber is the practice group leader of the bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi. **Robert Nies** demonstrates notable experience in bankruptcy litigation, mediation and restructuring. **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.

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.

Work highlights Duane Morris acted as cocounsel to the FILO Lender and DIP Lender, Sixth Street Speciality Lending, in the Chapter 11 of Bed Bath & Beyond filed in New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Walter Greenhalgh (see p.2284) is very experienced in bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He is well thought of for his expertise, which includes handling Chapter 11 cases. **Morris Bauer** (see p.2278) services a diverse bankruptcy clientele in bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He has expertise in mass tort and fraud cases and often represents both debtor and creditors. **Strengths:** *"Morris is efficient, and he understands a case from a cost efficiency perspective. He is able to explain issues to those who do not understand quickly and efficiency."*

Faegre Drinker

What the team is known for Faegre Drinker has strong capability 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 is able to handle all the necessary complexities, and can be creative in its approach. It is the best when it comes to service, is super responsive and always goes the extra mile."

"The team here excellently divide responsibilities to efficiently manage a Chapter 11. Faegre Drinker is quick and efficient when drafting pleadings with the court and is able to address international legal issues."

Work highlights Faegre Drinker represented Citizens Bank in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of Diamond Sports Group.

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 an excellent attorney, who is collaborative and responsive. He has good business judgment and so he knows when to be aggressive and when to cut a deal."* *"Mr Pompeo has the ability to quickly get to the heart of legal and financial issues, and his extensive knowledge of the bankruptcy code makes him a problem solver, a strong negotiator and incredibly easy to work with."* **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 an invaluable partner on difficult matters."*

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 works well and collaborates together effectively. Each lawyer is good in their own right, and provides a well balanced approach."

Work highlights Fox Rothschild served as lead special litigation counsel for the liquidating trust of Hygea Holdings in order to pursue claims against the debtor's action.

Notable practitioners

Joseph DiPasquale (see p.2281) often represents debtors, unsecured creditors' committees and liquidating trustees in Chapter 11 proceedings, in industries including insurance, retail and cannabis. **Strengths:** *"Joseph is excellent at finding common ground; bankruptcy can often be contentious and he is able to help people find solutions together. He is thoughtful, creative and a good attorney."* *"He can handle complex matters well and always goes above and beyond. Joseph is very impressive."* **Mark Hall** (see p.2284) focuses his practice on the handling of Chapter 11 proceedings on behalf of a range of clients who operate in a variety of industries, including retail, automotive and real estate. **Strengths:** *"Mark is a very good lawyer and a real gentleman."* *"Mark is experienced and has the right demeanor."* **Catherine Youngman** (see p.2300) 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. **Strengths:** *"Catherine has a good business mind, and is able to translate complex legal speak into English. She is smart, pragmatic and gives practical, efficient solutions."* *"Catherine is an excellent professional, she knows the facts in court and doesn't underestimate a challenge."*

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 Traurig is able to utilize its multiple offices in order to gain depth in a strong variety of disciplines."

"The law firm has excellent subject matter knowledge and very quick response rates."

"The team has an excellent understanding of the subject matter, and it is on the mark with everything."

Work highlights Greenberg Traurig represented Bank of America, as the creditors, in the Chapter 11 case of David's Bridal.

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 a nice cross-over between transactional and bankruptcy. He is thorough, professional and he knows what he is doing. He provides very good suggestions and a nice back and forth with his clients."* *"Alan is a professional at the highest level. He is knowledgeable, communicative and passionate."* *"Mr Brody has a keen awareness of the commercial implications of matters."*

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

"Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully has gone above and beyond, often working outside normal business hours to ensure the best possible resolution for its clients."

"The law firm has a very talented team of highly intelligent, impactful and effective advisors. The team is always on top of the latest legal developments and is extremely proactive in keeping me updated on important developments."

"Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully gives thought to planning legal strategy and its attorneys know the commercial environment."

"The law firm has a strong understanding of issues presented in all matters involved and has a plan for resolution. There is never a delay in responding to inquiries or taking necessary action."

Work highlights Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully acted as counsel to Immune Pharmaceuticals' Chapter 7 trustee.

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:** *"Jonathan is a superior lawyer with a great depth of knowledge and experience. He is*

incredibly responsive, thoughtful and a productive adviser who you are able to heavily rely on." "Jonathan is academic and knows the bankruptcy code inside and out." **Jay Lubetkin** is cohead 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. **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 a dedicated and consummate professional."

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

"Sills Cummis & Gross handles complexity really well. Its intellectual firepower is impressive and it has a unique focus on individual cases."

"Sills Cummis & Gross is a healthcare focused restructuring firm, who knows that space like the back of its hand."

Notable practitioners

Andrew Sherman (see p.2297) is frequently sought out by unsecured creditors' committees for Chapter 11 representation and has a specific niche in healthcare matters. **Strengths:** "Andrew is as sharp as a tack. He is also a good sounding board for concerns and frustrations." "Andrew is a leader, is pragmatic, commercial and a peacemaker. He knows when to be aggressive and when not to."

Boris Mankovetskiy (see p.2291) represents creditor committees in bankruptcy and restructuring matters. He has a niche in healthcare matters. **Strengths:** "Boris is an exceptionally smart and perceptive lawyer who shows uncanny judgment at all times. He is able to provide bespoke advice informed by his experience and expertise." "Boris is a super smart guy who does a lot of the behind the scenes thinking and negotiation. He is friendly and collaborative and knows when to cut a deal and when to fight."

Band 4

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.

Notable practitioners

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.

Anthony Sodono is chair of the bankruptcy & restructuring group. He has an extensive practice representing debtors in Chapter 11 matters, and representing Chapter 7 trustees. **Strengths:** "Anthony is a great lawyer, smart guy and he knows how to get things done." **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 hard worker." "Sari is an up and comer in the Bar, she is solid."

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's work and level of service is impressive." "Wilentz is good at handling foreclosures and it explains things clearly and in a timely manner." "The team is expert in various fields and brings its knowledge to the table. The firm is extremely responsive."

Work highlights Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer represented the Chapter 7 debtor in Blue Pig Media's bankruptcy proceedings.

Notable practitioners

David Stein (see p.2298) is head of the bankruptcy and restructuring department. He is an experienced practitioner who predominantly counsels creditors during Chapter 11 proceedings. **Strengths:** "David consistently demonstrates a high level of competence in his work, we feel well taken care of the entire process and are very impressed with the professionalism throughout the proceedings."

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 smart and intelligent, he knows the bankruptcy codes and understands how everything is related. He is also just a really nice person."

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:** "Jeffrey is a trustworthy professional. He has a lot of experience from his many years in practice and is a solid lawyer. He is a negotiator and his knowledge enables him to negotiate so effectively."

Sydney Darling of Trenk Isabel provides informed counsel to a range of clients in commercial bankruptcy cases. Her broad clientele includes debtors, secured and unsecured creditors and Chapter 11 trustees.

Stephen Falanga of Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP 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.

Charles Forman (see p.2282) of Forman Holt Attorneys At Law 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.

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

Douglas McGill of Webber McGill LLC 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 LLC conducts a broad bankruptcy and restructuring practice capable of servicing asset buyers, Chapter 7 trustees and others. **Strengths:** "Louis is a solid guy; he is even-tempered and always finds a way to solve problems."

Eric Perkins of Becker integrates his bankruptcy expertise into a wider commercial practice. He possesses notable experience as a Chapter 7 and 11 trustee. **Strengths:** "Eric has a specialty in acting as a trustee."

Daniel Stolz of Genova Burns 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:** "He is very impressive, he is able to collaborate but can be aggressive for his client when he needs to be."

Richard Trenk of Trenk Isabel runs a diverse litigation practice that incorporates work for both debtors and creditors. **Strengths:** "Richard is an energetic, passionate and zealous advocate."

Construction

Construction
Leading Firms
Band 1
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Peckar & Abramson, P.C.
Band 2
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC
Connell Foley LLP
Gibbons P.C.
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas
Tesser & Cohen, Attorneys At Law
Band 3
Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor
Hedinger & Lawless LLC
Lum, Drasco & Positan, LLC
Mandelbaum Barrett PC
Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Fleder Mark <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Carlowicz Andrew <i>Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst</i>
Epstein Robert C <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>
Estis Dennis A. <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP*</i>
Greenberg Vogt Jacqueline <i>Mandelbaum Barrett PC</i>
Greene Jr Patrick J <i>Peckar & Abramson, P.C.*</i>
Lawless Robert <i>Hedinger & Lawless LLC</i>
MacPherson Robert J <i>Cokinos Young (ORL) ◇</i>
McBride Michael X. <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
McKenna Michael <i>Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall</i>
Meller Bruce <i>Peckar & Abramson, P.C.*</i>
Nudelman Steven <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis*</i>
Santomauro Damian V. <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Shahinian Armen <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Tesser Lee <i>Tesser & Cohen, Attorneys At Law</i>
Torcicollo Peter J. <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Zicherman Michael S <i>Peckar & Abramson, P.C.*</i>
Band 2
Cohen Steven <i>Tesser & Cohen, Attorneys At Law</i>
Jensen David <i>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</i>
Moran Peter <i>Peckar & Abramson, P.C.*</i>
North John D <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP*</i>
Powers Lawrence <i>Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst</i>
Sanders III Paul A <i>Lum, Drasco & Positan, LLC</i>
Band 3
Bondy Jonathan <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Cabalar Martin <i>Becker & Poliakoff PA (ORL) ◇*</i>
Kenny Charles <i>Peckar & Abramson, P.C.*</i>
Landgraf James <i>Dilworth Paxson LLP (ORL) ◇</i>
Lombardo Lisa <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Rosen Mark <i>Peckar & Abramson, P.C.*</i>
Taraschi Mitchell <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Werner Gary <i>Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP</i>
Up-and-coming individuals
Ryan Timothy <i>Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman</i>
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Construction: Mediators
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Carlowicz Andrew <i>Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst</i>
Drasco Dennis J <i>Lum, Drasco & Positan, LLC</i>
Isacoff Adrienne <i>Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli</i>
MacPherson Robert J <i>Cokinos Young (ORL) ◇</i>
Smith Peter <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>

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. 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

"They are top-notch in every aspect. They are always on top of everything. They have the ability to pull additional help into the mix when needed, but the base team works diligently to keep up with the tasks given."

Work highlights Greenberg Traurig represented the City of Charlotte in negotiations with the Charlotte Arena Operations and Hornets Basketball, with respect to the renovations of the Charlotte Arena and the new practice facility.

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 extremely knowledgeable and keeps up with whatever is going on in the industry."* *"Robert is very knowledgeable."*

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 impressive, he's a very bright guy."*

Peckar & Abramson, P.C.

What the team is known for Peckar & Abramson, P.C. 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

"They are unbelievably great. They are very technical, great people, very knowledgeable, work well in teams and very creative."

"P&A are incredibly responsive and on top of the matters we send to them."

"They are extremely knowledgeable on the subject matter in which they have been engaged."

"No question about it, they are market leaders, no doubt. They are head and shoulders above everybody else."

Notable practitioners

Patrick Greene (see p.2283) is well regarded for his representation of contractors in major litigation and arbitration. **Strengths:** *"Patrick is a renowned construction attorney in New Jersey."*

Bruce Meller (see p.2291) is commended for his strength acting for construction managers and contractors in substantial litigation, as well as contract negotiations. **Strengths:** *"Bruce is the best litigator at Peckar."*

Michael Zicherman (see p.2300) 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:** *"He is wonderful and amiable."*

Peter Moran (see p.2293) 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 trusted adviser." **Charles Kenny** (see p.2288) offers significant experience representing general contractors and construction managers in litigation and mediation. **Strengths:**

"Charles Kenny is a very well respected and smart lawyer." **Mark Rosen** (see p.2296) of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter has extensive experience of construction, public contract and surety law and represents clients in a wide array of related litigation. **Strengths:**

"He is tenacious in what he does." *"He has a very nice contractor practice. He is a very smart guy."*

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 these and other challenges facing the construction industry and its stakeholders.

Strengths

"They are a fantastic firm in New Jersey."

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 a sophisticated surety lawyer."* *"He is one of the best surety counsel I have ever come across."*

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:**

"He is very knowledgeable and capable."

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.

Strengths

"The team's service is been very good."

Notable practitioners

Michael McKenna is widely respected for his expertise in major construction disputes arising from significant infrastructure projects and commercial developments. **Strengths:** *"He is very good at what he does. Absolutely fantastic." "Michael McKenna is very knowledgeable and has a lot of contacts in and around the construction industry."* **Timothy Ryan** is noted for his experience in litigating construction design claims. He represents general contractors, subcontractors, construction managers and design professionals on all facets of construction law. **Strengths:** *"Tim Ryan is excellent. He is an excellent writer and is responsive to our needs."*

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. They regularly handle claims involving delay, defective design and construction issues as well as bidding disputes and lien filings. **Strengths**

"They are excellent. There is never an issue with quality or responsiveness."

"Connell Foley's guidance and expertise has been exceptional."

"The team is phenomenal. They are very good at what they do."

Work highlights Connell Foley served as special construction counsel to Essex County Vocational Technical Schools in relation to the renovation and expansion of the Newark Vocational Technical Campus and the expansion of the West Caldwell Vocational Technical Campus.

Notable practitioners

Mark Fleder is valued for his ability to handle major construction projects and litigation on behalf of public owners and general contractors. **Strengths:** *"Mark is a very knowledgeable guy."* **Michael McBride** is highly regarded for his deep expertise advising owners and developers on major construction projects and disputes. **Strengths:** *"Michael is a very sound attorney." "Michael has always guided us properly."* **Peter Smith** is deeply experienced in the litigation and arbitration of construction disputes and is recognized for his work as an arbitrator and mediator. **Strengths:** *"I appreciate his experience. He is thoughtful and patient. He is good about understanding the arbitration process as opposed to litigation." "Peter is a strong mediator and pretty well known as a go-to mediator." "Peter Smith is a great mediator."* **Mitchell Taraschi** is co-chair 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. **Strengths:** *"Mitch is very responsive and detail-oriented." "He is a very strong team leader." "He is very detailed and very precise. The biggest thing is that he is open-minded."*

Gibbons P.C.

What the team is known for 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. They are experienced in claims involving design and construction defects, delay, public bidding and breach of contract.

Strengths

"Gibbons combine deep understanding of legal matters with practical application. They have experienced attorneys, who are also pragmatic and always responsive to client needs."

"They have really good attorneys and provide high-quality legal service."

Work highlights Gibbons represented The Connell Company in the drafting of a construction management contract for their 'The District at The Park' project in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Damian Santomauro has notable experience representing owners and contractors in litigation proceedings related to lien and delay claims.

Strengths: *"He is a renowned construction attorney in New Jersey."* **Peter Torcicollo** is the managing director 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 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 various sizes. **Strengths:** *"Lisa is very knowledgeable and easy to work with." "She is very capable."*

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. They are experienced in handling a broad range of disputes, including claims relating to defective construction and design, negligence and construction delays.

Strengths

"The team have proven to be very knowledgeable and on top of matters."

"They have expertise in all the areas that we need."

Work highlights Greenbaum represented ABCO Refrigeration Supply Corporation in a multi-party defect claim, in relation to the construction of the Toy Building in New York City.

Notable practitioners

Dennis Estis (see p.2281) is regularly called upon for his advice in litigation and arbitration. He is recognized for his expertise in condominium work. **Strengths:** *"Dennis is very good, very detail-*

ented and excellent in litigation." "He knows his business. He is very experienced and has the expertise." "He is a leader in condominium work." **Steven Nudelman** (see p.2293)'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:** *"He is an impressive guy." "He is a great lawyer."* **John North** (see p.2293)'s expertise includes disputes involving condominium association law. **Strengths:** *"John North is extremely bright and well prepared."*

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.

Strengths

"They have some very good lawyers and do a lot of insurance defence work."

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:** *"He is most impressive. He has carved out a niche, not only as a litigator, but as a mediator as well." "Andy Carlowicz is a really good mediator and arbitrator. He is a strong lawyer too."* **Lawrence Powers** has deep expertise in advising clients in construction litigation. He is recognized in the market for his extensive experience representing design professionals. **Strengths:** *"Larry Powers is very strong in defending construction defect lawsuits." "He is very well respected."*

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. **Strengths:** *"He is professional and well prepared."* **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:** *"He is a very good lawyer."*

Band 3

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.

Notable practitioners

Adrienne Isacoff of Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor 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 an excellent mediator. She is very thorough, enthusiastic and knows construction very well.” “She is wonderful. An excellent mediator and arbitrator. I have had overwhelmingly positive experiences with her.”*

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. **Strengths:** *“Robert Lawless is very knowledgeable.”*

Lum, Drasco & Positan, LLC

What the team is known for Lum, Drasco & Positan 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.

Strengths

“Lum, Drasco is a good firm.”

Notable practitioners

Dennis Drasco is renowned for his experience in handling construction litigation and the mediation and arbitration of those cases. **Strengths:** *“Dennis Drasco is a strong litigator and a titan of the industry.” “A really good mediator.”* **Paul Sanders** 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. **Strengths:** *“Paul is a very good lawyer.”*

Mandelbaum Barrett PC

What the team is known for Mandelbaum Barrett PC 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 very reputable.”

“Mandelbaum is a good firm.”

Work highlights Mandelbaum Barrett represented HK Childcare and The Learning Experience in a construction dispute relating to delays, defective work and breach of warranties.

Notable practitioners

Jacqueline Vogt of Mandelbaum Barrett PC is adept at advising owners, developers, and contractors in major contract negotiations. She also deftly handles construction defect disputes.

Strengths: *“She is a very good attorney and very well respected in the New Jersey construction law circle.” “Jacqueline is a leader in the construction world of New Jersey.” “She is very skilled.”*

Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP

What the team is known for Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP 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.

Strengths

“Schenck, Price is a highly reputable firm.”

Notable practitioners

Gary Werner is commended for his expertise in both contract negotiation and litigation. He is the managing partner of the firm. **Strengths:** *“He is a smart guy who knows his stuff.”*

Other Ranked Lawyers

Martin Cabalar (see p.2279) of Becker & Poliakoff PA 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 really good at providing client services and he is a pleasure to work with.” “He is a smart guy, does good work and is well respected.”*

“Martin is a successful trial lawyer who is diligent in his preparation and aggressively represents his clients zealously.”

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

Strengths: *“He is a good lawyer.”*

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: *“Dean of construction law. I cannot say enough good things about him as a lawyer and a person. He is also one of the go-to mediators and is very much in demand. He's adept at resolving cases.” “He is excellent. He is a very good and skilled lawyer.” “He is very well respected and very construction-savvy.”*

Corporate/M&A

Corporate/M&A
Leading Firms
Band 1
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Band 2
Dentons
DLA Piper LLP (US)
McCarter & English, LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
Band 3
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Day Pitney LLP
Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Reed Smith LLP
Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman LLP
Band 4
Connell Foley LLP
Faegre Drinker
Gibbons P.C.
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis 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 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

"Lowenstein Sandler continues to be responsive, timely and helpful in all matters. They are a trusted and valued partner to our business."

"The firm has the highest level of legal talent and experience."

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. **Strengths:** "We value his guidance and service immensely." **Anthony Pergola** acts for tech companies and equity capital trusts on corporate transactions, with a particular focus on financing deals. **Strengths:** "Anthony is phenomenal. He's very helpful and a pragmatic advisor." **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 nonprofits as well as private and public com-

Corporate/M&A
Senior Statespeople & Eminent Practitioners
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Ehrenberg Peter H. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Gross Steven E. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *
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
Cohen Steven. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Gilbert Andrew P. DLA Piper LLP (US)
Band 2
Cannone Frank T. Gibbons P.C.
Felton W Raymond. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *
Pergola Anthony O. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Rosenberg Ira A. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *
Stamelman Andrew J. Sherman Atlas Sylvester
Band 3
Broderick David F. McCarter & English, LLP
Colella Paul. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Cromie John D. Connell Foley LLP
Fischer James M. DLA Piper LLP (US)
Harris Brett R. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. (ORL) ◇ *
Leeds Alan. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Ragosa Emilio. DLA Piper LLP (US)
Tucker H. Glenn. Greenberg Dauber Epstein (ORL) ◇
Yan Betty. Arnold & Porter (ORL) ◇
Band 4
Atlas Harold S. Sherman Atlas Sylvester & Stamelman
Connolly William G. Sherman Atlas Sylvester
Forlenza Philip D. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Glazer David G. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Libson Jeffrey P. Cooley LLP (ORL) ◇
Navarino Jason D. Riker Danzig LLP (ORL) ◇
Papier David J. Dentons
San Filippo Nicholas. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Schwartz David. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Smith Laurence. Day Pitney LLP
Stevenson Edward B. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Band 5
Cleary II John L. Dentons
Helmer Michael E. Squire Patton Boggs (ORL) ◇
Laracy Ward. McCarter & English, LLP
Lubben Michael. Gibbons P.C.
Marcus Ira B. Saiber LLC (ORL) ◇
Montagna Veronica H. McCarter & English, LLP
Novak Benjamin David. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP *
Schaff Michael F. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer (ORL) ◇ *
Shapiro Jeffrey. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Thek Raymond P. Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Up-and-coming individuals
Adejemilua Onome. McCarter & English, LLP

panies. **Raymond Thek** specializes in assisting technology companies and investors with M&A, venture capital and private equity financing matters.

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 international mandates.

Strengths

"Its a team of highly experienced attorneys who can navigate complex issues. They are really good at balancing legal issues and commercial aspects of transactions, which makes them a very good partner on M&A deals."

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. **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. **John Cleary** is capable of handling large financing transactions, particularly in the venture capital space. He frequently represents clients in the life sciences sector.

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

"We're always able to find a team member to answer complex questions. They provide excellent work and responsiveness throughout transactions."

Notable practitioners

Andrew Gilbert represents companies from a range of industries in business sales, acquisitions and other corporate and financing matters. **James Fischer's** expertise includes the handling of both domestic and international corporate acquisitions. **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. **Strengths:** "He's available and responsive, and helps us evaluate business risk."

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. Displays strength in the emerging markets sector, working with diverse clients, from technology-focused companies to

those in the pharmaceutical and financial services sectors. Also able to offer high-end advice on complex compliance matters.

Strengths

"They're outstanding. It's a great, well rounded firm with excellent attorneys in every discipline."

"They're extremely capable and thorough."

Notable practitioners

David Broderick focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings and other financing matters. **Strengths:** *"David has strong business sense."* **Ward Laracy** specializes in the crossover between corporate and tax law. He has a wealth of knowledge in matters relating to estates and trusts, which complements his corporate practice. **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:** *"She's extremely diligent and reasonable."* **Onome Adejemiua** 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's attention to detail, responsiveness and follow-through were exceptional."*

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.

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. **Alan Leeds** is experienced in the representation of pharmaceutical companies in acquisitions and strategic alliances. **David Glazer** is popular among major companies in the pharmaceutical industry for his handling of partnership agreements and other collaboration deals. **Strengths:** *"David is very thoughtful and available. He's a great advisor."* **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 is extremely practical and has a really good business mind. He's a great partner."* *"He's responsive and gives great advice."* **Benjamin Novak** (see p.2293) 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, mid-market businesses and startups.

Notable practitioners

Steven Gross (see p.2284)'s experience includes advising companies on securities offerings and other corporate and financing matters. Managing partner **Max Crane** (see p.2280) possesses broad expertise across the spectrum of corporate matters, including M&A and financings. **Ira Rosenberg** (see p.2296) routinely represents pharmaceutical companies in acquisitions, licensing matters and collaboration agreements.

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.

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:** *"Edward provided excellent counsel throughout our transaction. He was very responsive and handled complex deal issues with opposing counsel in an efficient and effective manner, always representing the best interests of his client."*

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

"Everyone on the team is experienced and practical."

Notable practitioners

Laurence Smith cochairs the corporate and securities practice. He 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

"The team has the knowledge to handle any issue I bring them, and are unparalleled in their respon-

siveness."

"The firm is extraordinarily talented and able to effectively migrate through complicated matters."

Notable practitioners

John Aiello is recognized for his expertise in handling complex corporate transactions and securities matters. **Strengths:** *"John is the consummate professional."* **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:** *"Paul is a top professional. He's knowledgeable, friendly and always gives good advice."* **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:** *"He's an excellent corporate attorney."* *"Philip is easy to work with and very knowledgeable."*

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.

Notable practitioners

Edward Bromley and Henry King are key contacts.

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 always proactive and very technically savvy while also being practical."

"Each practice area is staffed with exceptional talent at all levels of experience."

"The team is knowledgeable, competent and responsive with a balanced interaction appropriately weighing risks and strategies."

Notable practitioners

Andrew Stamelman supports companies from an eclectic array of industries on the full scope of corporate deals. **Strengths:** *"Andrew adds invaluable insights and practical experience."* **Harold Atlas** represents clients in corporate matters including sales and purchases, collaboration agreements and company reorganizations. **Strengths:** *"Harold has deep subject matter knowledge with an exceptional balance between commerciality and practicality."* *"Harold is very knowledgeable about our business and challenges. He is measured and proactive to ensure our best interests in negotiations."* **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. **Strengths:** *"He has great business sense."* *"He has strong sub-*

ject matter expertise with a solid sense of business practicality.”

Band 4

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

“Their depth of knowledge was great.”

“They respond on a timely basis and provide excellent service to their clients.”

“I find them to be very responsive and conscientious.”

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 is extremely responsive and capable. He provides excellent client service.”

Faegre Drinker

What the team is known for Faegre Drinker is a well-established firm, offering significant nationwide capability, with considerable experience in private equity transactions and M&A. It acts for public companies, private equity firms, investment vehicles and portfolio companies.

Notable practitioners

Bryan Bloom and James Fitzsimmons are key contacts.

Gibbons P.C.

What the team is known for Gibbons P.C. represents clients in a range of industries, including household names, operating in both the middle and upper market. The firm has additional exper-

tise in banking and finance matters.

Strengths

“They’re very astute professionals with exceptional knowledge.”

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 very knowledgeable and practical.” **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:** “He’s an excellent corporate lawyer.”

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

“Greenbaum has provided sound legal advice in several key areas. They utilize a team approach to ensure we have legal experts based on the specific legal matters at hand.”

Notable practitioners

Raymond Felton (see p.2281) 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:** “He is an incredible attorney and approaches legal decisions with a sound understanding of business implications.”

Other Ranked Lawyers

Brett Harris (see p.2285) of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. attracts market recognition for her expertise in navigating corporate issues on behalf of nonprofit organizations. **Strengths:** “Brett is an outstanding attorney and a terrific person to work with.” “He’s very knowledgeable and politically savvy.”

Michael Helmer of Squire Patton Boggs possesses experience covering a wide range of corporate transactions.

Jeffrey Libson of Cooley LLP is sought out by companies for his expertise in the life sciences space. He regularly assists clients with a range of M&A and other business-related matters.

Ira Marcus of Saiber LLC has expertise in a broad range of corporate deals, including dispositions, acquisitions and joint ventures.

Jason Navarino of Riker Danzig LLP is recognized for his abilities in domestic and cross-border M&A and joint venture work. He offers additional expertise in tax issues. He serves as head of the firm’s corporate department and cohead of its cannabis law group. **Strengths:** “Jason is a fantastic mind. He’s practical both from a business perspective and in his application of the law.”

Michael Schaff (see p.2297) 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:** “He’s a strong and knowledgeable leader.”

Glenn Tucker of Greenberg Dauber Epstein & Tucker maintains a longstanding practice focused on an array of corporate transactions, including M&A.

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	Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation	Band 1
Leading Firms	Leading Individuals	Day Pitney LLP
Band 1	Band 1	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 firm acts for large employers, including Fortune 500 com-
Day Pitney LLP	Daniele Mark A. McCarter & English, LLP	
Lowenstein Sandler LLP	Doyle David P. Day Pitney LLP	
McCarter & English, LLP	Graw Andrew E. Lowenstein Sandler LLP	
Band 2	Lawler Kathy A. Day Pitney LLP	
Faegre Drinker	Neri Joan M. Faegre Drinker	
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.	Witman Leonard J. Witman Stadtmauer, PA (ORL) ◇	
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	Band 2	
	Kimball Jane. McCarter & English, LLP	
	Osvald-Mruz Christine. Lowenstein Sandler LLP	

panies, 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. **Kathy Lawler** is experienced in advising companies from a multitude of sectors on ERISA matters and qualified pension plans. She also advises on the construction of nonqualified plans, such as deferred compensation arrangements, SERPs and excess benefit plans.

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 and also advises on the benefits aspects of M&A.

Strengths

"I do feel I'm receiving value for money; there's good value there at the firm."

Work highlights Lowenstein Sandler represented Network Media in its acquisition by Jellysmack, involving payout and bonus issues.

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. **Christine**

Osvald-Mruz is adept at handling a range of benefits matters, including advising on ERISA obligations, establishing bonus arrangements and structuring employee benefit agreements in relation to corporate mergers. **Strengths:** *"Christine is a great lawyer."*

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

"They always respond in a timely manner."

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 brings a wealth of ERISA experience and is able to provide practical solutions or answers."* **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. **Strengths:** *"Jane is very professional and knowledgeable."*

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 firm maintains the in-house expertise to handle complicated matters. I also appreciate the ability of the firm's attorneys to take a practical approach and distill and explain sophisticated issues."

"They have a deep bench of experts in the ERISA space who are among the most knowledgeable in the industry."

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 a top-tier professional with wonderful technical knowledge, while also maintaining excellent client service and incredible responsiveness."* *"Joan is professional and a pleasure to work with on every occasion."*

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
Saul Ewing LLP
Band 2
Bevan, Mosca, Giuditta & Zarillo, P.C.
Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Norris McLaughlin P.A.
Riker Danzig LLP
* 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

Energy & Natural Resources
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Hoffman John A. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer (ORL) ◇ *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
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
Band 2
Bevan Murray E. Bevan, Mosca, Giuditta & Zarillo, P.C.
Connolly Michael J. Cozen O'Connor *
Mosca, Jr William K. Bevan, Mosca, Giuditta & Zarillo, P.C.

Strengths

"Cozen's attorneys have many years of experience in the energy industry and a deep understanding of how the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities operates and approaches issues."

Work highlights Cozen O'Connor represented Ocean Wind, an Ørsted company, in securing approval from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to construct Ocean Wind 1, a proposed wind farm off the coast of southern New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Gregory Eisenstark (see p.2281) focuses his practice on the representation of regulated utility companies. He handles base-rate cases and power purchase agreements, among other matters. **Strengths:** *"Gregory is a pleasure to work with."* **Michael Connolly** (see p.2280) maintains a broad practice which includes acting in regulatory proceedings and litigation on behalf of clients in the energy and utilities sectors. He offers notable expertise in matters concerning renewable

acting for utility companies as well as handling matters concerning renewable energy. The team often appears before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

energy projects.

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.

Strengths

"The Saul Ewing team are good listeners, good communicators and they respond quickly. They have a good grasp of the subject matter but also of the legislature."

Work highlights Saul Ewing represented Atlantic City Electric Company in a rate case seeking an increase in rates of approximately \$91 million filed at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Notable practitioners

Colleen Foley is regularly sought out by energy companies and public utilities for her expertise in regulatory issues. As vice-chair of the firm's energy practice she offers significant experience in a variety of matters, including M&A and financing transactions. **Strengths:** *"Colleen Foley is an exceptional utility lawyer. She is careful and pragmatic."* **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. **Strengths:** *"Stephen is a very good, very technical lawyer."*

Band 2

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. **Strengths:** *"Murray Bevan is incredibly well respected."* **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

"Giordano is always able to address our concerns efficiently. The firm has experts in all the fields we work in."

Work highlights Giordano Halleran & Ciesla represented the New Jersey Large Energy Users Coalition in connection with its participation in litigation at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities concerning the merger of South Jersey Gas Company and Elizabethtown Gas Company.

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 Goldenberg's knowledge is first rate." "Steven's ability to see and understand his client's perspective is important. I have a lot of respect for his knowledge in our field." "Steven is very highly regarded and intelligent."*

Norris McLaughlin P.A.

What the team is known for Norris McLaughlin has a strong team with impressive 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.

Strengths

"Norris McLaughlin is very responsive and timely with its services."

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. **Strengths:** *"James provides invaluable guidance and is a strong advocate for our position." "James Laskey is a very good, technical lawyer."*

Riker Danzig LLP

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

Work highlights Riker Danzig represented Rockland Electric Company in proceedings before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities seeking approval of an Infrastructure Investment Program and related cost recovery mechanism.

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. **Strengths:** *"James is very good at representing utilities." "James Meyer is a thoughtful lawyer."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

John Hoffman (see p.2286) 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.

Environment

Environment
Leading Firms
Band 1
Archer Law
Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.
Gibbons P.C.
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Riker Danzig LLP
Band 2
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Faegre Drinker
Fox Rothschild
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
K&L Gates
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Norris McLaughlin P.A.
Saul Ewing LLP
Band 3
Cole Schotz P.C.
Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC
Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP
Band 4
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
Connell Foley LLP
Cullen and Dykman LLP
Duane Morris LLP
Flaster Greenberg PC
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
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Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

Archer Law

What the team is known for Archer & Greiner, P.C. 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

“Archer & Greiner is superior in its willingness to learn about and understand our business as well as its ability to integrate that knowledge into the matter at hand.”

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 is a lawyer’s lawyer. He is very sharp and adept at what he does.” “He is very easy to work with and knowledgeable.” **Marc Rollo** is a litigator with expertise in cases concerning water contamination allegations affecting the petroleum industry. **Strengths:** “Marc’s abilities and knowledge are truly superb.” “I find him to be knowledgeable and easy to work with.” **David Edel-**

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Conway Richard Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP
Freilich Irvin M Fishkin Lucks LLP (ORL) ◇
Krumholz Dennis J. Riker Danzig LLP
Mack Kenneth H Fox Rothschild *

Leading Individuals

Band 1
Donovan Martha N Norris McLaughlin P.A.
Farer David B Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *
Gibson Christopher R Archer & Greiner, PC
Gottlieb Ira McCarter & English, LLP
Hatfield William S Gibbons P.C.
Hogan Edward A Norris McLaughlin P.A.
Judge Esq Marty Flaster Greenberg PC
Kurzweil Lanny S McCarter & English, LLP
Lewin Ross A Faegre Drinker
McGahren John Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Montag Brian S K&L Gates *
Ricci Richard F Lowenstein Sandler LLP *
Rollo Marc A Archer & Greiner, PC
Senior Steven T. Riker Danzig LLP
Talbert Jeffrey Arnold & Porter (ORL) ◇ *
Toft Dennis M Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Band 2
Bostock Catherine Cole Schotz P.C.
Bromberg Lisa Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC
Bruno Kevin Blank Rome LLP (ORL) ◇
Camerson II D.J. Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.
Cappola Jeffrey Mandelbaum Barrett PC (ORL) ◇ *
DeStefano Louis Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
Ericsson Richard J Cole Schotz P.C.
Gross Michael J Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Haworth David Ballard Spahr LLP (ORL) ◇
Lipuma Andrea Saul Ewing LLP
Mills Lori Duane Morris LLP *
Minuskin Heidi S Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP
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Buongiorno Diana Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Cha Phil Duane Morris LLP *
Conenello Gail Howie K&L Gates *
Corriston Timothy Connell Foley LLP
Crespi Robert H. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Dritsas Paul C McCarter & English, LLP
Duffy Timothy I Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP

stein regularly represents large companies in a variety of disputes, including natural resource damage litigation. **Strengths:** “David is a zealous representative for his client.” “He is a remarkable lawyer.” **Debra Rosen** is a distinguished environmental law specialist whose practice is frequently engaged in litigation at federal and state court. **Strengths:** “Debra is very sharp and knowledgeable. She is a talented lawyer.” **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.

Mouthrop Samuel P. Riker Danzig LLP
Peticolas Susanne Gibbons P.C.
Schneider David P Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.
Yoskin Neil Cullen and Dykman LLP

Edelstein David Archer & Greiner, PC
Feingold Stephanie Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Goodwin Pamela Saul Ewing LLP
Greenberg Marilynn R. Riker Danzig LLP
Jacobs Lawrence F. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer (ORL) ◇ *
Jaffe Jay A Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *
Karp Susan C. Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP (ORL) ◇ *
Koonz Barbara J. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *
Lichtenstein Michael Lowenstein Sandler LLP *
McAuliffe Christopher Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Murphy Karen Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.
Otero Camille V. Gibbons P.C.
Policastro Marc Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
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Reitano Jr. Anthony Herold Law, P.A. (ORL) ◇
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Richman-La Londe Alexa Riker Danzig LLP
Rosen Debra Archer & Greiner, PC
Roth David A Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *
Schillinger Randi Saiber LLC (ORL) ◇
Spiesman Thomas Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC
Terhune Todd W. Day Pitney LLP (ORL) ◇
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Jakub John A. Norris McLaughlin P.A.
Kizner Mitchell Flaster Greenberg PC
Lamond Emily Cole Schotz P.C.
McManus Keith Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.
Monaghan Sean Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP
Mottola Patrick T. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Wagenbach Jeffrey B. Riker Danzig LLP
Up-and-coming individuals
Gribbin Sarah A. Archer & Greiner, PC
Heinzelmann Mark Lowenstein Sandler LLP *
Ku Christina Sartorio Connell Foley LLP
Associates to watch
Konarski Amanda A. K&L Gates

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.

Strengths

“Bressler has a strong group with a strong bench.” “Bressler is a market-leading firm.”

Notable practitioners

David Schneider handles a diverse array of environmental matters, with particular expertise in

regulatory issues arising under federal and state laws. **Strengths:** “David has the unique ability to understand a company’s needs and tailor his expert advice to any situation.” “He is a very strong litigator and has such a deep understanding of the law.” **D.J. Camerson** has a broad scope of expertise that includes federal and state regulatory issues, disputes and transactional matters. **Strengths:** “D.J. knows his stuff and is very commercially savvy.” “He is a good advocate and a hard worker with a great attitude.” **Karen Murphy** is a go-to lawyer for a wide variety of environmental matters, including environmental compliance, permitting issues and site remediation. **Strengths:** “Karen is a talented lawyer.” **Keith McManus** is an environmental practitioner who advises clients on Superfund and Spill Act matters. **Strengths:** “Keith is very smart.”

Gibbons P.C.

What the team is known for Gibbons P.C. offers first-class representation in private sector environmental litigation as well as enforcement actions brought by regulatory agencies. Navigates the matrix of regulations affecting real estate transactions, enabling clients to meet business aims. Dispenses exceptional compliance advice in connection with environmental matters, from air and water pollution to asbestos and development permits.

Strengths

“Gibbons provides exceptional customer service that is very responsive and timely. Its written work is top notch and its advocacy is great.”

“Gibbons is certainly a very strong group with a deep bench.”

Work highlights Gibbons P.C. acted as environmental counsel to Avon Products in a variety of Superfund matters involving Calumet Landfill and Philip Services Company sites in Illinois and South Carolina respectively, in which the company is considered a potentially liable party.

Notable practitioners

Susanne Peticolas is particularly commended for her work in CERCLA litigation and related personal injury and property damage concerns. She also advises on compliance in a remediation context. **Strengths:** “Susanne is a very diligent lawyer.” “She is excellent.” **William Hatfield** has a broad practice which includes advising clients on both contentious and noncontentious matters, including Superfund disputes and transactional due diligence. **Strengths:** “He is very articulate and has a strong substantive knowledge of the Superfund world.” “He is smart, loved by his clients and an excellent litigator.” **Camille Otero** is recognized for her varied practice encompassing regulatory compliance, transactional due diligence and CERCLA disputes. **Strengths:** “Camille a very forceful advocate for us. She is a clear communicator and a creative thinker.” “Camille is fantastic. She knows environmental law like the back of her hand and is a great advocate for her clients.”

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for Lowenstein Sandler LLP 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

“The distinguishing feature of Lowenstein Sandler is its depth. The firm has the horsepower that when things get tight for time it can pull in people to push us to the finish line. The team’s communication is really seamless and responsive across the board.”

“Lowenstein Sandler has a deep and knowledgeable team that keeps us fully informed and updated.”

Work highlights Lowenstein Sandler LLP represented Duane Marine Site Trust regarding the investigation and remediation of sediment contamination in the Arthur Kill.

Notable practitioners

Richard Ricci (see p.2295) has a wealth of experience in handling remediation and Superfund work. **Strengths:** “Richard is deeply knowledgeable and very intelligent.” “He is very experienced in Superfund matters and very good at helping to facilitate discussions with other parties.” **Michael Lichtenstein** (see p.2290) is a litigator with longstanding experience of practicing in environmental and insurance law. He handles cost recovery defense and toxic tort cases. **Strengths:** “Michael is very collaborative, understanding and smart.” **Mark Heinzelmann** (see p.2285) is recognized by the market as a rising talent. He is well versed in a great many issues concerning environmental law. **Strengths:** “Mark is very collaborative, practical and has very sound judgment.” “He is efficient, smart and grasps matters quickly.”

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for McCarter & English, LLP 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

“McCarter & English is a top-quality firm with a very good team.”

“The team is professional, responsive and very aware of current events.”

“The firm is great at handling complex matters. It has the bench depth, the resources and the expertise.”

Work highlights McCarter & English, LLP represented Becton Dickinson with respect to the remediation of the Berry’s Creek Study Area.

Notable practitioners

Ira Gottlieb works nationally on large Superfund cases, conducting remediation investigations and negotiations. **Strengths:** “Ira is a superb and longstanding practitioner.” “He is a real subject matter expert.” **Lanny Kurzweil** routinely defends companies against allegations of natural resource damages and provides regulatory compliance counseling. He also handles Superfund work. **Strengths:** “Lanny is a supreme lawyer. He is very organized and produces excellent work product.

A real standout.” “He is an excellent attorney and a very prominent figure.” **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 LLP 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

“Riker Danzig is top of the game for our needs and handling complex issues. Its ability to analyze issues and communicate in a client-friendly manner is great.”

“Riker Danzig has a very technical team, as well as being very responsive and fast.”

Work highlights Riker Danzig LLP advised Newport Associates Development Company on a variety of matters, including the remediation of a former manufactured gas plant located within the Hudson River development area.

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. **Strengths:** “Dennis is an expert in what he does.” “He has a very strong reputation.” **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:** “Samuel is a very capable, experienced and smooth practitioner.” “He is a very impressive litigator.” **Steven Senior** has experience in advising large corporations on site remediation, redevelopment issues and environmental regulatory compliance. **Strengths:** “Steven is top notch. He is very practical, strategic and smart.” “He is an exceptional lawyer. Steven is very articulate and understands all the nuances of an issue.” **Marilynn Greenberg** routinely advises clients on all aspects of site remediation and acquisitions, brownfield redevelopment and cost recovery litigation. **Strengths:** “I’m a big fan of Marilynn and always happy to work with her.” **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, commercial and practical.” “Alexa is an excellent attorney and a team player. She thinks through the complexities and how it might impact our transaction.” **Jaan Haus** is an experienced attorney who frequently assists across litigation, transactional matters and regulatory compliance. **Strengths:**

"Jaan is a very well-rounded and dedicated advocate. His knowledge base is extensive and he can bring clarity to any situation by easily rewording to adjust to the audience." **Jeffrey Wagenbach** provides large companies with environmental advice in the context of corporate transactions, including regulatory compliance and remediation approaches.

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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 provides exceptional service, is very timely and never leaves us hanging. Its knowledge base and ability to guide clients through tricky situations is top notch."

"Each member of CSG is exceptionally strong in handling complex matters and we get strong responsiveness from the team."

"It is a very dynamic practice with great lawyers."

Work highlights Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC advised Careismatic Brands in a variety of matters, including FIFRA compliance and defense of ESG claims.

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:** "Dennis is tremendous. He is understated yet incredibly capable. It is a delight to work with someone of his caliber." "His knowledge of environmental law is superior to most." "He sets the standard for all New Jersey environmental lawyers." **Diana Buongiorno** is a well-respected litigator who advises clients on regulatory compliance, permitting and toxic tort and product liability laws. **Strengths:** "Diana is an excellent litigator. She has deep knowledge and is very smart." **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. **Strengths:** "Robert is very well connected and technically strong." "He is smart, easy to work with and knows his stuff." **Patrick Mottola** is a well-regarded environmental practitioner who advises clients on issues including brownfield redevelopment, site remediation and real estate transactions. **Strengths:** "Patrick takes time to explain the nuances of transactions." "He is a smart lawyer."

Faegre Drinker

What the team is known for Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP 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

"Faegre is very capable and able to navigate successfully around a number of complex issues. They are very strategic and do well to handle the human and political sides of a matter."

"The firm is top notch in terms of depth of knowledge and finding solutions."

Work highlights Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP defended Kinder Morgan in lawsuits brought by a church located on Wilcox Oil Superfund Site in Oklahoma.

Notable practitioners

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

Strengths: "Ross is a real expert. He is very responsive and just so smart, he gets it straight away." "He is one of the smartest lawyers I've ever dealt with and a true gentleman." "I really appreciate his technical knowledge and skill as well as his ability to think outside the box."

Fox Rothschild

What the team is known for Fox Rothschild LLP 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's practice covers a wide scope and it provides excellent service."

Work highlights Fox Rothschild LLP represented S&A Realty in environmental litigation matters, such as the seeking of injunctive relief in bankruptcy court and New Jersey Superior Court related to natural resource damage.

Notable practitioners

Kenneth Mack (see p.2291) 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:** "They don't make them any better than Ken. He is a super strategist who understands how to get the best results for his clients." "He is a great and very accomplished lawyer." **Jeffrey Pollock** (see p.2294) has a wealth of experience in bankruptcy court, handling cases in relation to natural resource damage and remedial costs. **Strengths:** "Jeff is a very experienced and aggressive advocate. He is creative and thinks widely and broadly, bouncing ideas off others." "He is a very knowledgeable longtime practitioner." **David Restaino** is recognized for his work in both regulatory compliance advice and complex environmental litigation. He has varied expertise across air, water and waste issues. **Strengths:** "He

is a very smart practitioner who's also good to work with." "David is an amazing partner. He's proactive and anticipates our every need, as well as being very responsive and a pleasure to work with."

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP

What the team is known for Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP 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 is very familiar with New Jersey and its complex requirements. It is also able to conduct complex negotiations while keeping other work moving."

Work highlights Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP served as environmental counsel to L'Oréal USA, handling a wide range of acquisition and leasing matters and their related environmental compliance and due diligence aspects. In particular, it advised L'Oréal on the development of a new research and innovation facility in New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

David Farer (see p.2281) has an exceedingly broad practice which encompasses environmental litigation, regulatory compliance, transactional issues and redevelopment work. **Strengths:** "David has a significant, stellar reputation." "He is a very intelligent and experienced lawyer." **Jay Jaffe** (see p.2286) assists large corporations with environmental issues within a transactional context, including leasing and facility development matters. He also manages regulatory compliance. **Strengths:** "Jay is a lawyer's lawyer, very technically strong and well liked in the industry he operates in." "He is extremely capable and reliable."

Barbara Koonz (see p.2289) advises domestic and overseas businesses on environmental permitting for redevelopments and renewable energy projects. **David Roth** (see p.2296) assists clients with regulatory compliance, environmental liability, site remediation and cost recovery litigation. **Strengths:** "He is seasoned and well known in this space."

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 specializes in complex and sophisticated matters."

"K&L Gates has highly capable lawyers with a nuanced understanding of issues impacting our industry."

"The firm is very knowledgeable regarding state and federal regulations."

Work highlights K&L Gates represented Tilcon in environmental litigation brought about by the property owner alleging the client is liable for the historic contamination of a major operating site in northern New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Brian Montag (see p.2292) handles regulatory compliance and policy lobbying work as well as environmental disputes for industrial clients. **Strengths:** *"Brian is a wise adviser who is on top of everything and very smart." "He provides unique, insightful and nuanced guidance on a range of issues and top-notch service." "Brian is on the leading edge of the industry we work in. He has thorough knowledge of our industry and is very versed in all environmental issues that affect our business."* **Gail Conenello** (see p.2280) 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 has an amazing ability to integrate practical realities on the ground with the legal realities." "She is very knowledgeable and a trustworthy counsel."* **Amanda Konarski** advises clients on regulatory and administrative matters, with a focus on CERCLA, the CAA and RCRA issues. **Strengths:** *"Amanda is a very practical lawyer, tactful and smart." "She is always on top of issues."*

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

What the team is known for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP 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 is a talented and experienced team – proficient in review, with timely responses, and able to expedite things when needed."

"The firm has strong subject matter expertise and deep diversity in the team."

Work highlights Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP represented Philips North America in a citizen lawsuit regarding allegations of drinking water contamination connected to the company's former manufacturing facility in Rhode Island.

Notable practitioners

John McGahren is a strong litigator noted for his work in cost recovery and natural resource damages claims. **Strengths:** *"John is a real standout. Within the Superfund world he is great – a very effective and forceful advocate." "He is an expert in his field, no doubt." "John knows the key players we are adverse to and makes great recommendations in the best interest of our company. His access to internal and external resources brings together the strongest team possible."* **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:** *"She is efficient, personable and able to move things forward in a matter." "She is a strong subject matter expert and an excellent communicator."*

Christopher McAuliffe is a skilled practitioner with expertise in cost recovery, legal obligations, environmental approvals and remediation. **Strengths:** *"Christopher is knowledgeable, reasonable and good to work with." "He is very smart and gets the key issues."*

Norris McLaughlin P.A.

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

"Norris McLaughlin are problem solvers and very business-oriented."

"Norris McLaughlin provides a lot of guidance at the highest senior level, which is a unique point."

"The firm has really good experience in environmental matters in New Jersey and it brings the ability to look at matters technically and take ownership in trying to find solutions."

Work highlights Norris McLaughlin represented Madison Industries and Old Bridge Minerals (jointly known as Madison) in a matter involving a Superfund site in New Jersey where the company is among the potentially responsible parties.

Notable practitioners

Martha Donovan has a wealth of experience in handling issues relating to Superfund sites and environmental litigation. **Strengths:** *"Martha is incisive, efficient and an excellent advocate." "She is excellent – she's organized, punctual and provides very responsive client service."* **Edward Hogan** is highly regarded for his work in site cleanup and cost recovery proceedings. **Strengths:** *"Ed provides really sage counsel. He is a real expert and I have the highest regard for him." "He is easy to work with and a big name in this area."* **John Jakub** is experienced in handling environmental matters. He demonstrates particular strengths in regulatory matters, ISRA compliance and site remediation. **Strengths:** *"John is a very good, steady environment lawyer." "He is excellent to work with."*

Saul Ewing LLP

What the team is known for Saul Ewing LLP 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's solution-oriented approach is where it excels. It is terrific at handling both complex and niche details of a matter – the team knows its stuff legally but is also very commercial and looks at the broader context."

"The team is very responsive and able to get creative."

Work highlights Saul Ewing LLP represented Kinder Morgan in a bankruptcy case brought by debtors whose biggest liabilities are environmental obligations to the client, the EPA and others.

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 an excellent lawyer. She is very direct, straight-talking and smart." "She is a great advocate for her clients and very thoughtful."* **Pamela Goodwin** is relied upon by clients to tackle regulatory permitting and compliance tasks associated with transactional and development matters. **Strengths:** *"Pam is very smart and well connected in the market she operates in. She is also very responsive and easy to work with." "Her creativity is great. Pamela is a great point of contact, full of good ideas, and very good from a managerial point of view."*

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Cole Schotz P.C.

What the team is known for Cole Schotz P.C. 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 has a very strong environment group."

Work highlights Cole Schotz P.C. advised Criterion Group on negotiating and securing environmental insurance for its \$550 million portfolio investment of over 50 industrial properties across the USA.

Notable practitioners

Catherine Bostock provides companies with environmental assistance on corporate transactions. **Strengths:** *"She is a top negotiator – wildly smart and very practical." "She's sharp, good to deal with and knows her practice area well."* **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 has good market presence and a good reputation."* **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 is good and well liked by clients."* **Emily Lamond** is experienced in the environmental sector, specifically advising clients on the implications of environmental liability risks

on a number of deals. **Strengths:** “Emily is very impressive – smart, knowledgeable and personable.” “She is a terrific environment attorney.”

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC

What the team is known for Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC 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.

Strengths

“The team at Giordano Halleran & Ciesla knows what it’s doing and does a good job.”

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. **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. **Strengths:** “Paul is a very capable litigator.” **Marc Policastro** practices within the transactional and business arena of environmental law. He is well reputed among market commentators for his redevelopment, land use and zoning counseling.

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman PC

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

Notable practitioners

Lisa Bromberg frequently oversees the environmental aspects of real estate transactions. **Strengths:** “Lisa is an excellent lawyer.” **Thomas Spiesman** conducts contaminated site remediation and investigatory work. **Strengths:** “Thomas is very smart, practical and gets the work done.” “He is a good, tactical lawyer.”

Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP

What the team is known for Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP 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

“Schenck, Price, Smith & King is a really vigorous firm, very aggressive when needed and reasonable when needed. It has a deep bench and many attorneys with broad experience.”

“The team has outstanding knowledge and provides

strategic legal advice.”

“Schenck Price’s team puts client needs first and is very responsive.”

Notable practitioners

Richard Conway handles environmental transactional support as well as managing litigation and enforcement actions. **Strengths:** “Richard Conway has a fantastic perspective and experience in environmental law.” “He is a very strong lawyer and has a good reputation.” **Heidi Minuskin** handles a range of environmental regulatory matters and also manages complex disputes. **Strengths:** “Heidi is a real expert. She is well connected, very well versed in all the work we throw at her, and strikes a balance between being aggressive when needed and friendly.” “She is a go-getter and a great advocate.” “She is very knowledgeable, smart and prepared.”

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. **Sean Monaghan** is particularly noted for advising clients on the environmental aspects of real estate transactions, regularly providing high-level compliance advice.

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Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

What the team is known for Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC 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. **Strengths:** “Louis is an excellent attorney. He is smart and just gets it.” “He is an even-keeled practitioner with lots of knowledge and breadth of expertise.”

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for Connell Foley LLP 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.

Work highlights Connell Foley LLP advised LPS Industries regarding a flood risk reduction project known as ‘Rebuild by Design Meadowlands’.

Notable practitioners

Agnes Antonian is adept at negotiating with government agencies as well as defending companies in contamination and CERCLA claims. **Strengths:** “Agnes brings a level of technical expertise.” “She is an excellent lawyer.” **Timothy Corriston** is recognized for his work on Superfund, Spill Act and mass tort matters. **Strengths:** “I like working with Timothy – he’s very results-oriented and cuts to the heart of a matter. He understands all the nuances and gets the results.” “He is very effective, practical and responsive.” **Kevin Gardner** has a broad com-

mercial litigation practice that includes significant experience in managing environmental law claims. He regularly appears in federal and state court on behalf of clients of all sizes. **Strengths:** “He is great and advocates in a strategic way for his clients.” **Christina Ku** is a talented up-and-comer who advises clients on environmental litigation involving CERCLA and the Spill Act.

Cullen and Dykman LLP

What the team is known for Cullen and Dykman LLP 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.

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. **Strengths:** “Neil is as good as it gets.” “He is very knowledgeable, very well known and good at what he does.”

Duane Morris LLP

What the team is known for Duane Morris LLP 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.

Work highlights Duane Morris LLP defended Ericsson in federal court in the Central District of California in a lawsuit filed by the current owner and operator of an industrial property in Anaheim, CA. The lawsuit was filed against over a dozen companies alleging defendants contaminated the property during their respective operations on the property.

Notable practitioners

Lori Mills (see p.2292) assists corporations with site remediation and investigations, as well as providing regulatory compliance advice. **Strengths:** “Lori is the ultimate problem solver, with a very broad understanding of environmental law. She is a diamond.” “She understands what needs to be accomplished and focuses on the finish line and how to get us there.” **Phil Cha** (see p.2280) 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 is impressive and very well regarded.”

Flaster Greenberg PC

What the team is known for Flaster Greenberg PC 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 is capable of handling more complicated matters and knows its way around a courtroom."

Notable practitioners

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

Strengths: "Marty is great and a capable advocate for his client." "He is a really smart, really experienced lawyer." **Mitchell Kizner** is commended for his work as a litigator and trial lawyer. He handles Spill Act, cost recovery and toxic tort cases.

Strengths: "Mitchell is a really great trial lawyer. He is a tough adversary – very smart, professional and capable."

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

What the team is known for Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. 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 team is very meticulous and goal-oriented."

Notable practitioners

Andrew Robins (see p.2296) offers regulatory compliance advice and transactional assistance as part of a wide environmental practice. He also handles environmental litigation. **Strengths:** "Andrew is a really good, no-bones negotiator who homes in on what is important." "He is very entrenched in the industry he operates in and gets deals done." **Thomas Prol** (see p.2295) is an experienced attorney highlighted for his expertise in environmental and land use matters. **Strengths:** "He's a very good and well-respected lawyer."

Other Ranked Lawyers

Janine Bauer of Szaferman, Lakind, Blumstein & Blader PC is an experienced environmental lawyer who is noted for her abilities as a litigator. She also handles environmental permitting and compliance advice.

Kevin Bruno of Blank Rome LLP is highly regarded for his work defending companies in CERCLA disputes. He also advises on transactional risk management and remediation matters. **Strengths:** "He is very competent and smart." "Kevin is very good. He has a strong reputation and is practical."

Jeffrey Cappola (see p.2280) of Mandelbaum Barrett PC supports clients with regulatory compliance, due diligence, site remediation and litigation. **Strengths:** "Jeff is a trusted adviser and is heavily relied on for his legal and commercial expertise in New Jersey environmental law." "He is practical and easy to work with."

Irvin Freilich of Fishkin Lucks LLP is a litigator with considerable expertise in defending clients against regulatory actions and in civil claims. **Strengths:** "Irvin is talented."

David Haworth of Ballard Spahr LLP 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 is exceptional. He is very bright, extremely detail-oriented and gets to the heart of the matter." "He is excellent to deal with – he's very cooperative, adaptable and has a great hold on the technical issues."

Lawrence Jacobs (see p.2286) of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer handles regulatory compliance and transactional support as well as redevelopment and remediation matters. **Strengths:** "Lawrence is a good advocate for his client."

Susan Karp (see p.2287) of Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP demonstrates expertise across trans-

actional and regulatory environmental matters. She is noted for her skill in due diligence, remediation and cost recovery issues.

Anthony Reitano of Herold Law, P.A. 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. **Strengths:** "Anthony is a pleasure to deal with – very smart and easy to work with."

Randi Schillinger of Saiber LLC 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. **Strengths:** "Randi is impressive."

Jeffrey Talbert (see p.2299) of Arnold & Porter is highly regarded as an environmental litigator, with particularly impressive experience in contamination cases. **Strengths:** "Jeffrey is an excellent litigator and is very good at distilling difficult legal arguments so they make sense to the business." "He has a unique insight that enables him to effectively advocate for his clients."

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

Strengths: "Todd is a very smart, practical lawyer who is great to work with." "He has broad experience and expertise."

Catherine Ward of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP 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:** "She is very amiable, cooperative, good to work with and a good lawyer."

Healthcare**Band 1****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 always have an answer, and in a short period of time."

"Excellent healthcare lawyers."

Work highlights Brach Eichler represented three physicians who sold their practices to RWJ Barnabas for \$16 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: "He has a very astute understanding of the judicial process." **John Fanburg** has a leading transactional practice, which includes a range of complex affiliations and acquisitions, as well as providing regulatory counsel. **Strengths:** "John understands a physician's mentalities and personalities, and he knows how to negotiate and compromise. He has a willingness to tell you when you're about step on a landmine and tell you not to do it." "John is simply the best." **Carol Grelecki** (see p.2284) is a healthcare attorney with experience in handling transactions such as acquisitions and joint ventures. She is also recognized for her

Healthcare
Leading Firms
Band 1
Brach Eichler L.L.C.
Epstein Becker & Green PC
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
Band 2
Fox Rothschild
Garfunkel Wild P.C.
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
Band 3
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Connell Foley LLP
Faegre Drinker
Gibbons P.C.
Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
McCarter & English, LLP
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Ciesla Frank R. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Gorrell Joseph M. Brach Eichler L.L.C.
Leading Individuals
Star individuals
Schaff Michael F. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *
Band 1
Fanburg John. Brach Eichler L.L.C.
Greenbaum Peter A. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *
Herschman Gary W. Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Mack Grace D. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *
Patel Anjana D. Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Robertson James A. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *
Band 2
Christian Elizabeth H. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Frier Daniel B. Frier Levitt (ORL) ◇
Grelecki Carol. Brach Eichler L.L.C. *
Kendall George H. McCarter & English, LLP
Kobler Scott A. McCarter & English, LLP
Leone Alyson M. Saul Ewing LLP (ORL) ◇
Litten Elizabeth. Fox Rothschild *
Band 3
Argiropoulos Anthony. Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Blustein Andrew. Garfunkel Wild P.C.
Brown Jeffrey S. Garfunkel Wild P.C.
DiMaria Nicole. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Fietkiewicz John. Arnold & Porter (ORL) ◇
Kastner Laurajane. Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Keller Jonathan. Faegre Drinker
Klele Khaled. McCarter & English, LLP
Lee Patricia. Connell Foley LLP
Myslinski Richard. McCarter & English, LLP
Prives Glenn P. Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Sokolow David. Fox Rothschild *
Velocci Frank. Faegre Drinker
Wenik Jack. Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Up-and-coming individuals
Belton Julia P. Garfunkel Wild P.C.
Gora Lisa. Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Krisza Jason J. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *

* Indicates individual with profile.
 ◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
 Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Epstein Becker & Green PC

What the team is known for Epstein Becker Green offers formidable breadth and expertise across the spectrum of healthcare matters, including corporate transactions, regulatory and compliance advice, government investigations and tax issues. The practice also handles litigation, including disputes between entities in the healthcare sector and cases concerning government agencies. It acts for medical centers, hospitals and pharmaceutical companies, as well as health systems and nursing homes. The firm is active both within New Jersey and nationally.

Strengths
 “They are so hard-working and knock complex litigation out of the park.”

Notable practitioners

Gary Herschman (see p.2286) 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:** “He’s excellent. He’s very good to work with and is creative.”

Anjana Patel (see p.2294) is esteemed for the strength of her largely transactional practice, which includes advising health providers on their acquisition by private equity funds. **Strengths:** “Anjana is very smart and very knowledgeable.”

Anthony Argiropoulos (see p.2278) is noted for his contentious healthcare practice and handles arbitrations and litigation for clients such as hospitals and health systems. **Strengths:** “Anthony has a great way of distilling very complicated issues and facts into something simple and practicable.”

Laurajane Kastner (see p.2288) 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. **Strengths:** “Laurajane is a good technician on the documents.”

Glenn Prives (see p.2295) represents a wide range of healthcare clients in regulatory and corporate matters, offering expertise in areas such as sales and network formations. **Strengths:** “A very good attorney. He’s got good judgment and business sense.”

Jack Wenik (see p.2300) 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. **Lisa Gora** (see p.2283) advises a range of healthcare companies on regulatory compliance and licensing matters. She is particularly recognized for her work on cannabis law. **Strengths:** “Lisa Gora is very smart.”

Wenik Jack (see p.2300) 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. **Lisa Gora** (see p.2283) advises a range of healthcare companies on regulatory compliance and licensing matters. She is particularly recognized for her work on cannabis law. **Strengths:** “Lisa Gora is very smart.”

Glenn Prives (see p.2295) represents a wide range of healthcare clients in regulatory and corporate matters, offering expertise in areas such as sales and network formations. **Strengths:** “A very good attorney. He’s got good judgment and business sense.”

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 cli-

ents 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
 “Its very rare you get the kind of support Wilentz Goldman provides.”

“The sophisticated team provides excellent insights and support. They are true counselors.”

“The firm is very strong and competent in all aspects of healthcare law.”

Work highlights Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer transaction counsel to Reproductive Medicine Associates following KKR’s acquisition of RMA and its parent company for \$3.2 billion.

Notable practitioners

Michael Schaff (see p.2297) 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 extremely knowledgeable about healthcare regulations whilst also being business minded.” “He is outstanding.”

Peter Greenbaum (see p.2283) represents a range of healthcare providers in relation to transactions as well as regulatory compliance matters. **Strengths:** “Pete Greenbaum is a superstar of the firm. He’s very, very thorough, knowledgeable, efficient, responsive and effective. His articulation and ability to keep things moving are exemplary.”

“A superb attorney.” “A healthcare transactions expert, he has a broad range of knowledge of both the hospital and personnel side.”

Grace Mack (see p.2291) is highly respected for her work advising clients such as medical groups and facilities on corporate and regulatory issues. **Strengths:** “Grace is very calm and measured in her approach to issues.” “Grace is a true pro and a trusted partner of ours!” “She is very informed and responsive and gets good results in sophisticated transactions.”

Jason Krisza (see p.2289) advises providers on both transactional and regulatory mandates, including physician contracting. **Strengths:** “Jason is very responsive, knowledgeable and extremely analytical.”

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Band 2

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 (see p.2290) is respected for her longstanding regulatory expertise, which includes HIPAA and HITECH compliance, as well

sophisticated knowledge of regulatory issues. **Strengths:** “Carol is able to understand and implement contracts. She makes deals work.”

as handling data breaches. **Davi** (see p.2981) and **Sokolow** (see p.2981) 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.

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

"They are terrific."

"The teams have diverse knowledge and have always been able to assist us with any possible issues."

"They have a great team, and our lead attorney has been able to obtain resources across a range of practice areas. We have been very much pleased with their team overall."

Work highlights Garfunkel Wild represented Care Plus Bergen in its acquisition of a 98-bed assisted living facility in Midland Park.

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. **Jeffrey Brown** has a strong transactional and regulatory practice, which includes advising on transactions between nonprofit and for-profit entities, as well as handling reimbursement disputes. **Julia Belton** has a strong reputation in the market for her work advising a range of clients on transactional healthcare matters.

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 has broad experience and a broad compliment of attorneys."

Notable practitioners

James Robertson (see p.2296) 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 is a very hardworking, smart attorney." "An excellent lawyer who's always on top of healthcare issues." "He's responsive and knows*

what he's talking about."

Band 3

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

"I have always trusted this firm to help us fully understand the scope of the contracts and what the terms would mean for our organization. Any questions we have - complex or simple - are answered completely and in a manner that we can comprehend."

"In my opinion, they do the best research of the Healthcare market in NJ."

Work highlights Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi represented the University Physician Associates of New Jersey in its reorganization into a non profit entity and subsequent matters surrounding legacy work with the Rutgers Medical School.

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 is very knowledgeable and responsive." "Nicole is reliable, responsive and prioritizes the needs of our organization to continue to thrive. She responds in a timely manner and communicates clearly so all parties are on the same page." "She is responsive, practical and delightful."*

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

"The firm is always prepared and always responsive."

"The Connell Foley attorneys have the expertise to work on the highest level matters."

"Substantively the firm does good work, they're hardworking, and represent their clients very well. They are worthy adversaries."

"The firm has deftly handled the matters assigned to them."

Work highlights Connell Foley LLP represented Jersey City Medical Center in a dispute with CarePoint Health Management Associates, who alleged that JCMC had steered patients away from a CarePoint hospital in an attempt to disrupt their business.

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:** *"She is very knowledgeable with respect to both insurers and healthcare practitioners and is very diligent in her work." "Patricia has been a good partner in our litigation. She has very strong litigation skill for complex litigation with multiple parties, and an excellent background in healthcare and insurance." "Patti is an outstanding attorney."*

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 guidance and support provided by Faegre is robust; they can support all matters that affect our organization."

"The Faegre Drinker team had experts in all areas of need. Never was there a time the team was unable to provide guidance nor was there ever a delay in progress relative to the inability to deliver on a tight and specific timeline."

"They are very helpful and responsive in assisting with complex and sophisticated matters that are not dealt with on a day-to-day basis."

Work highlights Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP represented as regulatory counsel Elevance Health in connection with its proposed acquisition of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, valued at \$2.5 billion.

Notable practitioners

Jonathan Keller provides client regulatory and licensing counsel. As a registered pharmacist, pharmaceutical matters are his particular strength. **Strengths:** *"Jonathan provides exceptional legal services. He is very responsive, and his level of sophistication is top notch when asked for advice on different topics. He is able to solve complex problems quickly with this critical and strategic thinking skills." "We love working with him." "Jonathan is an excellent collaborative partner. Jonathan demonstrated remarkable customer service, an excellent knowledge base and took care to provide streamlined guidance to better position our business going forward." **Frank Velocci** is adept at handling both transactional and litigation-related healthcare matters, including mergers and acquisitions and malpractice disputes.*

Gibbons P.C.

What the team is known for Gibbons 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

"Gibbons has a very good regulatory care practice and a strong bench for general healthcare matters too."

Work highlights Gibbons represented Bayer in two qui tam cases in alleging kickback arrangements to healthcare providers. Gibbons successfully represented Bayer in state court and is representing the company in the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Barry Liss is a key contact.

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.

Strengths

"We have received very good work on complicated matters."

"The firm always have a knowledgeable person to help us."

Work highlights Giordano Halleran & Ciesla represented Springpoint Senior Living in connection with regulatory issues, contractual negotiations and vendor agreements.

Notable practitioners

Frank Ciesla is a seasoned healthcare expert. He provides much-respected counsel to a broad roster of providers, including hospitals, physician groups and nursing homes, drawing on experience in both transactional and regulatory matters.

Elizabeth Christian regularly assists healthcare providers and pharmaceutical companies on high value transactions and complex disputes.

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, anti-trust, 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

"The firm is fabulous. They are true experts in New Jersey healthcare."

"We get great service from McCarter & English."

Work highlights McCarter & English represented Health and Wellness Partners in its sale to NMS Capital, a private equity firm.

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. **Strengths:** *"He is the best to work with."* **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. **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. **Strengths:** *"He is fabulous. He's very low-key, straight and to the point. He just gets stuff done."*

Other Ranked Lawyers

John Fietkiewicz of Arnold & Porter is highlighted for his handling of regulatory, legislative and civil investigations in the healthcare space. He is particularly adept at counseling clients in healthcare fraud and crisis management.

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. **Strengths:** *"A smart guy who is very strong in healthcare."*

Alyson Leone of Saul Ewing LLP is esteemed for her practice advising both individual and institutional healthcare providers on areas such as regulatory compliance, licensing and transactions.

Strengths: *"Alyson is very, very good. I would recommend her."*

Immigration

Immigration
Leading Firms
Band 1
Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP
Band 2
Connell Foley LLP
Lepore Taylor Fox LLP
Meyner & Landis LLP
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

Band 1

Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP

What the team is known for 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.

Strengths

"The team is amazing to work with! They are knowledgeable, responsive, and communicate effectively with our associates. Any situation that comes up, they are great at working with us to find a solution and a way to move forward."

"Fragomen has the depth of experience to make even complex or complicated matters seem routine."

Notable practitioners

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:** *"We're very satisfied with the service Tim provides."* **Rahul Shah** has a notable immigration practice that sees him assisting businesses and their employees with visa and permanent residency applications. **Strengths:** *"Rahul is a strong attorney and his calm demeanor makes him great in client-facing situations."* *"This attorney delivers year after year! He is a pleasure to work with!"* Matawan-based **William Ralston** is an up-and-coming attorney who advises businesses on the full gamut of immigration matters. **Strengths:** *"We absolutely love working with this attorney."* *"William Ralston is a very strong lawyer."* **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. **Strengths:** *"Chelsea provides excellent service to me and my colleagues as well as to the individuals*

Immigration
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Fox Rosanna <i>Lepore Taylor Fox LLP</i>
Moseley Thomas <i>The Law Offices of Thomas (ORL) ◇</i>
Shulman Edward <i>The Shulman Law Group, LLC (ORL) ◇</i>
Band 2
Bahal Alka <i>OGC Solutions (ORL) ◇</i>
Dornbaum Neil S <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Malyk Scott R <i>Meyner & Landis LLP</i>
Peregoy Kathleen M <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Roy Susan G <i>The Law Office of Susan G. Roy, LLC (ORL) ◇</i>
Rubin Edwin R <i>Edwin R Rubin Attorney at Law (ORL) ◇</i>
Siliato Anthony F <i>Meyner & Landis LLP</i>
Band 3
Gonzalez Jerard <i>Bastarrika, Soto, Gonzalez (ORL) ◇</i>
King English Eileen S <i>King English, LLC (ORL) ◇</i>
Lepore Taylor Fox LLP
Nelson Timothy <i>Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy</i>
Pestaina Cora-Ann V <i>Lepore Taylor Fox LLP</i>
Shah Rahul M <i>Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP</i>
Up-and-coming individuals
Ralston C William <i>Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy</i>
Associates to watch
Germak Chelsea <i>Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy</i>
Thomas Charlee <i>Lepore Taylor Fox LLP</i>
Walsh Abigail <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

needing immigration services and the hiring managers. We couldn't ask for anyone better." "Chelsea is amazing. She's extremely knowledgeable about every case she's working on and is always ready and willing to get on a call or send a detailed email to answer any question we have." "Chelsea Germak is professional and has the ability to answer any question that is presented to her, even when on the spot on a conference call."

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 team is extremely knowledgeable, thorough and professional."

"They are very quick to respond and great at following up."

Notable practitioners

Neil Dornbaum is based in the firm's Roseland office and is cochair of the corporate immigration and global mobility practice. He advises on employment-based immigration matters for clients in the education and pharmaceutical sectors, among others. **Strengths:** "He adds great value to the subject when he is brought into the conver-

sation." "Neil is very intelligent and thorough. You can tell that he keeps abreast of all things immigration-related." Cochair of the firm's corporate immigration and global mobility practice **Kathleen Peregoy** is an experienced attorney who advises employers from a wide range of sectors on immigration matters. **Strengths:** "Kathleen is a trusted partner of ours." "Kathleen is always willing to give her time and explains things well." "She drives the team and serves our company needs extremely well." **Abigail Walsh** handles business immigration matters for a broad range of corporate clients. She is also adept at advising on extraordinary ability visas. **Strengths:** "It's great to work with Abigail. She has a strong knowledge base!" "Abigail is a trusted partner of ours."

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 expertise 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

"The firm shows an outstanding ability to handle complex matters and its help always arrives super quickly on the same or next day, which is so helpful for us."

"The attorneys are highly qualified and regarded as experts in the field of complex business immigration matters."

Notable practitioners

Rosanna Fox represents clients from sectors such as technology and communications on immigration strategy and planning. **Strengths:** "Rosanna is great because she gives an overall layout of the situation, gives advantages and disadvantages of our options, and then makes a recommendation which we feel comfortable with taking based on our risk level. Rosanna demonstrates up-to-date knowledge on all things immigration and we are confident in her abilities." "I am so happy to work with Rosanna; she has always shown a high level of professionalism, excellent expertise, is extremely helpful and quick to address our matters." **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:** "She's always available and easily accessible. She helps to resolve problems and issues." **Cora-Ann Pestaina** is an experienced immigration attorney who advises clients on both business and personal immigration issues. **Strengths:** "Cora-Ann is very responsive and highly knowledgeable in her practice area." "Cora-Ann is great, I look forward to working with her again." **Charlee Thomas** assists both individual and corporate clients on strategic immigration matters as well as family-related immigration matters. **Strengths:** "She is such a good writer and is so strategic."

Meyner & 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.

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. **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 focuses on immigration and nationality law and works on matters such as I-9 compliance. **Strengths:** "Alka is one of the top immigration attorneys in New Jersey."

Jerard Gonzalez is a strong choice to handle immigration matters which intersect with criminal proceedings, and also offers know-how in business immigration. He manages the Hackensack office of Bastarrika, Soto, Gonzalez & Somo-hano. **Strengths:** "Jerard is very well known and respected."

Eileen King English handles corporate and family immigration matters. She has specialist knowledge of the healthcare sector and the specific immigration rules affecting clients in that space. **Strengths:** "She is fantastic and is so knowledgeable."

Thomas Moseley is well known for his contentious immigration work. He is recommended for his experience handling deportation and removal defense cases. **Strengths:** "He is fantastic; he's very well respected and super knowledgeable." "He is a pillar of the immigration community."

Susan 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:** "She gets incredible results for her clients." "Susan is so knowledgeable and a great mentor."

Edwin Rubin is a sole practitioner based in East Brunswick. He is best known for his work on citizenship and family-based immigration. **Strengths:** "He knows everything; he's a great role model and mentor." "He is super knowledgeable about immigration law and is a lawyer's lawyer."

Edward Shulman assists clients with the full gamut of immigration and nationality law. He is especially well known for his work on deportations.

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
Fox Rothschild
Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Bennett Lynda <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP*</i>
Carroll Christopher <i>Kennedys CMK</i>
Chesler Robert D <i>Anderson Kill PC</i>
Kelly Shawn L <i>Dentons</i>
McNally Daren <i>Clyde & Co US LLP</i>
Pastor Sherilyn <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Band 2
Catalano Meg <i>Kennedys CMK</i>
Coughlin Kevin <i>Coughlin Midlige & Garland LLP</i>
Gallagher Kristin <i>Kennedys CMK</i>
McHenry Jonathan P. <i>Connell Foley LLP</i>
O'Donnell Brian E. <i>Riker Danzig LLP*</i>
Pollock Jeffrey M <i>Fox Rothschild*</i>
Pudell Steven J <i>Anderson Kill PC</i>
Wolff Kevin <i>Kinney Lisovitz Reilly & Wolff PC (ORL) ◇</i>
Band 3
Coyne John <i>McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney (ORL) ◇</i>
Gimigliano Stephen V. <i>Gimigliano Mauriello (ORL) ◇</i>
Gottlieb Ira <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Horowitz Gregory H <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Jesse Eric <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP*</i>
Koepff Paul <i>Clyde & Co LLP</i>
Kull Garry <i>Kennedys CMK</i>
La Rocco Anthony P <i>K&L Gates (ORL) ◇*</i>
Midlige Suzanne C. <i>Coughlin Midlige & Garland LLP</i>
Quinn Thomas <i>Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker</i>
Simpson Heather E. <i>Kennedys CMK</i>
Tallmadge Mark M <i>Bressler, Amery & Ross, PC. (ORL) ◇</i>
Vales John R "Jack" <i>Dentons</i>
<i>* Indicates individual with profile.</i>
<i>◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.</i>
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

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

"They are experts in the field. They know how we work and what we need."

"A go-to for complex issues."

Notable practitioners

Daren McNally represents insurers in a variety of coverage disputes, including environmental contamination, business interruption, personal injury and asbestos claims. **Strengths:** *"Daren is a go-to for complex, high-stakes cases. He is very strong technically and is creative and thoughtful too."* *"He's fantastic with clients and is a fantastic coverage lawyer."* *"Daren is knowledgeable and great to work with."* **Paul Koepff** is an experienced insurance 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 very experienced, always available and very helpful."*

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 is the best law firm to support insurance coverage work."

"Kennedys do the most complex, highest-exposure work."

"They provide exceptional work product."

Work highlights Kennedys served as counsel for the AXIS Insurance relating to the Boy Scouts of America and its bankruptcy following historical sexual abuse claims.

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 an exceptional talent who provides smart solutions to the thorniest problems."* *"Chris is a visionary, the complete package. From seemingly impossible starting points, Chris is capable of using his unique blend of intellectual horsepower and commercial radar to view scenarios in a three dimensional format to present a fresh analysis and game plan. He is peerless, in my view."* *"Chris is adept at both strategy and thinking on his feet with an excellent knowledge of the law."* **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 a trusted advisor who provides sounds advice again and again."* **Kristin Gallagher** acts on a wide range of insurance disputes, including covering disputes involving property damage, business interruptions, product liability, professional risk and

catastrophic events. **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 and construction cases in both state and federal court. **Heather Simpson** has significant experience defending insurers in coverage disputes involving sexual abuse and personal injury claims. **Strengths:** *"Heather has the insight, knowledge and experience of people twenty years her senior!"* *"One of the best lawyers I've worked with."*

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for Lowenstein Sandler 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 is an expert in insurance coverage and a great advocate for its clients."

"We get extraordinary advice from them."

Work highlights Lowenstein Sandler represented the Official Committee of Tort Claimant Creditors of the Diocese of Camden, which represents survivors of clergy sexual abuse, in bankruptcy proceedings regarding the Diocese. The firm is pursuing coverage for more than 300 survivors's claims.

Notable practitioners

Lynda Bennett (see p.2278) 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 Bennett provides us with outstanding advice. She's super responsive and helpful."* *"She's fantastic."* *"She understands the ideas of risk and how to deal with codefendants. She is an exceptional lawyer and we will use her for anything."* **Eric Jesse** (see p.2287) 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. Boasts a niche in speciality policies including representations and warranties and cyber insurance. **Strengths:** *"Eric is responsive and thoughtful and is always trying to do what's best for his clients."* *"Eric is a true expert and an advocate for his clients. He is a pleasure to work with and I trust him to take care of our clients."*

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for McCarter & English 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. They are also adept at handling cases

relating to long-tail liabilities.

Strengths

“McCarter & English is knowledgeable and the team is all excellent.”

“The firm is very good at providing multiple options to work through and they are very good at following up too.”

Work highlights McCarter & English argued for the amici curiae before the Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division in *Merck & Co v Ace American Ins. Co.*, regarding cyber insurance.

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:** *“Sherilyn is one of the most sought after insurance lawyers in the US. She’s saved our bacon more than once and should be feared by the opposition.” “She is the top policyholder lawyer in the state. She is fantastic.” “Meticulous on matters of insurance coverage.”* **Ira Gottlieb** incorporates insurance litigation into his wider environmental practice. He regularly represents corporate policyholders within the engineering and energy sectors in insurance coverage disputes relating to Superfund sites. **Strengths:** *“Ira is a nice guy and a good lawyer.”* **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 is very thorough and listens and offers real solutions to insurance coverage problems.” “Greg is an expert in this area. He is incredibly responsive, detailed and practical in his advice.”*

Band 2

Anderson Kill PC

What the team is known for Anderson Kill 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 are very knowledgeable on current law and market trends.”

“An extremely responsive firm, they advise on complex issues whilst understanding the client’s needs.”

“I felt that they really understand both the legal aspect and its practical applications and ramifications.”

Work highlights Anderson Kill represented Siplast in a 5th Circuit appeal regarding a \$5 million property damage coverage claim.

Notable practitioners

Robert Chesler is recommended for his advice to and representation of policyholders on all manner of coverage issues and disputes. **Strengths:** *“Bob is extremely smart and very knowledgeable. He is one of the few lawyers I don’t question.” “The best*

policy coverage lawyer in the state.” **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:** *“Steve is a gentleman of the highest order. He amazed me with his attitude of calm levelheadedness in all situations. When dealing with complex and nuanced matters of law he has an intuitive grasp of strategy and practice.” “He’s very knowledgeable.”*

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for Connell Foley is a skillful outfit acting on behalf of insurers in coverage and subrogation disputes, and is regularly selected to represent clients in many large and high profile cases, including class action coverage disputes. The practice boasts an impressive number of civil trial attorneys in its ranks. They possess experience covering environmental insurance litigation, mass and toxic torts, and product liability matters.

Strengths

“Connell are especially adept at handling complex coverage litigation.”

“They know what they’re doing.”

“The firm is able to handle a wide variety of litigation at short notice.”

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 very smart and experienced; he’s an excellent lawyer.” “He’s super smart and knows coverage inside out. He’s three steps ahead of our adversaries.”*

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 provides high quality and outcome driven work product to assist in the efficient resolution of disputes.”

“The firm displays an excellent ability to simplify complex matters.”

Work highlights Dentons represented Fletcher Reinsurance Company in connection with two litigations in California regarding reinsurance contracts worth roughly \$15 million.

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 commercially oriented and detailed litigator.” “He’s an excellent communicator.”* **John Vales** acts on coverage claims and other tax and regulatory matters for insurance companies. **Strengths:** *“He is a very*

good, smart attorney.”

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. They are 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 is a top notch firm with a substantial bench.”

“Riker has handled complex matters for us and has achieved excellent results.”

Work highlights Riker Danzig represented Mitsui Sumitomo in multiple suits by insured seeking coverage for pandemic-related financial losses. The plaintiffs are claiming \$600 million.

Notable practitioners

Brian O’Donnell (see p.2293) 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’s work product is thorough and excellent.”*

Band 3

Coughlin Midlige & Garland LLP

What the team is known for Coughlin Midlige & Garland 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.

Strengths

“They are multi-tooled players in the coverage space.”

“They are good at what they do.”

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.

Fox Rothschild

What the team is known for Fox Rothschild is highlighted for their representation of insurance carriers, foundations, trade associations and individuals in complex insurance litigation matters. Expertise spans a range of sectors including maritime and the environment.

Work highlights Fox Rothschild represented Steel Partners in a suit against Beazley that asks whether environmental contamination is an insured event.

Notable practitioners

Jeffrey Pollock (see p.2294) 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. **Strengths:** *“Jeff is an*

impressive lawyer.”

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.

Work highlights Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP represented a large mutual insurance company in litigation in Oregon where a lender has sued a series of religious related entities that ran colleges, alleging that they were defrauded for \$300 million.

Notable practitioners

Thomas Quinn regularly represents insurers in coverage disputes as part of his broad civil litigation practice.

Other Ranked Lawyers

John Coyne incorporates insurance matters and disputes into his wider commercial litigation practice. He has significant expertise advising insurers in relation to their coverage obligations.

Strengths: “John is a knowledgeable insurance practitioner.”

Stephen Gimigliano has a wide-ranging litigation practice which encompasses mass torts and coverage claims. **Strengths:** “Stephen is a great coverage lawyer. He’s very smart and very good.”

Anthony La Rocco (see p.2289) of K&L Gates is

recognized for his representation of corporate and individual policyholders in coverage disputes across the healthcare, property and product liability sectors. **Strengths:** “He’s very good, very responsive and a good communicator.”

Mark Tallmadge of Bressler, Amery & Ross 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 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 an excellent oral advocate and a pleasure to have as an adversary.”

Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property
Leading Firms
Band 1
Lerner David LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Band 2
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Gibbons P.C.
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Saul Ewing LLP
Band 3
Cole Schotz P.C.
Fox Rothschild
Saiber LLC
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Band 1

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 Lerner David team explains concept issues extremely well, even to people who have little to no experience with IP. The team provided all possible paths and pinpointed the one that made most sense in every case.”

Work highlights Lerner David represented Apogee Lighting Holdings in two IPR proceedings against two patents owned by Clear-Vu Lighting related to emergency light fixtures.

Intellectual Property
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Kennedy Charles P. Lerner David LLP
Mentlik William L. Lerner David LLP
Sales Bruce. Lerner David LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 1
De Lorenzi David E. Gibbons P.C.
Lizza Charles M. Saul Ewing LLP
Schindler Barry J. Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Schoenberg Robert J. Riker Danzig LLP (ORL) ◇
Band 2
Christie Scott S. McCarter & English, LLP
Nussbaum Peter. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Roth Stephen F. Lerner David LLP
Weinick Jeffrey. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Band 3
Agostino Joseph. Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Baton William. Saul Ewing LLP
Bersh Lennie A. Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Calmann Arnold B. Saiber LLC
Chevalier Charles H. Gibbons P.C.
DeCarlo James. Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Frischia Michael R. McCarter & English, LLP
Gold David S. Cole Schotz P.C.
Paradiso Robert. Lowenstein Sandler LLP (ORL) ◇
Richer Natalie. Lerner David LLP
Soos Jeffrey. Saiber LLC
Up-and-coming individuals
Remore Abigail. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Stroever William W. Cole Schotz P.C.
Sullivan Sarah. Saul Ewing LLP

Notable practitioners

Charles Kennedy is a celebrated figure in the area and known for his work on patents and IP litigation. He has significant experience acting for local innovators as well as multinationals. **Strengths:** “Charles is very practical and thoughtful.” **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. **Bruce Sales** has extensive experience in disputes at the US Patent and Trademark Office and also has expertise in mitigating IP risk, helping clients avoid disputes. **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. **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:** “She’s very personable and able to distil complex information down to very easily understandable matters.” “She’s incredibly intelligent and even keeled.”

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 McCarter & English team is precise, efficient and has command of the subject at hand."

Work highlights McCarter & English continued to prepare, prosecute and maintain the patent portfolio of Hemogenyx Pharmaceuticals.

Notable practitioners

Scott Christie regularly defends companies against patent lawsuits and handles copyright and trademark enforcement, as well as licensing and trade secrets disputes. **Michael Friscia** is noted for his wide-ranging capabilities which take in contentious and noncontentious copyright, patent and trademark matters.

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 enjoy a fine reputation for its work before the USPTO. The team demonstrates additional capability representing clients before foreign patent offices.

Strengths

"No matter what types of needs we bring to them, Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi has several highly experienced team members that provide exceptional counsel and work."

"They provided an amazing service, they're incredibly responsive and treated us like we're their only client."

Work highlights Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi represented the musical artist, Lizzo, in all aspects of trademark work including clearance, filing and prosecution.

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 is, by far, the most talented, insightful and knowledgeable lawyer I have ever worked with."* **Jeffrey Weinick** is a patent and trademark attorney who regularly provides legal support to leading technology corporations. **Strengths:** *"Jeff understands our strategy and always provide clear guidance."*

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:** *"It is amazing how Abby delivers both highly valuable expertise and counsel as well as client service to our team."*

Gibbons P.C.

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-dis-

covery issues.

Work highlights Gibbons represented Amgen in asserting its patents against multiple generic drug manufacturers seeking to market generic versions of Amgen's drug product, Otezla.

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. **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.

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 Greenberg Traurig team has a very strong understanding of the procedures and strategies related to patent preparation and prosecution."

Work highlights Greenberg Traurig continued to represent Unilever in patent prosecution and patent opinion projects.

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 the best lawyer and advisor you could ask for."* *"Barry has the ability to convince any patent prosecution office of his claims."* *"He is a brilliantly creative lawyer. His strength is his legal judgment – he can quickly boil down and discern what the proper approach is."*

Joseph Agostino is experienced in advising clients across a broad range of IP matters, including prosecution, licensing and disputes work. **Strengths:** *"Joseph Agostino is a fantastic patent prosecutor. He's very organized and very structured in his approach."*

Lennie Bersh offers impressive expertise advising technology sector clients on patent portfolio management and prosecution. **Strengths:** *"He is a rare specialist who combines knowledge from different areas of law and technical areas."* *"His knowledge of both domestic and foreign IP strategy has been extremely useful to us."*

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.

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 Saul Ewing team has a great command of New Jersey rules and procedures and is able to anticipate needs. They are amply resourced to be able to help with the pace of these large cases."

Work highlights Saul Ewing continued to represent BioNTech in a lawsuit asserted by Moderna alleging that BioNTech and codefendant Pfizer copied three Moderna patents relating to mRNA technology for the COVID-19 vaccine, COMIRNATY.

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:** *"Charles is exceptionally gifted at his craft. He sees around corners to get us ahead of issues and crafts effective arguments."* *"Charles' judgement is just so good. He has an excellent ability to put himself in the mindset of the judge."*

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 gets things done. He knows the law inside and out and is incredibly practical and efficient."* **Sarah Sullivan** has a growing practice representing branded pharmaceutical companies in patent litigation, specifically with a focus on Hatch-Waxman ANDA cases. **Strengths:** *"She is always careful, consistent and hard working, with a good knowledge of substance and command of local practice."* *"She has a good eye for strategy and language in how to approach the court."*

Band 3

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 Cole Schotz team quickly picks up on the complexity of the situation and offers up many different options to resolve the matter at hand."

"Every matter is handled thoroughly and strategically."

Work highlights Cole Schotz continued to serve as trademark litigation and prosecution counsel for Guidepoint Global.

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 an excellent and forward-thinking attorney."* *"He is very knowledgeable and always tries to tackle every issue in a way that is best for our company and business."* **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 thinks outside the box and takes the time to understand your business.” “Willie acts like an in-house counsel, always putting our time and money first.”

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 depth and breath of the Fox team is extremely strong.”

“The attorneys at Fox Rothschild are extremely capable in handling complex and sophisticated matters.”

Work highlights Fox Rothschild continued to handle patent preparation and prosecution for Promontory Therapeutics, a clinical stage phar-

maceutical company based in New York.

Notable practitioners

Janet MacLeod is a key contact.

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

“There’s a lot of great knowledge at Saiber.”

“They know the courts and the cases well and they have patent litigation expertise.”

Work highlights Saiber successfully represented Sabinsa Corporation, a manufacturer and supplier of herbal extracts and cosmeceuticals, as local counsel in a patent infringement action before the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Arnold Calmann concentrates his practice on advising clients on complex, multiparty litigation, including patent and trade secret disputes.

Strengths: “Arnold has a lot of expertise, knows the judges really well and is very wise. He’s seen everything so he’s able to give you very good advice.” **Jeffrey Soos** is a distinguished litigator with substantial expertise in complex patent disputes and Hatch-Waxman litigation.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Robert Paradiso of Lowenstein Sandler is experienced in patent prosecution work. He has particular expertise acting for clients in the chemicals and life sciences sectors. **Strengths:** “Rob is a fantastic strategic thinker and advisor.”

Robert Schoenberg of Riker Danzig is a diverse practice that encompasses patent infringement, prosecution and licensing, alongside trademark and copyright work.

Labor & Employment

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Leading Firms
Band 1
Epstein Becker & Green PC
Gibbons P.C.
Jackson Lewis P.C.
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Band 2
Carmagnola & Ritardi LLC
Day Pitney LLP
Fisher Phillips
Fox Rothschild
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Nukk-Freeman & Cerra
Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, PC
Band 3
Ballard Spahr LLP
Faegre Drinker
Genova Burns LLC
K&L Gates
Littler Mendelson, PC
Band 4
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Cole Schotz P.C.
FordHarrison LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP
O’Toole Scrivero LLC
Saul Ewing LLP
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.

Labor & Employment
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Iannaccone Carmine A Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Peirano John J McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter
Positan Wayne J Lum, Drasco & Positan, LLC (ORL) ◇
Ridley John McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP
Rosen David I Rosen Solutions LLC (ORL) ◇
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Alito Rosemary K&L Gates *
Amalfe Christine A Gibbons P.C.
Bennett John K Jackson Lewis P.C.
Brady Patrick G Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Carmagnola Domenick Carmagnola & Ritardi LLC
Cerra Suzanne Nukk-Freeman & Cerra
Genova Angelo Genova Burns LLC
Gousman Rosemary Fisher Phillips
Keyser Denise M Ballard Spahr LLP
Meklinsky Ian D Fox Rothschild *
Rosenblatt Richard G Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Band 2
Anderson Lynne Anne Faegre Drinker
Aron Martin W Jackson Lewis P.C.
Avallone Vincent N K&L Gates *
Garland David W Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Johnson Lario Wendy Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Kochman Randi W Cole Schotz P.C.
Nardone Susan L Gibbons P.C.
Ohnegian Scott A. Riker Danzig LLP (ORL) ◇
Petrella John C. Jackson Lewis P.C.
Ritardi Steven F Carmagnola & Ritardi LLC
Band 3
Caminiti Kathleen Fisher Phillips
Esposito Francine Day Pitney LLP
Fehler Kristine Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Flynn James Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Guarino Joseph DLA Piper LLP (US) (ORL) ◇
Heslin Kerrie Nukk-Freeman & Cerra
Kierkut Galit Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Kochman Tedd Littler Mendelson, PC *
Nukk-Freeman Katherin Nukk-Freeman & Cerra
Saravay Adam N McCarter & English, LLP
Wells Catherine Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Band 4
Bird Kelly Ann Gibbons P.C.
Blunda Mark J. Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro (ORL) ◇
Boshak Heather Fox Rothschild *
Brown Jeremy Epstein Becker & Green PC *
Dee Michael O’Toole Scrivero LLC
Del Rossi Lawrence J. Faegre Drinker *
Diana Mark Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, PC
English Holly Nukk-Freeman & Cerra
Hughes Peter O Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak
Mayer Christopher McCarter & English, LLP
O’Rourke Wood Margaret Chiesa Shahinian
Paxton Lauren Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP (ORL) ◇ *
Rauls Ruth Saul Ewing LLP
Rome Robin Nukk-Freeman & Cerra
Saloman Mark FordHarrison LLP
Simao Salvador Constangy, Brooks, Smith (ORL) ◇
Sostowski Kristin D. Gibbons P.C.
Up-and-coming individuals
Mastroianni Marissa Cole Schotz P.C.
Miller Alexa Faegre Drinker

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 hospitality, 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.

Strengths

"They are so efficient and do a phenomenal job."
"I have yet to hit a matter that they don't have vast experience with. They have been a great partner."
"Pat is very well supported with a really good and loyal team. They're fantastic."
"They're experts in what they do and are timely."

Notable practitioners

Carmine Iannaccone (see p.2286) frequently represents companies in disputes involving allegations of discrimination, as well as handling issues surrounding workplace grievances. **Strengths:** *"He is tremendous."* **Patrick Brady** (see p.2279) is a litigator who specializes in defending companies against plaintiff complaints, including retaliation, harassment and hostile work environment. **Strengths:** *"One of his key attributes is that he has a very good business perspective. He looks at the questions from the perspective of what the business needs to consider and gives us a lot of practical advice that we can comply as well as legal advice which is incredibly helpful."* *"Patrick is an excellent attorney!"* **David Garland** (see p.2282) regularly defends large corporations against allegations of discrimination and retaliation, in addition to filing suit in disputes over breaches of noncompete agreements. **Strengths:** *"He is very responsive and takes and incorporates feedback well and continues to address concerns I have until I'm satisfied."* *"He is responsive, a pleasure to work with, results-driven and orientated, and knows our business extremely well."* **James Flynn** (see p.2282) has a broad practice which sees him advise companies on regulatory compliance, employee termination, trade secrets matters and internal investigations. **Strengths:** *"He is an expert in employment law."* *"James is a very smart lawyer. If I have a question for a second opinion, I go to him."* **Jeremy Brown** (see p.2279) represents clients on a broad range of labor and employment matters, including employment litigation concerning discrimination, harassment and wage and hour claims. **Strengths:** *"He is great and really reliable."* *"He is terrific."*

Gibbons P.C.

What the team is known for Gibbons P.C. 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 insur-

ance 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

"They are strategic thinkers and highly effective at communicating complex legal issues in clear concise ways."

"The team has an amazing response time, great knowledge of the law and is a pleasure to work with."

Work highlights Gibbons represented Atlantic Health Systems against claims of discrimination, breach of the common law duty of fundamental fairness, breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and tortious interference.

Notable practitioners

Christine Amalfe has an incredibly versatile practice which sees her frequently defend companies against employee complaints, manage third party investigations and provide general employment counsel. **Strengths:** *"Christine Amalfe provides wonderful support to us."* *"She's an excellent tactician, is very practical and down to earth, and is a good advisor."* **Susan Nardone** has varied experience covering internal investigations and employment training, as well as defending companies against employee allegations. **Kelly Ann Bird** handles a diverse spread of work, with an emphasis on providing companies with employment training and conducting third party investigations. **Strengths:** *"Kelly is very professional and knowledgeable."* *"She has an amazing response time, great knowledge of the law and is a pleasure to work with."* **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.

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

"The attorneys at Jackson Lewis are extremely responsive and provide well developed, thorough responses."

"They're my go-to firm."

"They're able to help us through the issues and come up with decisions that work for our legal and business sides."

Work highlights Jackson Lewis P.C. successfully represented Pacria Pharmaceuticals against allegations of sex discrimination, harassment and retaliation.

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. **Martin Aron** frequently defends companies in employment-related litigation, particularly wage and hour class actions. He is also recommended for whistle-blower litigation, and the defense of harassment and discrimination claims. **Strengths:** *"He's a standout. He's very active and puts on a lot of educational events."* **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.

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

"Morgan Lewis is a go-to firm for handling complex and sophisticated matters."

"They give very prompt legal advice. I have 100% confidence in their abilities to help us."

"Morgan Lewis has a deep bench to handle employment law matters around the world. They're the best!"

Work highlights Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP successfully obtained dismissal with prejudice for Amazon in a discrimination and retaliation matter brought by a former employee.

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:** *"Rich possesses a wealth of knowledge in both employment law and our industry and consistently provides us with strategic advice tailored to our specific needs."* *"Rich's greatest strength is his ability to think outside the box and find creative employment solutions."*

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 firm is also frequently sought out to provide guidance on OSHA issues, wage and hour claims and corporate investigations.

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. **Strengths:** *"Domenick is unparalleled; he's just so smart and human about his practice." "He's very good as a defence management side employment lawyer." "Domenick Carmagnola is a leader and is well credited."* **Steven Ritardi's** broad practice encompasses both litigation and general employment counseling. He supports employers in internal investigations and a litigation concerning a multitude of employee allegations.

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. It fields a deep bench of experienced trial attorneys providing top quality representation to major employers in both state and federal courts. The group acts for high profile clients across the automotive, healthcare and telecommunications sectors.

Strengths

"Day Pitney has handled many complex and unique problems and situations for us in a professional and highly proficient manner."

"I am always confident that any issue we have, Day Pitney can navigate them well. They are very current on state and federal laws. They are also a great sounding board and are not afraid to offer their opinion on our issues."

Work highlights Day Pitney LLP represented Deloitte on numerous employment discrimination claims by former employees.

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:** *"She has always been wonderful. She is extremely responsive to our inquiries and certain time frames and is extremely knowledgeable on both labor and employment matters." "Francine is a great resource and always seeks to improve and resolve our issues. She goes beyond our expectations." "She's been responsive, committed and consistent with her advice throughout the years."*

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

"The team is very responsive and really knowledge-

able. They know a lot about our business and are very efficient in their work."

"They have been great, very practical and efficient in how they help with our matters."

"They have subject matter experts that we're able to access for complex employment related matters."

Work highlights Fisher Phillips managed and litigated OSHA inspections for clients across the country which involved serious injuries and fatalities.

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 is just excellent." "She is always available to answer questions. She knows our company, the players, the culture and is able to provide invaluable advice."*

Kathleen Caminiti cochairs 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. **Strengths:** *"Kathy is incredibly detail-oriented, very responsive, up to date on issues that could be confronting her clients and is very easy to work." "Kathleen takes a practical approach to defence work."*

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

"Each time I ask for advice or help with an issue, I get the help that I need."

"The firm provides excellent service and responsiveness!"

Work highlights Fox Rothschild successfully represented a major New Jersey contractor in a public works project challenge surrounding its use of an improper project labor agreement.

Notable practitioners

Ian Meklinsky (see p.2291)'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:** *"I am extremely happy with the level of service I receive from him."*

Heather Boshak (see p.2279) operates a varied practice, with a particular focus on litigating disputes involving allegations of discrimination, sexual harassment, breach of contract and defamation. **Strengths:** *"Heather is a solid lawyer."*

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

"Greenberg Traurig has an excellent team that is able to provide legal advice on a myriad of issues in a timely manner."

"The attorneys I have worked with are responsive subject matter experts that understand the industry and my organization and provide practical guidance."

Work highlights Greenberg Traurig, LLP represented a leading global provider of airline catering in a single plaintiff discrimination and failure to accommodate case.

Notable practitioners

Wendy Johnson Lario frequently provides companies with counsel on policy development matters, in addition to representing employers in discrimination and harassment disputes. She is also noted for expertise in restrictive covenant and noncompete provisions. **Strengths:** *"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Wendy over the years. She is an excellent resource for us." "She is very thorough, very responsive and experienced; a great resource."*

Kristine Feher has a multifaceted practice, dedicated to advising on employment disputes, internal investigations, regulatory compliance and policy development on behalf of large corporations. **Strengths:** *"Kristine is incredible. She is an amazing lawyer, a mentor, a very practical advisor on very complex issues and gives very strong recommendations on issues. She is very respectful of the the business interests." "Kris is excellent! She is solution-oriented and provides us with fair, balanced feedback and practical solutions. I highly recommend her!"* **Galit Kierkut's** broad expertise covers disputes involving restrictive covenant and unfair competition issues, as well as allegations of discrimination. **Strengths:** *"Galit is a pleasure to work with. She is always immediately responsive to our needs and finds the right attorney or team to handle our questions." "She provides exceptional service and guidance. She's an expert in employment law and an excellent resource to our company."*

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, ERISA, employee benefits and workplace investigations.

Notable practitioners

Suzanne Cerra is known for her expert handling of employment-related disputes, as well as for conducting complex independent investigations. **Strengths:** *"Suzanne Cerra is incredible." "Suzanne is an impressive lawyer."* **Kerrie Heslin** represents companies in a range of proceedings, including discrimination lawsuits and wage and hour disputes. **Strengths:** *"She is a really talented litigator."* **Katherin Nukk-Freeman** specializes in providing both management and workforces with

internal training on harassment, discrimination and inclusive practices. **Holly English** is noted for her considerable experience in a range of employment law matters. She is proficient in providing internal anti-harassment, bullying and discrimination training at various organizations. **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.

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

"They are highly responsive and I appreciate that they try to understand the business and the client and tailor their advice to that understanding."

"Their client service is excellent."

"The team is knowledgeable in this area of law and is effective in what it does. They're good communicators who are strategic and creative."

Notable practitioners

Mark Diana is a highly regarded labor and employment attorney. He handles an array of contentious and noncontentious work on behalf of public and private companies. **Strengths:** *"He is a very sophisticated practitioner."* **Peter Hughes** has substantial experience litigating the full spectrum of employment-related lawsuits on behalf of employers. He is particularly skilled at handling discrimination, retaliation and unequal pay cases.

Strengths: *"He is one of the most responsive lawyers I have ever worked with. He has a broad knowledge base, is always available, comes up with great solutions and is effective in what he does."*

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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

"They are wonderful to work with."

"Ballard's performance is strong."

"They have the depth of experience necessary to handle complex and sophisticated issues and do so in a very timely manner."

Work highlights Ballard Spahr LLP defended Kennedy University Hospitals in several discrimination, harassment and retaliation lawsuits concerning several of the system's New Jersey sites.

Notable practitioners

Denise Keyser's wide-ranging practice covers labor negotiations, whistle-blower litigation and employment contract matters. **Strengths:** *"Denise is responsive and has a great understanding of our organization and industry. Her recommendations have been tailored to our specific needs and she is on target regarding how best to approach the various issues."* *"Denise is practical and provides good advice in a timely manner."* *"Denise is strategic and practical."*

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. Offers advice to employers in relation to pay equity issues and fair pay audits.

Strengths

"They have been extremely available to our company's needs and turn drafts around in breakneck speed."

"The team is efficient, well versed, polite and professional."

Work highlights Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP represented Boston Scientific in a discrimination and retaliation claim.

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. **Strengths:** *"She is a very impressive person, she seems to have a sophisticated understanding of the law and a sophisticated practice."* **Lawrence Del Rossi** (see p.2280) is called upon for his expertise in a range of employment matters spanning wage and hour collective actions, retaliation claims and restrictive covenant disputes. **Strengths:** *"Larry has a keen insight into our issues and always makes us feel that he'll take care of everything."* *"I trust him to provide great advice, he is able to understand what the case at hand is and what is needed to hit the mark."* **Alexa Miller** is a leading partner in the New Jersey market, noted for her employer-side representation. **Strengths:** *"Alexa is responsive, well versed in her field and is efficient. Her professionalism is unmatched."*

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

employee benefits and executive compensation, wage and hour disputes and OSHA compliance and is also well known for its expertise in public sector labor matters.

Strengths

"The firm has a strong labor and employment practice in New Jersey."

Notable practitioners

Angelo Genova is held in very high regard for his expertise in both traditional labor matters and contentious employment law. **Strengths:** *"Angelo runs a great practice."* *"He's a well connected lawyer and is really good."*

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.

Strengths

"The lawyers demonstrate strong commercial awareness and a strong partnership in understanding our business."

Notable practitioners

Rosemary Alito (see p.2277) 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. **Strengths:** *"She is very professional, very smart, very good at what she does and is very thorough."* *"My experience working with Ms. Alito has been exceptional. Throughout the representation, she has demonstrated extraordinary litigation skills and subject matter knowledge."* **Vincent Avallone** (see p.2278) 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 in work interruption and redundancy exercises. **Strengths:** *"Vince is an extremely strong partner. He is incredibly knowledgeable and provides practical advice on all matters."* *"He's accessible and responsive and leverages a strong internal network to exceed all our expectations."*

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.

Notable practitioners

Tedd Kochman (see p.2289) specializes in defending employers in NLRB proceedings and labor arbitrations, and also advises companies across the spread of workplace safety regulations. **Strengths:** *"He is very knowledgeable and personable."* *"Tedd is a great lawyer."*

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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 and wage and hour claims. The firm also counsels clients on audits, internal investigations, labor relations and management training.

Strengths

"We are confident in the team's professional experience and knowledge in the area of employee relations."

"The lawyers explain complex matters in terms I can understand and handle the multiple layers with dexterity."

"We continue to receive high levels of professional services and immediate responses. We're confident we're receiving the best possible solutions."

Work highlights Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC represented a franchisee of a large nationwide pizza franchise in a putative class and collective action filed by a former employee alleging they violated the FLSA by not compensating delivery drivers for the costs incurred by using their own vehicles during deliveries.

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 Wells is an exceptional legal resource to us. She delivers legal representation with strong permanent resolutions and is always professional in her dealings with our team."* **Margaret O'Rourke Wood** has a recognized practice defending discrimination, harassment and whistle-blower claims in the employment sphere as well as other matters for clients. **Strengths:** *"She is extraordinarily capable, bringing vast experience and knowledge of employment law and sound judgment to all matters on which we've worked with her."* *"She has a gift for understanding people and their motivations which is rare in any individual and extraordinarily valuable for one in her field."*

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 non-contentious matters.

Strengths

"The team is extremely professional and knowledgeable in every area we request guidance in."

"I have complete confidence in their ability to handle complex and sophisticated matters."

"The department is extremely responsive. They call or e-mail me back any time even on nights and weekends."

Work highlights Cole Schotz P.C. successfully defended TT Mechanical Corp in a race discrimination claim brought by a former employee in the New York State Division of Human Rights.

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:** *"Randi is extremely knowledgeable in employment law and has provided us direction and guidance. She has always been professional to work with."* *"She's highly responsive, smart and has a great sense for the needs of the business."* *"She's an excellent counselor and understands our company. She's been there when we've had difficult employment issues and she's always a calm and reassuring presence."*

Marissa Mastroianni enjoys a growing reputation for her practice, which focuses on employment litigation. **Strengths:** *"Marissa is professional and attentive to the details."* *"She's always super responsive, very pragmatic and understands the discrepancies between what different companies can do."* *"Marissa is a highly intelligent lawyer and is always there for me and willing to help with any matters. She returns my phone calls promptly too."*

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. The firm's client list spans a wide range of industries and includes both corporate and public employers.

Strengths

"The lawyers there are extremely talented."

Work highlights FordHarrison LLP successfully defended Eastern Airlines in an unfair dismissal case related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notable practitioners

Mark Saloman's varied practice encompasses a range of employment disputes including discrimination, retaliation, wage and hour and whistle-blowing litigation.

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

"They provide professional and knowledgeable legal advice."

"McCarter & English is extremely reliable and solution-oriented in handling complex matters."

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:** *"He is very knowledgeable and very practical. I appreciate his calm and practical approach and for keeping up with all the element of the law being updated. I can always rely on him to give practical advice."* *"Adam*

is one of the most responsive and technically strong lawyers I have worked with." **Christopher Mayer** is known for regularly defending companies in employment proceedings such as whistleblower, retaliation and discrimination claims. **Strengths:** *"He is a very good lawyer."* *"I have nothing but good things to say about him; Chris is a smart lawyer."*

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:** *"He is a tremendous attorney."*

O'Toole Scrivo LLC

What the team is known for O'Toole Scrivo LLP 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. They provide litigation defense on a range of employment also, including discrimination and retaliation issues and putative class and collective actions.

Strengths

"The team has helped us navigate a number of highly complex and sensitive matters successfully."

"They are excellent - they pay attention to the details and appreciate nuance and context which is really important for labor and employment. They do a really great job."

"I trust them with the work and they are very responsive. The overall quality of their work is excellent."

Work highlights O'Toole Scrivo LLP successfully represented Cenntro Automotive Group in claims by a former executive for breach of contract, fraud and quantum meruit.

Notable practitioners

Michael Dee of O'Toole Scrivo LLC is recognized for his expertise in a wide array of employment litigation, alongside experience assisting clients with traditional labor matters. **Strengths:** *"He has always been a creative problem solver and has the ability to see issues that we cannot see and prevent them from becoming bigger issues."* *"Mike has good experience in labor and union work."*

Saul Ewing LLP

What the team is known for Saul Ewing LLP has a well regarded labor and employment practice which provides a wide range of services to clients across many industries including hospitality, real estate, higher education and insurance. They are adept at handling a host of employment litigation matters including noncompete enforcements, retaliation, discrimination, harassment and whistleblowing issues.

Strengths

"The attorneys are very well versed in their respective areas of expertise. They are also adept at explaining the issues in a concise and useful manner."

"We rely on them a lot and have for several years. They're extremely client-focused and very well reputed and connected. They really go above and beyond."

"Saul Ewing has a great reputation in New Jersey and do great labor and employment work."

Work highlights Saul Ewing LLP represented Amarin in breach of contract and enforcement of noncompete and nonsolicitation provision litigation after it stopped its salary payments under a severance agreement to a former employee.

Notable practitioners

Ruth Rauls is vice chair of the litigation department at Saul Ewing LLP and focuses her practice on employment disputes before state and federal courts. She has particular expertise in the food and beverage and cannabis sectors. **Strengths:** *"She keeps us well informed and I must say she is very creative in her problem solving and has incredible expertise."* *"Ruth is practical and can always easily give you the chapter or verse of the laws that support her advice."*

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.

Strengths

"They have been great; they're very nice people providing good quality work and very good advice."

Notable practitioners

Patricia Prezioso is a key contact in the Newark office.

Other Ranked Lawyers

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.

Strengths: *"He is a very good attorney."*

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:** *"It gives us great comfort to have Joe at our side for any matter."* *"Joe is an excellent attorney and advisor. I absolutely recommend him to anyone needing outside counsel."*

Scott Ohnegian of Riker Danzig LLP has magisterial expertise overseeing employment cases

involving restrictive covenants, discrimination allegations and harassment claims. **Strengths:** *"Scott is a well respected employment lawyer. He is a tough litigator."* *"Scott is the ultimate team player; once hired, he's on it and will go through a wall for you."*

Lauren Paxton (see p.2294) of Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP is well regarded for her employment law practice. She frequently represents clients in employment litigation, negotiations and investigations. **Strengths:** *"I would use Lauren repeatedly due to her professionalism, knowledge, responsiveness, ability to advocate and client management skills."* *"Lauren is extremely knowledgeable in the way she addresses legal issues and anticipates future issues and more importantly her ability to provide creative solutions."*

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.

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. **Strengths:** *"David Rosen is tremendous."*

Salvador Simao of Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP demonstrates particular expertise overseeing wage and hour cases. He also represents companies in disputes concerning ERISA violations, discrimination allegations and misclassification issues.

Life Sciences

Life Sciences
Leading Firms
Band 1
Gibbons P.C.
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

Band 1

Gibbons P.C.

What the team is known for Gibbons has a highly respected litigation 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.

Work highlights Gibbons defended Bristol-Myers Squibb, Celgene and Celgene in patent litigation, alleging that the defendants' ZEPOSIA drug product infringed the plaintiffs' patents.

Notable practitioners

Kim Catullo and David De Lorenzi are key contacts.

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

"Greenberg Traurig employs a team approach to protect inventions in an innovative manner."

Work highlights Greenberg Traurig continued to be the primary provider of IP services for Exactech.

Notable practitioners

Barry Schindler is a key contact.

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.

Strengths

“McCarter & English is very efficient and very professional.”

“The McCarter & English team is knowledgeable and timely.”

Work highlights McCarter & English performed the IP due diligence investigation on behalf of Lisata Therapeutics arising in its merger with Cend Therapeutics.

Notable practitioners

Jonathan Sparks is a key contact.

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

“I’ve been very pleased with the level of expertise, responsiveness and professionalism.”

“They have an excellent bench and depth.”

“I feel like I’m the most important client to all the attorneys I work with there. That’s why I continue to go back.”

Work highlights Morgan, Lewis & Bockius represented Merck in its strategic collaboration with Orna Therapeutics, a biotechnology company pioneering a new investigational class of engineered RNA therapies.

Notable practitioners

Steven Cohen, David Schwartz and Alan Leeds are key contacts.

Litigation

Litigation: General Commercial	Litigation: General Commercial	
Leading Firms	Senior Statespeople	
Band 1	Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners	Orloff Laurence B Orloff, Lowenbach, Stifelman (ORL) ◇
Gibbons P.C.	Curtin Thomas McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter	Orlofsky Stephen Blank Rome LLP
Greenberg Traurig, LLP	LaSala Joseph P McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney	Rowe Paul A Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP*
Lowenstein Sandler LLP	Maderer William F Saiber LLC	
McCarter & English, LLP	Leading Individuals	
Band 2	Band 1	Mazzuchetti Lauri Kelley Drye & Warren LLP
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC	Drasco Dennis J Lum, Drasco & Positan, LLC (ORL) ◇	Nagel Bruce H. Nagel Rice LLP (ORL) ◇
Cole Schotz P.C.	Greenbaum Jeffrey J Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.*	Riley III Francis X “Trip” Saul Ewing LLP
Day Pitney LLP	Porrino Christopher Lowenstein Sandler LLP	Rolnick Lawrence M Rolnick Kramer Sadighi (ORL) ◇
Faegre Drinker	Sullivan Diane P Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (ORL) ◇*	Scervo Thomas P. O’Toole Scervo LLC
Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.	Walsh Liza M. Walsh Pizzi O’Reilly Falanga LLP	Shih Willard C. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.*
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.	Band 2	Smith Louis Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Band 3	Buckley Joseph L. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.*	Band 4
Blank Rome LLP	Joseph Andrew B. Faegre Drinker	Alworth Frederick W Gibbons P.C.
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP	Kaplan Roger Greenberg Traurig, LLP	Berman Mark Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia
McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP	Kole Edward T. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.*	DiClemente Ryan Husch Blackwell LLP (ORL) ◇
Riker Danzig LLP	Molloy Brian J. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.*	Doherty III Paul S Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.	North John D Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP*	Guadalupe Daniel Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, P.C.*
Band 4	Pearlson A. Ross Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC	Jay, Esq. David Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Duane Morris LLP	Rooney Gavin J Lowenstein Sandler LLP*	Levine Ronald J Herrick, Feinstein LLP
Fox Rothschild	Stein Michael Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.*	McDonald Michael R Gibbons P.C.
Herrick, Feinstein LLP	Torricollo Peter J. Gibbons P.C.	O’Donnell Michael Riker Danzig LLP
Saiber LLC	Verniero Peter G Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.*	Spiro Jason Spiro Harrison & Nelson LLC
Saul Ewing LLP	Wallach William D McCarter & English, LLP	Stio III Angelo A Troutman Pepper*
Walsh Pizzi O’Reilly Falanga LLP	Band 3	Sussner Jaimee Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.*
Band 5	Derman Adam Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC	Sylvester Anthony Sherman Atlas Sylvester (ORL) ◇
Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.	Haworth Gregory R Duane Morris LLP*	Usatine Warren A. Cole Schotz P.C.
Connell Foley LLP	Leyva Leo V Cole Schotz P.C.	
Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC		
Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia LLC		
Kelley Drye & Warren LLP		
O’Toole Scervo LLC		
Spiro Harrison & Nelson LLC		
Troutman Pepper		
* Indicates individual with profile.		
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.		
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.		

The editorial is in alphabetical order by firm name.

Blank Rome LLP

What the team is known for Blank Rome offers 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.

Strengths

“They do fantastic work.”

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.

Strengths: “He’s very highly regarded as a mediator and arbitrator.”

Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.

What the team is known for Bressler, Amery & Ross has a strong litigation practice which spans a wide variety of matters. The firm’s lawyers are regularly called upon to represent clients in class actions, breach of contract claims and share-

Litigation: Product Liability
Leading Firms
Band 1
McCarter & English, LLP
Band 2
Faegre Drinker
Gibbons P.C.
Riker Danzig LLP
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
Band 3
Connell Foley LLP
Tanenbaum Keale LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 1
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>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Crawford Kelly Strange <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Kabbash Maha <i>Tucker Ellis LLP (ORL)</i> ◇ *
Zogby Michael <i>Barnes & Thornburg LLP (ORL)</i> ◇
Band 3
Haglund Benjamin E. <i>Day Pitney LLP</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>Connell Foley LLP</i>
Osterman David <i>Goldberg Segalla LLP (ORL)</i> ◇ *
Tyrrell James E. <i>Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.</i>
Walters Neal <i>Ballard Spahr LLP (ORL)</i> ◇
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◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
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holder disputes. The team is also noted for its significant expertise in securities litigation.

Strengths

"They do a lot of specialized work across the board."

Work highlights Bressler, Amery & Ross served as lead counsel for Emcure Pharmaceuticals in a multi-district, class action antitrust litigation. The matter involved suits by 50 State Attorney Generals and multiple purchasers of generic drugs, against the entire generic drug industry, and alleged damages were valued in the billions of dollars.

Notable practitioners

Brian Amery offers extensive experience in complex litigation and is noted for his expertise in securities disputes. He is a co-founder of the firm and now serves as chief financial officer. **Strengths:** *"I have a huge amount of respect for what Brian has built; he has really managed to do all sorts of securities litigation for nearly every firm on Wall Street."* **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:** *"He's a top-notch lawyer."* **James Tyrrell** offers a wealth of experience in product liability cases and mass torts. He regularly acts for clients in high-stakes litigation, with notable expertise in the pharmaceutical sector. **Strengths:** *"He's a great communicator, he's great in the courtroom, he's respectful*

Litigation: Securities
Leading Firms
Band 1
Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Amery Brian F. <i>Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.</i>
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> ◇
Grannum Sandra Dawn <i>Faegre Drinker</i>
Hindy Gregory <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Pearlson A. Ross <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Porrino Christopher <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Redburn Thomas <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i> *
Rooney Gavin J. <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i> *

to the judges and to chambers and he can address a hard argument; it comes across in a professional manner."

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC

What the team is known for Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi boasts an esteemed team of trial and appellate litigators, frequently chosen for its wide experience in securities, contract and construction 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

"The firm is incredibly responsive, and it's obvious that they're working round the clock for their clients."

"They are an excellent firm."

"The firm consistently provided fast, concise and thoughtful feedback."

Work highlights Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi represented Cool Brands Supply S.A. in a trademark infringement suit against LIV Golf Incorporated and Hy Flyers GC.

Notable practitioners

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:** *"I think highly of Ross Pearlson."* **Adam Derman** maintains a broad litigation 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:** *"He's a good litigator."*

Cole Schotz P.C.

What the team is known for Cole Schotz 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

"They were extremely responsive via email and phone and I was impressed with their ability to help clarify and explain legal jargon in laymen's terms."

"Cole Schotz was very effective in providing the

best outcome for us on various litigation and foreclosure matters. They are excellent at distilling the various complex strategies and how to best respond."

"The dedication and attention to detail is amazing."

Work highlights Cole Schotz represented Intech Powercore Corporate in a litigation against Elteka asserting several different claims, including breach of the parties' non-disclosure agreement, fraud, and tortious interference.

Notable practitioners

Leo Leyva's broad practice spans a range of commercial litigation, including shareholder actions and real estate disputes. **Strengths:** *"Leo's an excellent lawyer and confidant."* *"Leo is a very experienced, smart and savvy litigator."* **Warren Usatine** co-chairs the firm's litigation department and has a broad range of expertise, including representing clients in breach of contract and fraud claims. **Strengths:** *"He is very good on complicated commercial matters and builds a strong case for clients."* *"Warren is a very skilled lawyer."*

Connell Foley LLP

What the team is known for Connell Foley 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

"The firm is extremely well equipped to handle complex matters in a variety of practice areas."

"They are very responsive to all the questions that I have and to all the difficulties that I have encountered."

They always present well thought-out strategic solutions to our issues."

Work highlights Connell Foley obtained a dismissal on behalf of TSR, Inc. in a fraud and securities claim brought by Fintech Consulting in the District of New Jersey, on jurisdictional grounds.

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.

Strengths: *"Jeff commands the courtroom and is well respected throughout the industry."* *"Jeff O'Hara has been a pleasure to work with. He is a dynamic attorney and is well skilled in front of juries and as a strategic partner."*

Day Pitney LLP

What the team is known for Day Pitney 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

"The relationship is incredibly rewarding, they have a deep warehouse of information."

"They are always incredibly prompt with replies and they stay on top of matters."

"All the attorneys are intellectually curious about industry dynamics."

Work highlights Day Pitney continued to represent Avis Budget Group in a long-running nationwide consumer class action matter.

Notable practitioners

Benjamin Haglund has notable expertise handling significant product liability claims for a range of clients.

Duane Morris LLP

What the team is known for Duane Morris 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.

Strengths

"I have confidence in even the most junior members of the teams."

"A really fantastic firm."

"The firm is capable of handling significant matters."

Notable practitioners

Gregory Haworth (see p.2285) is recognized for his representation of financial institutions in complex commercial litigation. He also handles real estate disputes and class actions. **Strengths:** *"He is a terrific trial lawyer, great on his feet."*

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

"It's impressive how they are able to respond so quickly, it feels as if we are their only client."

"They do fantastic work."

Work highlights Faegre Drinker defended AT&T on a number of complex disputes with local municipalities concerning applications for the installation of wireless communications facilities.

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 most respected lawyers that I have ever encountered, because of her knowledge and expertise in trying cases. She is the cream of the crop."* **Susan Sharko** is adept at handling large product liability disputes, in which she often represents pharmaceutical and medical device companies. **Strengths:** *"She is an incredible strategic thinker and a great legal mind."* **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 has guided us through a wide variety of disputes with excellent outcomes. He is tremendously talented and successful, but is also very humble and easy to work with."* **He is excellent. He is good with clients and business partners, good with other lawyers, analytical, and he gives excellent advice."**

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

"The team was well equipped to handle a complex dispute."

"My experience was extremely positive - everybody was very professional and made sure I had everything I needed. They were very communicative about when things were changing."

"The team was extremely responsive around the clock."

Work highlights Fox Rothschild served as lead trial counsel in a class action on behalf of all inmates in the Cumberland County Jail to obtain COVID Protection.

Notable practitioners

Jeffrey Pollock is a key contact.

Gibbons P.C.

What the team is known for 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

"I found their advice to be both commercial and practical and extremely business-savvy."

"The firm provides the highest quality of service."

Work highlights Gibbons successfully defended Vitamin Shoppe Industries against putative class action claims involving allegations of false and misleading statements on the labels of three of the manufacturer's dietary supplements.

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 an excellent advocate and a pleasure to work with."* *"Kim is a good negotiator."*

Peter Torricollo has a wide-ranging commercial litigation practice, with particular experience in the construction arena. He also handles shareholder disputes. **Frederick 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. **Strengths:** *"He is a tremendous trial lawyer, I can't say enough good things about him."* *"Fred has always been extremely approachable, very level-headed in his advice, rational and strategic."*

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. **Strengths:** *"Mike's a very good lawyer."*

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC

What the team is known for Giordano Halleran & Ciesla offers a notable litigation team with particular expertise in real estate disputes. The team also handles professional liability claims, insurance litigation and breach of contract actions. The practice acts for a wide range of clients, including individuals and large corporations.

Notable practitioners

Michael Canning is a key contact at the firm.

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP

What the team is known for Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis 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

"I love the firm - they have been great and are very reliable."

"They are a very skilled New Jersey law firm."

Work highlights Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis represented the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) in connection with multiple investigations and civil litigation arising out of the COVID-related deaths of residents at long-term care facilities operated by the DMAVA in Menlo Park and Paramus, New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Paul Rowe (see p.2297) is adept at handling high-profile and complex business disputes, including those with cross-border elements. **John North** (see p.2293) maintains a broad practice in commercial litigation, with substantial experience representing clients in jury and non-jury trials.

Strengths: *"He is a very skilled lawyer."*

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

What the team is known for Greenberg Traurig 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 multijurisdictional disputes.

Strengths

"They are very practical and are very good on rates."
"They are very sophisticated and have the depth to handle significant matters that require big teams while still being flexible and nimble."

"The experience was dynamite, the firm gets an A+ in every respect."

Work highlights Greenberg Traurig represented Dr Reddy's Laboratories in a large antitrust civil case by private plaintiffs and certain states alleging wide-ranging price-fixing by multiple generic drug manufacturers in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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:** *"He can understand the client's needs and is super responsive."* *"He's a hell of a lawyer."* **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. **Strengths:** *"He is awesome."* **David Jay** represents clients in a range of commercial disputes, including patent infringement claims, breach of contract cases and class actions. **Strengths:** *"He is an excellent lawyer who I use for complex matters."*

Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia LLC

What the team is known for Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia 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.

Strengths

"The firm has very good commercial litigation lawyers."

"They immediately respond to emails, voice memos, and text messages when free."

Work highlights Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia served as pool counsel for former employees of Archegos Capital Management in connection with an SEC civil litigation arising from the collapse of Archegos Capital Management in March, 2021.

Notable practitioners

Mark Berman chairs the firm's litigation & criminal defense department. He is a highly regarded litigator whose experience includes numerous verdicts and appeals across multiple states.

Strengths: *"Mark is a terrific lawyer."* **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. **Strengths:** *"Paul is balanced in his approach, being polite and assertive when needed."*

Herrick, Feinstein LLP

What the team is known for Herrick, Feinstein 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

"The firm provides excellent service and valuable counsel."

Work highlights Herrick, Feinstein represented the Boards of 432 Park Avenue in a dispute with the condominium sponsor relating to construction defects.

Notable practitioners

Ronald Levine has extensive experience in the handling of product liability class actions involving product recalls, the Food Safety Modernization Act and FDA regulations. He represents corporations from a variety of industries, with an emphasis on the food and beverage sector.

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

What the team is known for Kelley Drye & Warren fields extensive experience in complex commercial litigation. Its lawyers regularly defend corporate clients against consumer class actions, and offer particular expertise in TCPA cases.

Strengths

"They are great defenders and get us excellent settlements."

"Kelley Drye is one of the firms that I trust 100% to handle complex matters. I do not lose sleep at night worrying over the matters they handle for me."

Work highlights Kelley Drye represented Kohl's Department Stores in both individual and consumer class action lawsuits concerning alleged violations 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 is amazing! I never have to worry about the matters she is handling."* *"Lauri is adept in the courtroom, an extremely skillful negotiator, and someone who I can rely on for virtually any issue that arises in my business. I trust Lauri implicitly and know that she will achieve the outcome we need as a business regardless of the obstacles."*

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

What the team is known for Lowenstein Sandler 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

"It's one of the finest law firms in the region."

"I think they are fabulous. As a firm they are formidable and have a great reach."

Work highlights Lowenstein Sandler represented Appaloosa in a dispute against junior certificate holders and other trust parties. The dispute pertains to the distribution of approximately \$38 million that was withheld as reserves 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:** *"One of the finest lawyers I have ever worked with."* **Thomas Redburn** (see p.2295) 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.

Strengths: *"Tom has a full toolbox. He is smart, a terrific writer, very good on his feet and a top-notch examiner of witnesses. His strategic vision is excellent."* **Gavin Rooney** (see p.2296) frequently represents large corporations in a wide range of litigation, including shareholder derivative cases and class actions. **Strengths:** *"He is super intellectual, extremely knowledgeable, responsive and doesn't overcharge."* *"He is an incredibly smart, practical and efficient lawyer."*

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for McCarter & English 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 multi-district 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

"They have the bench and experience to handle complex and sophisticated matters."

"I feel they are very attentive to the detail and leave no stone unturned."

Work highlights McCarter & English successfully defended Surgical Care Affiliates, obtaining the complete dismissal of all counts at the motion to dismiss stage in a medical malpractice action in New Jersey Superior Court.

Notable practitioners

Edward Fanning frequently defends medical device manufacturers against product liability claims. He offers notable skill in handling large class actions. **Strengths:** *"I think he is a fantastic lawyer. He is both good as a strategist and in terms of oral advocacy."* **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:** *"Greg is very attentive to details. He explains everything about the case and he always makes himself available."* **David Kott** routinely acts on behalf of companies within the man-

ufacturing and industrial sectors in class actions.

Strengths: *"His attentiveness and responsiveness is definitely a key strength."* **William Wallach** handles a range of commercial disputes and has recent experience representing companies within the logistics sector. **Strengths:** *"He's terrific."* **Natalie Mantell** is a talented litigator highlighted for her expertise on behalf of pharmaceutical and medical technologies clients in product liability litigation. **Strengths:** *"Natalie is very smart, she shines on appellate issues." "She is a dynamic, impressive lawyer."*

McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP

What the team is known for McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter 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. **Strengths:** *"He is a dean of our profession."* **Joseph LaSala** has a strong civil litigation practice, encompassing liability claims and securities disputes.

O'Toole Scrivo LLC

What the team is known for O'Toole Scrivo is noted 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

"Their ability to comprehend and develop a complex plan is superb."

"They are extraordinarily responsible and responsive, and they are really creative problem-solvers for their clients."

Notable practitioners

Thomas Scrivo is an experienced litigator with significant expertise in cases concerning intellectual property, malpractice, and fraud claims. **Strengths:** *"Tom is very attentive to the client relationship and making sure clients are satisfied and have all the resources that we need." "Clients go to him not only for his skill as a trial lawyer but also for his business acumen and his understanding of substantive areas of law and corporate governance."*

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.

What the team is known for Pashman Stein Walder Hayden 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

"Their advice and analysis is always insightful and, where required, creative."

"All of the team members are extremely accessible and very quick to respond to the myriad of issues

that were thrown at us during the cases."

"They deeply analyze each aspect of the case to come up with the best strategy."

Work highlights Pashman Stein acted as New Jersey counsel for Walmart, representing the company in all opioid-related litigation in the state.

Notable practitioners

Michael Stein (see p.2298) offers vast experience in civil litigation, spanning breach of contract disputes and business torts. **Strengths:** *"Mike is a high-caliber trial lawyer, who has great strategic instinct and a comprehensive understanding of a broad range of legal issues." "Mike is a very practical lawyer. He's results-oriented, a clear communicator, and able to work with really complex issues in a very pragmatic and practical way." "He has the ability to understand and empathize with people who are dealing with complex issues that can be emotional in nature given the stakes and the elevated levels of anxiety. Mike excels in this regard and provides a calming influence through personal skills as well as preparedness on the legal front."* **Daniel Guadalupe** (see p.2284) is an experienced litigator who regularly represents clients in antitrust, breach of contract and civil fraud claims. **Strengths:** *"He manages complicated cases, always thinks strategically, never underestimates the other side, and is an outstanding trial attorney." "Daniel Guadalupe showed a focused awareness of issues that were critical to the matter. His success on behalf of the client has been extraordinary."*

Riker Danzig LLP

What the team is known for Riker Danzig 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

"The firm has a reputation for skillfully handling difficult and complex cases."

"They are very diligent, very knowledgeable, and good people to work with."

"They clearly care about their clients and the work they do demonstrates it."

Work highlights Riker Danzig represented Dun & Bradstreet in two putative class actions alleging misappropriation of name and personas in advertisements.

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:** *"He is an outstanding litigator."* **Kelly Strange Crawford** focuses on the defense of medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers in product liability litigation. **Strengths:** *"She is a really smart, strategic thinker who is able to effectively manage large-scale litigation." "She's wonderful."* **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:** *"He is truly a subject matter expert and is very comfortable appearing in state and federal courts."*

Saiber LLC

What the team is known for Saiber 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 has been excellent in handling our legal needs."

Work highlights Saiber successfully represented Sabinsa Corporation, a manufacturer and supplier of herbal extracts and cosmeceuticals, as local counsel in a patent infringement action before the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

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 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

"It's an excellent group of attorneys with deep experience."

"Saul Ewing does excellent work and is very responsive."

Work highlights Saul Ewing acted as regional counsel for BMW Financial in the Northeast, as well as Florida, defending the client from a number of different claims including alleged violations of Fair Credit Reporting Act, violations of state and common law fraud claims.

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:** *"He's a good strategist, good at developing strategy and gives us different ways to proceed." "An exceptional attorney, highly experienced in commercial litigation, class action work, consumer right and advocacy."*

Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

What the team is known for Sills Cummis & Gross 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 take good care of us – they are very responsive, very honest with their opinions, get to the bottom of things quickly and take a personal investment in the cases that we have."

"They make me feel as though I am their only client."

"The team is always available and prompt when responding."

Work highlights Sills Cummis & Gross represented Johnson & Johnson, successfully arguing before the New Jersey Appellate Division for the reversal of a \$223 million jury verdict.

Notable practitioners

Jeffrey Greenbaum (see p.2283) is highly regarded for his handling of an array of commercial disputes. He offers particular expertise in the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors.

Strengths: *"He is a formidable litigator."* **Beth Rose** (see p.2296) has an impressive roster of clients in the technology and pharmaceutical sectors whom she represents in a multitude of product liability disputes. **Strengths:** *"It has been an absolute pleasure working with Beth. She is deeply knowledgeable, kind, prepared, responsive and direct. She has a profound eye for detail, a strong sense of organization, and has more than proven to be a highly effective litigator."* *"She is very capable, has good head for strategy, is very professional and has excellent relationships with courts and lawyers."* *"She provides an excellent service."*

Joseph Buckley (see p.2279) is routinely called upon by both corporations and individuals for representation in high-stakes commercial disputes.

Strengths: *"His commitment to our company and industry is amazing. He always delivers excellent results."* **Peter Verniero** (see p.2299) maintains a broad practice spanning internal investigations and appellate proceedings. He is also a former Attorney General for the State of New Jersey.

Strengths: *"He does a wonderful job with sensitive issues, he makes it digestible and compelling."* *"He is a terrific appellate lawyer."* **Jaimee Sussner** (see p.2299) is well regarded for her broad litigation practice, which encompasses commercial disputes and real estate matters. **Strengths:** *"Her 'get it done' attitude does not go unnoticed, and her ability to solve problems is great."* *"She is an excellent lawyer."*

Spiro Harrison & Nelson LLC

What the team is known for Spiro Harrison & Nelson'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

"The firm provide scenarios of outcomes and open-minded paths to resolution. Their technical understanding is strong."

"The firm brings precise analysis with clear recommendations and implementation advice. They are invaluable to us."

Work highlights Spiro Harrison & Nelson represented Slingshot Technologies in a lawsuit

alleging misappropriation of trade secrets and other claims against a competitor and third party, in connection with the competitor's acquisition of a portfolio of hundreds of router patents.

Notable practitioners

Jason Spiro 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 professional, responsive and his output is well prepared."* *"He is smart, even-keeled, strong on tactics and strategy, and an excellent writer."*

Tanenbaum Keale LLP

What the team is known for Tanenbaum Keale 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 quick to respond to all of our inquiries and requests, and provide comprehensive advice."

"The firm has a deep bench of experienced partners and talented associates."

Notable practitioners

James Keale is an experienced litigator who specializes in complex product liability litigation. He has notable experience in nationwide class actions. **Strengths:** *"He's an incredibly appealing trial lawyer."* *"He's a strong, experienced attorney."*

Troutman Pepper

What the team is known for Troutman Pepper 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.

Work highlights Troutman Pepper represented Blackwire, an IT services and consulting company, in a partnership dissociation case involving a Florida partnership and Florida law.

Notable practitioners

Angelo Stio (see p.2299) is a well-regarded trial lawyer who regularly represents clients in data privacy disputes. **Strengths:** *"He's very responsive, considerate and effective."* *"I've always been very impressed with his work."*

Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP

What the team is known for Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga 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

"Walsh is a fantastic firm."

Notable practitioners

Liza Walsh offers significant experience representing corporations in an array of disputes, including IP litigation and class actions.

Strengths: *"She is a great federal New Jersey litigator."* *"She gets a ton of federal counsel work – just about as much as anybody."*

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.

What the team is known for Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer 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

"The team at Wilentz is knowledgeable, diligent and professional."

"They are very experienced in all commercial legal matters and litigation."

Work highlights Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer represented North Jersey Truck Center, Inc., the owner of a Freightliner Sprinter van dealership, in a lawsuit against its franchisor Daimler Vans USA LLC and affiliate Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.

Notable practitioners

Edward Kole (see p.2289) 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's a very smart lawyer."* **Brian Molloy** (see p.2292) serves as general counsel at the firm, alongside his practice representing companies in contract and shareholder disputes. **Strengths:** *"He's a great and reasonable lawyer."* *"He's well respected around the state. He is responsive, informative, very good at listening to me, but also helpful and firm in giving his recommendations."* **Willard Shih** (see p.2297) 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. **Strengths:** *"He supports the client professionally and has all of the skills to provide reputable advocacy."*

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 Protection Act, and the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act. **Strengths:** *"He is a fantastic lawyer."* *"Ryan is an excellent consumer finance litigator. He has a strong knowledge of the FCRA, TCPA and other consumer finance statutes."*

Dennis Drasco of Lum, Drasco & Positan 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.

Judith Germano of Germano Law is the founder of the firm and is well regarded for her experience in the securities space, where she represents both companies and individuals. **Strengths:** *"She is top-notch."*

Maha Kabbash (see p.2287) wins praise for her strong litigation practice. She regularly handles high-value product liability disputes and offers notable expertise in cases concerning the health-care sector. **Strengths:** *“She is a really smart lawyer, and a great advocate especially in an appellate argument.”*

Stephen Matthews (see p.2291) 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:** *“He is a very good lawyer and a great individual.”*

Bruce Nagel of Nagel Rice is well known for his representation of plaintiffs in commercial litigation. His practice includes personal injury cases, class actions and medical malpractice claims.

Strengths: *“He is awfully good with juries.” “He’s a formidable opponent.”*

Laurence Orloff of Orloff, Lowenbach, Stifelman & Siegel offers vast experience in commercial litigation, ranging from professional malpractice

claims to real estate disputes.

David Osterman (see p.2294) 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.

Lawrence Rolnick of Rolnick Kramer Sadighi is regularly sought by investment funds for his representation in commercial disputes. He specializes in securities litigation, regularly representing clients facing breach of fiduciary duty claims and SEC investigations, as well as handling securities fraud cases.

Diane Sullivan (see p.713) of Weil, Gotshal & Manges comes highly recommended for her handling of high-profile product liability claims and commercial disputes. **Strengths:** *“She is a fantastic trial lawyer.”*

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:** *“He is a formidable*

adversary.”

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. **Strengths:** *“Neal understands our space in the industry deeply, where we’re positioned and what our needs are. He’s very good at adapting legal strategy to fit our needs.” “Neal is a trusted adviser. He is thoughtful, supportive, direct and talented.”*

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 capable of steering complex mass tort litigation on a national level.” “Michael is a very good lawyer.”*

Litigation White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

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Leading Firms
Band 1
Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Band 2
Gibbons P.C.
Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.
Band 3
Abell Eskew Landau
Arnold & Porter
Critchley, Kinum & Denoia LLC
Duane Morris LLP
Epstein Becker & Green PC
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
Krovatin Nau, LLC
O’Toole Scrivo LLC
Riker Danzig LLP
Whipple Azzarello, LLC
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>
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 pos-

sessing 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

“The team have a unique ability to see into the heads of regulators and also synthesize complicated facts and make them understandable.”

“The group consistently demonstrate a profound understanding of the law, exceptional analytical skills, and an unwavering dedication to finding innovative solutions for their clients.”

“Calcagni are client friendly who focus on delivering results quickly and efficiently.”

“Calcagni has a very deep team of experienced litigators and prosecutors who understand how to digest issues, the repercussions of those issues and how to work within the legal structure to deliver the best results.”

Work highlights Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP defended Yellowstone Capital in a consumer fraud and regulatory action brought by the New Jersey Attorney General.

Notable practitioners

Thomas Calcagni (see p.2279) brings to bear his former experience as a federal prosecutor in his impressive white-collar criminal defense practice. **Strengths:** *“Tom is an exceptionally good lawyer who excels at client service. He has uniquely strong relationships with regulators and a keen*

strategic mind to accomplish clients’ goals.” “He demonstrates a profound understanding of the law, exceptional analytical skills and an unwavering dedication to finding innovative solutions for his clients.” “Tom has amazing vision, dedication to the law, and commercial awareness.” **Eric Kanefsky** (see p.2287) regularly acts for corporations 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 a terrific lawyer.” “Eric is a first-rate litigator who excels in both the courtroom and the regulatory environment.” “He is an excellent strategist and advocate.”*

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 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

“Chiesa has an amazing set of legal professionals capable of handling complex matters.”

“The firm excels at representing individuals with dedication and empathy in complex multijurisdictional investigations.”

“The firm is a powerhouse with great lawyers.”

Work highlights Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi

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Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Critchley, Sr. Michael <i>Critchley, Kinum & Denoia LLC</i>
Dauber Edward J <i>Greenberg Dauber Epstein (ORL) ◇</i>
Walder Justin <i>Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C. *</i>
Leading Individuals
Star individuals
Lustberg Lawrence S <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Band 1
Azzarello John A. <i>Whipple Azzarello, LLC</i>
Beck Matthew E. <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Calcagni Thomas <i>Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP *</i>
Corcione Danielle M. <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Fishman Paul <i>Arnold & Porter</i>
Hayden Joseph <i>Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.</i>
Himmel Michael B <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP *</i>
Jampol Melissa L. <i>Epstein Becker & Green PC *</i>
Klingeman Henry <i>Klingeman Cerimele Attorneys (ORL) ◇</i>
Krovatin Gerald <i>Krovatin Nau, LLC</i>
Marino Kevin H <i>Marino, Tortorella & Boyle PC (ORL) ◇</i>
Porrino Christopher <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>
Whipple John <i>Whipple Azzarello, LLC</i>
Band 2
Boxer Matthew <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP *</i>
Chiesa Jeffrey <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Eskew David <i>Abell Eskew Landau</i>
Harker Mala Ahuja <i>Friedman Kaplan Seiler (ORL) ◇</i>
Kanefsky Eric <i>Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP *</i>
Luria Amy <i>Critchley, Kinum & Denoia LLC</i>
McBride Scott B. <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP *</i>
McKenna Charles <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
O'Connor Aidan <i>Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.</i>
Sapinski Richard <i>Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. (ORL) ◇ *</i>
Solano Ricardo <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Vartan Lee <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC</i>
Band 3
Adams Christopher D <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *</i>
Arseneault Jack <i>Arseneault & Fassett LLP (ORL) ◇</i>
Ashley Thomas <i>Law Office of Thomas R Ashley (ORL) ◇</i>
Breslin Eric <i>Duane Morris LLP</i>
Fietkiewicz John <i>Arnold & Porter</i>
Gordon Daniella <i>McCarter & English, LLP (ORL) ◇</i>
Moran Eric <i>Epstein Becker & Green PC *</i>
Moulthrop Samuel P. <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Santillo Kristen <i>Gelber & Santillo (ORL) ◇</i>
Spencer Remi L. <i>Spencer & Associates LLC (ORL) ◇</i>
Toscano Mary E. <i>Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *</i>
Band 4
Adams Matthew <i>Fox Rothschild (ORL) ◇ *</i>
Carletta Dennis <i>O'Toole Scrivo LLC</i>
Geller Melissa <i>Duane Morris LLP *</i>
Goldstein Jonathan L. <i>Hellring, Lindeman (ORL) ◇</i>
Koblitz Kingman Marissa <i>Fox Rothschild (ORL) ◇ *</i>
Levy Bruce A. <i>Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman (ORL) ◇</i>
O'Reilly John J <i>McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney (ORL) ◇</i>
Robertson Michael <i>O'Toole Scrivo LLC</i>
Shumofsky Joseph B. <i>Sills Cummis & Gross (ORL) ◇ *</i>
Up-and-coming individuals
Collart Anne <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Magee Ryan <i>McCarter & English, LLP (ORL) ◇</i>
O'Neill Ryan <i>Stevens & Lee PC (ORL) ◇</i>

* Indicates individual with profile.

◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.

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secured dismissal of an indictment for their client who was accused of a \$300 million securities fraud by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

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:** "Matt is incredibly impressive and very skilled. It is a pleasure to work with him." **Danielle Corcione** is noted for her growing 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 savvy, thoughtful, strategic and gives timely advice." "Danielle is a phenomenal lawyer and is a pleasure to work with." **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 is a strong presence and a great lawyer." **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 one of the smartest and most talented lawyers." "Lee is one of the most trusted folks in the New Jersey white-collar community." "He is incredibly smart and a great writer."

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 team are excellent strategists."

"The firm are a powerhouse with a number of talented people."

"Lowenstein are a premier law firm in New Jersey."

Work highlights Lowenstein Sandler LLP represented a plaintiff in *Jarwick Developments v Wilf* in connection with civil racketeering offenses, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and other related allegations.

Notable practitioners

Michael Himmel (see p.2286) 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 has years of experience and has seen it all." **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:** "He has incredibly strategic insights, is well prepared and has a tremendous temperament." "Chris is a first rate advocate and protector

of clients' rights." **Matthew Boxer** (see p.2279) specializes in conducting internal investigations and offers further experience acting for clients in trials and appeals. **Strengths:** "Matt is very good. He is smart and diligent." **Scott McBride** (see p.2291) has particular expertise in the healthcare sector, and represents clients facing allegations of FCPA violations and corruption, among other offenses. **Strengths:** "He has a tremendously quick turnaround, his judgment is spot on and he prioritizes client relationships."

Band 2

Gibbons P.C.

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

"The team is diligent, thoughtful and resourceful."

"Gibbons is very responsive and provides excellent client service."

"The team are smart and capable attorneys, quick to grasp complex topics and industry jargon."

Work highlights Gibbons P.C. represented the former CLO of Cognizant Technology, Steven Schwartz, who was charged with violations of the FCPA in the US District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Lawrence Lustberg has a wide-ranging practice encompassing internal investigations and criminal cases concerning fraud allegations. **Strengths:** "He has been defending people his whole life and he's damn good at it!" "Larry is a legend in the New Jersey white-collar bar. He is the go-to for sophisticated potential clients, a strong writer and an even stronger oral advocate." **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 a fantastic lawyer who is very strategic, savvy and user-friendly." "He is a really bright lawyer: a real New Jersey insider with tremendous connections." "He is the perfect litigator." **Anne Collart** is a go-to for internal and government investigations, particularly in the life sciences sector. **Strengths:** "Ms. Collart is smart and pays attention to detail. She genuinely cares about her clients." "Anne is so smart."

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 firm contains many of the finest criminal and

appellate lawyers in the state.”

“Pashman is a fantastic firm.”

“The firm has an experienced group of trial and appellate attorneys who are very responsive.”

Work highlights Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C. represented Maritza Flores in a case brought by the FBI and the US Attorney’s Office alleging conspiracy to defraud the New Jersey Traumatic Brain Injury Fund.

Notable practitioners

Justin Walder (see p.2300) has earned an outstanding reputation for his practice in white-collar criminal defense. **Strengths:** “Justin is a dean of the white-collar bar.” **Joseph Hayden** is a celebrated criminal defense attorney who acts for clients across the full gamut of white-collar criminal proceedings. **Strengths:** “Joe is one of the deans of the New Jersey criminal defense bar. He is distinguished and well-respected.” **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 very talented and smart lawyer who really fights and advocates for his clients.” “He is an excellent attorney who is very thoughtful in his approach to issues.” “Aidan is very talented, knowledgeable and analytical. He leaves no stone unturned.”

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

“Abell house an excellent team. They find reasonable, practical approaches to resolve difficult nuanced matters.”

“The entire group is fantastic.”

“The firm have consistent talent across the board.”

Work highlights Abell Eskew Landau secured the dismissal of all charges against their client Nissim Davidoff, accused of healthcare fraud conspiracy and bribery under the Antikickback Statute.

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:** “He is outstanding on the defense side. He cuts through issues, understands ridiculously complex material and applies his judgment to carve out a path.” “He delivers consistently excellent results.” “David is an excellent lawyer.”

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

“The Arnold & Porter attorneys have demonstrated the highest ability in handling sophisticated criminal investigations.”

“It is an outstanding firm with experienced attorneys who handle the investigations in a thorough and capable manner.”

“Arnold and Porter’s white-collar practitioners are at the top of the pinnacle, in terms of experience, intellectual firepower and judgment.”

Work highlights Arnold & Porter defended the former Executive Chairman and Co-CEO of Archegos in government investigations by the SEC, DOJ, CFTC and others.

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 an exceptional attorney with great experience, knowledge and judgment.” “He is extremely smart, persuasive and thorough.”

“Paul is deservedly recognized as a national expert in investigations and government matters.” **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 is an outstanding lawyer. He takes the time to understand the facts and surgically applies them to the law.” “John is a tremendous writer. He is so strategic and thoughtful.”

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. 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 frequently called upon to conduct internal investigations.

Strengths

“The firm have star practitioners.”

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:** “Mike’s reputation speaks for itself. He is one of the most well-connected attorneys.” **Amy Luria** draws on her federal prosecutorial experience when handling a range of white-collar criminal trials and investigations. **Strengths:** “Amy is a phenomenal lawyer.” “She is a very zealous advocate.” “She is a high quality lawyer who really gets into issues.”

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 Duane Morris team places client responsiveness at the top of their priority list.”

Work highlights Duane Morris LLP represented Harold Mignott in a white-collar trial in the District of New Jersey concerning allegations of wire fraud.

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 pleasure to work with.” “Eric demonstrates an amazing command of issues in complex white-collar matters and is stellar in the courtroom.” **Melissa Geller** (see p.2282) is noted in the market for her growing practice in white-collar criminal defense. She acts for clients facing allegations of fraud, bribery and FCPA violations, among others, and is adept at conducting internal investigations and advising on compliance issues.

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. The team handles matters relating to fraud and False Claims Act violations, as well as conducting internal investigations.

Strengths

“The firm is very responsive and when they take on a task they get it done correctly and on time.”

“The team have a depth of strategic analysis that sets them apart.”

“The lawyers are very attuned to their clients’ business needs.”

Notable practitioners

Melissa Jampol (see p.2287) 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. **Strengths:** “Melissa works incredibly hard and is a leader in the healthcare fraud space.” “She is a top notch attorney.” **Eric Moran** (see p.2293) 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 a terrific attorney. He is insightful, smart and practical.” “He is a responsible and thoughtful advocate for his clients and exercises great discretion.” “Eric is very diligent, conscientious, thorough and smart.”

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

“The firm draws talent from the federal bar and has seasoned attorneys and litigators with trial experience handling complex white collar matters.”

“The team are very insightful and knowledgeable. They are helpful when providing advice on the best

legal route to take in order to resolve an issue.”

“The attorneys in the firm are always well prepared and have good client relationships.”

Work highlights Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP represented Gordon Brad Beckstead against allegations of money laundering arising from a fraudulent cryptocurrency scheme.

Notable practitioners

Christopher Adams (see p.2277) of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP is an experienced white-collar criminal defense attorney with notable expertise acting for both individuals and corporations. He regularly represents clients at trial. **Strengths:** “His expertise is deep.” “Chris is a valuable resource. He is extremely helpful with resolving any issues.” **Mary Toscano** (see p.2299) 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:** “She is extremely knowledgeable, personable, thorough and supportive.” “Mary is fantastic. She is smart and works very hard for her clients.” “She is incredible.”

Krovatin Nau, LLC

What the team is known for Krovatin Nau, LLC is a well-regarded white-collar criminal defense boutique that draws on additional civil litigation capabilities. Strong group of trial lawyers who are frequently retained to defend corporate clients and high profile individuals in a range of criminal proceedings, drawing on extensive former prosecutorial experience. Particular areas of strength include cases involving allegations of fraud, money laundering and insider trading.

Notable practitioners

Gerald Krovatin 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:** “Gerry is a talented lawyer.” “He is a wonderful lawyer. He’s the whole package.”

O’Toole Scrivo LLC

What the team is known for O’Toole Scrivo LLC has 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 leverage their deep experience as former prosecutors to expertly advise on high-stakes cases.

Strengths

“O’Toole Scrivo is excellent.”

“The team are spectacularly connected.”

“The firm house very good lawyers with both state and federal experience.”

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 an incredibly experienced litigator. He is exactly who you want to work with as part of a defense strategy team.” “Dennis is

a dynamite trial lawyer.” **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 incredibly well connected and a very good 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 is a premier firm with highly rated attorneys who are very responsive.”

Work highlights Riker Danzig LLP represented Mercer County in a NJ Attorney General’s Office criminal investigation into a former county official.

Notable practitioners

Charles McKenna is well regarded for his expertise in a broad 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 incredibly talented, has a very analytical mind and is an excellent trial lawyer.” **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:** “Samuel is strong at understanding what is needed in different cases.”

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. Attorneys draw on previous prosecutorial experience when defending against the full gamut of white-collar allegations. Also counsels corporations on internal investigations.

Strengths

“The team is talented.”

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 an institution in the white-collar bar.” “He is a very good advocate.” **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:** “He is a very talented attorney.”

Other Ranked Lawyers

Matthew Adams (see p.2277) of Fox Rothschild LLP represents individuals and businesses facing

allegations of fraud as well as conducting internal investigations. **Strengths:** “Matthew’s expertise and attention to detail make him a fierce advocate, both in and out of the courtroom.” “He is an excellent lawyer.”

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.

Thomas Ashley of Law Office of Thomas R Ashley, Esq. is a seasoned attorney, known for acting in state criminal proceedings in New Jersey. He also defends his clients in white-collar criminal cases at a federal level.

Edward Dauber of Greenberg Dauber Epstein & Tucker offers broad experience in contentious matters, including significant expertise in white-collar criminal defense.

Jonathan Goldstein of Hellring, Lindeman, Goldstein & Siegal offers decades of experience in a wide range of disputes, including securities litigation and cases concerning antitrust violations. **Strengths:** “He is a very experienced lawyer.”

Daniella Gordon of McCarter & English LLP 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:** “She is very dedicated and is a zealous advocate for her clients.” “Daniella is a very savvy, hard-working and experienced defense attorney. She is scrupulous to detail.”

Mala Ahuja Harker of Friedman Kaplan Seiler Adelman & Robbins LLP 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 is a leader in the white-collar space in New Jersey.” “She is incredibly thoughtful and diligent, has great instincts and puts in the time.” “She is hard-working, unbelievably smart and extremely practical.”

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 at the top of his game.”

Marissa Koblitz Kingman (see p.2288) of Fox Rothschild LLP 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 excellent lawyer. She is extremely thorough and diligent in litigation.” “Marissa is a phenomenal defense attorney.”

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:** “He is a very sharp lawyer.”

Ryan Magee of McCarter & English LLP 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:** "He is sharp and does an incredible job on behalf of his client." "He has really good command of white-collar cases in the New Jersey state courts."

Kevin Marino of Marino, Tortorella & Boyle PC has a wealth of experience representing both individuals and corporations in a wide range of white-collar criminal matters. **Strengths:** "Kevin is a very good lawyer."

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:** "She is a zealous advocate who really fights for her clients." "Ryan is a star. She is great on her feet and is a strategic advocate for her clients."

John O'Reilly of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP incorporates white-collar criminal defense into his wider litigation practice. He rep-

resents individuals and corporations under investigation for a broad range of allegations, including fraud, embezzlement and securities violations.

Kristen Santillo of Gelber & Santillo is noted for her vast experience in white-collar criminal defense. She frequently represents clients in a range of enforcement actions including health-care fraud, insider trading and bank fraud. **Strengths:** "Kristen is a great lawyer and a die hard fighter for her clients." "She is an incredible advocate." "She is always tremendously supportive and good with clients."

Richard Sapinski (see p.2297) 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:** "Richard is a true substantive expert."

"He is very active in the bar and stays up to date with emerging issues."

Joseph B. Shumofsky (see p.2298) 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 is a very talented courtroom lawyer with a ton of trial and litigation experience." "He is a phenomenal lawyer."

Remi Spencer of Spencer & Associates LLC is a go-to white-collar criminal defense lawyer with notable experience in a wide range of matters, including cases relating to fraud, corruption and money laundering. She acts for both individuals and corporations. **Strengths:** "She is such a great lawyer."

Public Finance

Public Finance
Leading Firms
Band 1
Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
<i>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</i>

Band 1

Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP

What the team is known for Hawkins Delafield & Wood has a depth of expertise in public finance transactions and is a strong choice for issuers, with its team frequently 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.

Notable practitioners

Kristine Flynn is a key contact at the firm.

McCarter & English, LLP

What the team is known for McCarter & English has significant strength in public finance transactions and are 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 act as bond counsel and have additional expertise representing the underwriters in transactions.

Notable practitioners

Richard Nolan is a key contact at the firm.

Real Estate

Real Estate
Leading Firms
Band 1
Cole Schotz P.C.
Faegre Drinker
Fox Rothschild
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
McCarter & English, LLP
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
Band 2
Brach Eichler L.L.C.
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Gibbons P.C.
Riker Danzig LLP
Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.
Band 3
Connell Foley LLP
Day Pitney LLP
Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Band 4
Hill Wallack LLP
Lasser Hochman LLC
Mandelbaum Barrett PC
Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP
Saiber LLC
* Indicates individual with profile.
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.
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. Notable experience in residential real estate matters as well as commercial projects concerning office, retail and industrial space. Offers substantial national reach owing to its network of offices in several states across the USA.

Strengths

"Cole Schotz is able to handle all of our legal needs and will work all hours to meet deadlines."

"My firm entrusts Cole Schotz to help navigate us through complex negotiations to yield us the best possible result."

"The team gets it right the first time and doesn't cut corners. They simplify the complex and know what we are looking for."

Work highlights Cole Schotz acted for Anbau Enterprises in relation to its \$15 million acquisition of a residential development project located in the Flatiron neighborhood of New York City.

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: "He sees the forest through the trees with surgical class." **John Stewart** represents clients such as developers, owners and investors in

Real Estate
Senior Statespeople
Senior Statespeople: distinguished older partners
Dollinger Martin E. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP
Newman Jeffrey Hugh Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Abramson Richard W. Cole Schotz P.C.
Bershad Russell B. Gibbons P.C.
Dowd Martin F. McCarter & English, LLP
Fersko Jack. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *
Fleissig Steven D. Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Gordon David S. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *
Hammer Alan R. Brach Eichler L.L.C. *
Klausner Robert A. Fox Rothschild *
Li Christine F. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *
Moore Deirdre E. Fox Rothschild *
Racioppi, Jr. Nicholas. Riker Danzig LLP
Rothpletz Jr Michael E. Faegre Drinker
Band 2
Berkey Mitchell S. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Butler Jr. Edward. McCarter & English, LLP
Coakley Kevin. Connell Foley LLP
Meyers Laurie E. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *
Petit Jeffrey. McCarter & English, LLP
Popowitz Allen J. Brach Eichler L.L.C. *
San Giacomo Michael. Faegre Drinker
Woodruff Michael C. Faegre Drinker
Zangari Ted. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *
Band 3
Agins Rand M. Lasser Hochman LLC
Bills Kenneth T. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP *
DaCosta Lobo Thomas. McCarter & English, LLP
Denitzio Jr Thomas J. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *
Freylikhman David. Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Greenfield Joshua. Riker Danzig LLP
Hopkins Christopher D. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer *
Lehder Todd E. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *
Levenson Mark S. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *
Markowitz Philip A. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Schiller Matthew J. Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP *
Shin Grace. Sherman Atlas Sylvester (ORL) ◇
Stewart John. Cole Schotz P.C.
Whitney Joseph. Faegre Drinker *
Up-and-coming individuals
Camelotto Andrew J. Gibbons P.C.
Goodelman Jonathan. Cole Schotz P.C.
Associates to watch
Herlihy Linda M. Riker Danzig LLP

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 provides our team with a level of support and dedication that is unmatched. He is truly a rising star and by far one of the most talented attorneys I have had the pleasure of working with."

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 com-

Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use
Leading Individuals
Band 1
Babineau Anne S. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *
Carroll Thomas F. Hill Wallack LLP
Goldsmith Robert S. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *
Gonchar Meryl A G. Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. *
Malman Thomas. Day Pitney LLP
Pantel Glenn S. Faegre Drinker
Tripp Steven J. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *
Band 2
Coffey Katharine A. Day Pitney LLP
Forshner Gary S. Law Offices of Gary S. Forshner (ORL) ◇
Giunco Jr John A. Giordano Halleran & Ciesla PC
Jennings Donna M. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *
Kent-Smith Henry L. Fox Rothschild *
Norin Andy. Faegre Drinker
Plackter Jack. Fox Rothschild *
Wolfson Peter. Day Pitney LLP
Band 3
Giantomasi Francis J. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Harrington III Charles J. Connell Foley LLP
Janacek Douglas J. Gibbons P.C.
John-Basta Lisa. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
McCann Nevins. Connell Foley LLP
Meyers Laurie E. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. *
Mlenak Steven G. Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis *
Phillips Smith Jennifer. Gibbons P.C.
Up-and-coming individuals
Michalski John. Faegre Drinker *

pliance, land use and leasing. Widely recognized as a market leader for its concentration of business-focused attorneys with standout abilities in the sector. Advises clients across a wide range of industries and is noted for its excellent contacts and solid commercial acumen. Noted expertise in major development and redevelopment projects concerning commercial, industrial and residential space. Also regularly sought after for its expert advice on property financing.

Strengths

"They are always thorough, professional and responsive."

"The Faegre team is extremely thoughtful and diligent. They are also extremely responsive, reliable and sensitive of costs relative to transaction size."

"Complexity is their strong suit."

Work highlights Faegre Drinker represented Matrix Realty in connection with a joint venture to acquire and develop multiple industrial properties in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

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. **Strengths:** "Glenn is a highly respected practitioner in the area of land use." "He is very responsive, customer focused, thorough and confident." "Glenn is truly an accomplished intellect and practitioner." **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:** "His depth of experience is excellent." "He could teach a master class on precise structuring of underlying real estate." "Michael is thorough, works hard and is very responsive - I always have full faith he will get things done in a very timely way." **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 is very focused on the details and prompt with responses. I highly recommend him to anyone looking for an expert in land use or real estate transactions." "He helps structure and navigate complex deals and issues, and is uniquely adept and skilled at both real estate transactions and zoning/land use matters." **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. **Strengths:** "Michael is a great draftsman." "He is a brilliant business partner." **Michael Woodruff** offers robust strengths across transactional and development work, with particular expertise in the health care and education sectors. **Strengths:** "I've had nothing but the most professional, personable and productive interactions with Michael and would recommend him to anyone." **Joseph Whitney** (see p.2300) 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:** "Joseph is an excellent transactional attorney." **John Michalski** (see p.2292) 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 is a top-notch attorney who has handled numerous complex projects."

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. Undertakes an extensive array of work including acquisitions, sales and leasing transactions as well as zoning and tax appeals, acting for a range of large and prominent clients. Advises on high value mixed-use, industrial, commercial and residential development projects across the state as well as further afield. Adept at handling matters involving property portfolios as well as individual sites.

Strengths

"Fox Rothschild has been instrumental in helping us bring these deals to the finish line."

Work highlights Fox Rothschild acted for Vision Real Estate Partners in connection with the sale of property in Parsippany, NJ, to Avis Budget Car Rental.

Notable practitioners

Robert Klausner (see p.2288) is highly respected for his expertise in handling real estate transactions, leasing and development matters. **Strengths:** "He does an excellent job at managing our firms' relationships and ensuring our account is being serviced properly." **Deirdre Moore** (see p.2292) has attained a leading reputation for

her abilities in transactional real estate matters, assisting clients such as commercial and residential developers with acquisitions and sales, as well as related financing work. **Strengths:** "She is a very good lawyer." **Henry Kent-Smith** (see p.2288) maintains a distinguished real estate practice which includes a specialism in zoning and land use matters. **Strengths:** "He is one of the go to lawyers for affordable housing litigation due to his specialist expertise and knowledge." **Jack Plackter** (see p.2294) has considerable expertise in real estate redevelopment, earning particular praise for his abilities in land use and environmental issues.

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. 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. 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. Has extensive experience acting for regional and national developers, private equity investors and landlords and tenants.

Strengths

"The firm is exceptional when it comes to coming up with creative and practical solutions for complex issues."

"The team's excellent documentation that always has us covered for every eventuality is priceless."

"We brought in Greenbaum, Rowe expressly because of their sophistication and experience in handling the complexities associated with projects like ours."

Work highlights Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis acted for Veris Residential on the sale of 101 Hudson Street in Jersey City, including work to prepare the agreement of sale and resolve tenant estoppel issues.

Notable practitioners

Martin Dollinger commands respect for his long-standing experience in commercial real estate matters, having advised on an array of significant transactions and leasing matters across his distinguished career. **Jack Fersko** (see p.2281) is recognized as an expert in real estate transactions, development projects and financing matters. He has additional expertise in environmental law issues. **Strengths:** "From response time, accuracy of work and practical solutions to complex issues, Jack has all of the tools necessary for our company." "Jack is an excellent, strong and seasoned attorney with great expertise in real estate." **Robert Goldsmith** (see p.2282) 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:** "His 40 years of arguing key cases in court and experience representing an exceptionally wide variety of clients is invaluable.

He channels that knowledge and experience to provide maximum benefit for his clients." "I have never met a more impressive attorney and genuinely kind person." "Robert provides exceptional service." **Christine Li** (see p.2290) is renowned for her expert handling of development projects, including notable expertise in condominium law. **Strengths:** "She really knows her work well and is very quick to get things done." **Kenneth Bills** (see p.2278) lends his expertise across all aspects of commercial real estate transactions, representing commercial property owners, developers, redevelopers and financial institutions. **Strengths:** "Kenneth provides exceptional service." **Thomas Denitzio** (see p.2281) offers considerable expertise in handling transactional and financing matters, alongside expertise in insolvency and tax issues. **Steven Mlenak** (see p.2292) advises clients such as developers, municipalities and owners on a range of development projects. **Strengths:** "A notably savvy attorney, Steve provides indefatigable support to his clients. His calm, unflappable manner is particularly useful during tense negotiations and high stakes moments." "Steven is a tough, factual, knowledgeable and sophisticated attorney."

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. Advises on development, redevelopment and leasing as well as land use matters. Handles a wide range of projects including retail, office, industrial and mixed-use sites. Also recommended for real estate-related environment, construction and tax issues.

Strengths

"The McCarter & English team is highly organized, knowledgeable and effective."

"We have been consistently impressed with McCarter's knowledge of complex legal issues and ability to provide us with a sense of how our legal risk position compares to the market."

"In my experience, their proficiency in handling complicated legal issues has been outstanding. They demonstrate a strong grasp of intricate legal concepts and are adept at navigating complex cases."

Work highlights McCarter & English acted for The Birch Group in negotiating the purchase of 101 Hudson Street in Jersey City for \$346 million.

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:** "He's very practical in trying to get deals done for his clients." **Jeffrey Petit** is particularly well versed in advising banks and other financial institutions on real estate financing matters. **Strengths:** "Jeff is a consummate real estate attorney. He is knowledgeable, creative, collaborative and client-focused." "He has the ability to get deals closed even with complicated structures or challenging time-

lines.” **Thomas DaCosta Lobo** represents an array of clients in transactional mandates, including sales and acquisitions, leases and financings. **Strengths:** “He takes a practical approach – he knows when to be firm and when to compromise, which helps to get deals done with good results.” “Tom’s profound knowledge in real estate and land acquisitions sets him apart, enabling him to provide invaluable insights to clients. His dedication to excellence and keen eye for detail make him a trusted professional in the realm of real estate law.”

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. Experienced at handling acquisitions and dispositions as well as financing matters. Significant land use practice, with notable expertise in rezoning, site planning and obtaining land use approvals, which bolsters the firm’s ability to handle a whole host of redevelopment work. Also recommended for litigation and tax appeals. Adroitly handles an array of residential, commercial, industrial and institutional projects. Clients include developers, lenders, investors and construction companies.

Strengths

“The Wilentz team is extremely capable in supporting our business needs.”

“The team is talented, experienced and hard-working.”

Work highlights Wilentz represented Milton L. Ehrlich in connection with the redevelopment of The Park, a 932-unit multiphase multifamily community in Roselle, New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Anne Babineau (see p.2278) 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:** “Her knowledge of the law and redevelopment is very strong.” **David Gordon** (see p.2283) 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 is treasured by our team. He is the first person we have always called when need legal guidance or advice.” Chair of the firm’s land use group **Steven Tripp** (see p.2299) 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 very detail-oriented – he informs the client on all ways zoning issues can go, empowering them to make decisions.” **Donna Jennings** (see p.2287) 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:** “If she needs to be forceful and make her point, she has a very strong will to get what is needed completed.” “Donna is a tenacious and very well prepared lawyer.” **Laurie Meyers** (see p.2292) 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 level of service has been unmatched. She continually provides excellent guidance, knows when to rope in additional expertise, sets expectations early, and most importantly meets or exceeds those expectations.” **Chris Hopkins** (see p.2286) assists clients across a broad suite of real estate projects and transactions, including the development of multifamily units, acquisitions and financings. **Strengths:** “Chris is responsive and gets the job done when called upon.” **Todd Lehder** (see p.2290) frequently advises developers and investors on transactional matters, especially those pertaining to acquisitions and sales. **Strengths:** “He is at the top of his field in knowledge and work ethic.” “Todd is very intelligent and works extremely hard for his clients.”

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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. Proficient at handling leasing in relation to commercial and retail properties. Further expertise in relation to residential developments, including substantial condominium, multifamily and affordable housing projects. Also recommended for matters involving Section 1031 tax-deferred exchanges.

Strengths

“Brach Eichler have a fantastic group of attorneys – they are smart and get the job done smoothly and without issue.”

“I can assuredly resign myself to allowing them to make decisions on my behalf.”

Work highlights Brach Eichler acted for Commercial Property Group on the purchase of a commercial warehouse building and office in Florham Park, New Jersey as part of 1031 exchange.

Notable practitioners

Alan Hammer (see p.2285) 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 an outstanding lawyer.” **Allen Popowitz** (see p.2295) 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:** “He’s a diligent and knowledgeable lawyer who gets the job done and doesn’t beat about the bush.”

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

“Their work added value and they never missed a

deadline.”

“The team always responds quickly to any requests and is on top of the latest developments in land use law and cases.”

Work highlights Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi acted for New Jersey Performing Arts Center in relation to its master planned redevelopment of 6.1 acres of land, which includes plans for high rise, mid-rise and low-rise mixed-use towers, as well as 15 maisonette apartments.

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. **Strengths:** “Mitch is one of the best in the business.” **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: “He has an outstanding understanding of legal policy and local governance structure.”

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. **Strengths:** “She literally wrote the book on land use and development!”

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.

Gibbons P.C.

What the team is known for 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. Acts for major clients including owners, developers, retailers and corporate entities. Local government land use work remains a strong area for the team. Notable expertise in projects concerning industrial, retail and mixed-use sites.

Strengths

“Gibbons did a wonderful job for us on a very complex project. In fact, I have yet to encounter a land use issue that they are not expert in!”

“They are good problem solvers and good at land use applications.”

Work highlights Gibbons assisted Sayreville Seaport Associates Urban Renewal with title review and leasing preparation related to the waterfront redevelopment area in Sayreville, New Jersey.

Notable practitioners

Russell Bershad comes recommended for his guidance in complex real estate mandates. He is held in particularly high esteem for his abilities in sophisticated real estate acquisition and disposal transactions. **Strengths:** “He is an experienced attorney who has practical approach to most 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. Cochair 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: "Jen is incredible to work with - I wish all attorneys were her caliber!" "She is a phenomenal lawyer who is very well organized, bright and articulate - she's just on top of everything." **Andrew**

Camelotto is an up-and-coming talent in the New Jersey market. He represents institutional clients in acquisitions and dispositions, leasing, development and redevelopment matters, among others.

Strengths: "He is a good lawyer who is responsive, intelligent and practical."

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. Possesses expertise in diverse matters including multifamily developments, acquisitions and dispositions, governmental affairs and land use issues. 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

"The real estate work there is amazing - the whole department is top notch and terrific."

Work highlights Riker Danzig acted for New York Red Bulls in its acquisition of the former Honeywell site in Morris Township, as well as a piece of adjoining land.

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 an extremely commercial and practical lawyer who offers really sound advice." "He's very strong on real estate related matters and we enjoy working with him very much." **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: "He's a diligent lawyer with a good knowledge of real estate." **Linda Herlihy** is well versed in advising a range of clients on transactional real estate matters. She also has additional expertise in land use and development concerns.

Strengths: "She's an excellent lawyer who knows her stuff and is also very good at dealing with the opposing side."

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. Offers additional capability in matters including land use, zoning and governmental affairs. Benefits from input from specialists in environmental and public finance law. Acts for a wide array of significant clients, including prominent financial institutions, leading retailers, property investors and developers.

Strengths

"Sills Cummins is an excellent law firm; the team is very responsive and a pleasure to work with."

"It's one of the strongest teams I have had the pleasure of working with."

"The team produces excellent work and is highly knowledgeable."

Notable practitioners

Jeffrey Hugh Newman (see p.2293) has deep experience in advising retail clients on transactional and commercial matters, as well as offering expertise in contentious matters. **Strengths:**

"Jeffrey is an excellent lawyer." **Meryl Gonchar** (see p.2282) has experience navigating complex environmental and land use regulations on behalf of her clients, including handling litigation and administrative proceedings. **Strengths:** "Meryl is a very effective and efficient lawyer." "She's knowledgeable and has excellent work ethic."

Real estate department chair **Ted Zangari** (see p.2300) 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's very knowledgeable, responsive and a pleasure to work with."

Mark Levenson (see p.2290) 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 is very committed to his clients." "He's an excellent lawyer."

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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.

Strengths

"The team has excellent knowledge and is outstanding."

"The group is efficient and effective."

"The firm's practitioners are adept at handling sophisticated matters."

Work highlights Connell Foley represented Bijou Properties in a proposed mixed use residential development that will replace the now blighted property at 1500 Clinton Street in the North End Redevelopment Area in uptown Hoboken.

Notable practitioners

Kevin Coakley regularly guides clients through dealings with government agencies in New Jersey, as well as advising on disputes against municipalities. **Strengths:** "Kevin provides excellent legal support."

Charles Harrington is well regarded for his work advising developers in obtaining approvals for mixed-use development projects, among other matters. **Nevis 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 **Strengths:** "Nevin's is dedicated, skilled

and professional." "He's an excellent attorney."

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. Acts for a wide range of owners, developers and financial institutions including a number of household names. Noted strength in land use and zoning matters, and also recommended for real estate disputes and state tax controversies.

Strengths

"Day Pitney contains very skilled, knowledgeable and professional attorneys with vast experience."

"The firm's practitioners have a high level of sophistication."

Work highlights Day Pitney secured a preliminary and site plan approval on behalf of UPS to update its distribution facility in South Brunswick.

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:** "He is a consummate professional and a pleasure to work with."

Katharine Coffey excels in advising on development and redevelopment projects, with experience advising on issues such as tax exemptions and redevelopment approvals. **Strengths:** "She is very skilled, knowledgeable, professional and a pleasure to work with."

Peter Wolfson has substantial expertise in assisting developers on regulatory matters and approval processes. **Strengths:** "He is very skilled, knowledgeable, professional and a strong advocate for his clients."

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. 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 team produces very good work."

Notable practitioners

John Giunco showcases a development-oriented real estate practice, which sees him regularly advise on significant land and property acquisitions and sales.

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 purchase agreements and leasing of a range of commercial and domestic buildings. Also advises development companies on land use and environmental matters. Expertise extends to handling contentious real estate mandates.

Strengths

"Greenberg's practitioners have a depth of knowledge of all complex and sophisticated real estate matters."

Work highlights Greenberg Traurig advised Salem Management on the refinancing of a \$29,000,000 mortgage with Provident Bank regarding hotel property in Newark.

Notable practitioners

Steven Fleissig has an esteemed transactional real estate practice, acting on behalf of investors and real estate companies. He has considerable experience in matters involving multifamily housing assets. **Strengths:** “Steven is held in the very highest regard by the real estate industry, I highly recommend him.” **David Freylikhman** represents clients such as operators, developers and investors in complex financings, as well as advising on transactions such as acquisitions. **Strengths:** “David is really dedicated, client focused and responsive.” “David is very knowledgeable.”

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Hill Wallack LLP

What the team is known for Hill Wallack LLP is a highly regarded team of real estate and land use attorneys that assists private and public sector clients with permitting needs and redevelopment issues. Also handles a range of matters including tax appeals, affordable housing obligations and commercial leasing agreements.

Strengths

“The team contains very attentive and professional attorneys.”

Notable practitioners

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.

Lasser Hochman LLC

What the team is known for Lasser Hochman LLC is recognized for its growing presence in the market, and oversees real estate matters pertaining to acquisitions, dispositions, leaseings and financings. Also boasts capabilities in zoning and land use mandates.

Strengths

“Lasser Hochman contains some quality lawyers.”

Notable practitioners

Rand Agins is held in extremely high regard for his ability to handle acquisitions and leasing issues. His clients include both developers and owners. **Strengths:** “He’s a solid lawyer.”

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.

Notable practitioners

Barry Mandelbaum and Craig Alexander are key contacts.

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

“It’s a really good firm and the team handles sophisticated matters.”

Notable practitioners

Matthew Schiller (see p.2297) of Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP regularly advises on transactional real estate matters, including acquisitions, dispositions and leasing, as well as handling contentious mandates. **Strengths:** “He’s a terrific lawyer.”

Saiber LLC

What the team is known for Saiber LLC represents clients in the full gamut of commercial real estate matters. Expertise covers acquisitions and dispositions, leasing and financing transactions. Frequently acts for developers, owner/operators and other commercial users. Particularly noted for its experience in the mid-market space.

Strengths

“Saiber has a very qualified group of attorneys who are very knowledgeable and attentive.”

Notable practitioners

Nino Coviello and Randi Schillinger are key contacts.

Other Ranked Lawyers

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. **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.

Tax

Tax
Leading Firms
Band 1
McCarter & English, LLP
Band 2
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Riker Danzig LLP
Band 3
Gibbons P.C.
Troutman Pepper
◊ (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 is a pre-eminent tax practice able to advise clients

Tax
Leading Individuals
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Hansen Heidi <i>Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC (ORL)</i> ◊
Kornstein Alan F. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Navarino Jason D. <i>Riker Danzig LLP</i>
Ulrich Peter J. <i>Gibbons P.C.</i>
Band 2
Ansari Farah <i>Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP (ORL)</i> ◊
Muller Jeffrey S. <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Sannicandro Lawrence <i>McCarter & English, LLP</i>
Silkovitz Brian A. <i>Lowenstein Sandler LLP</i>

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 nonprofit organizations

and Fortune 500 companies.

Strengths

“The team at McCarter & English are extremely knowledgeable with regards to the most complex tax areas and is very helpful in explaining complex issues in a way that our organization could understand.”

“The lawyers are very responsive and very caring.” “The depth and breadth of their team is very good, with multiple attorneys bringing many different views to the table.”

Work highlights McCarter & English represented Cream-O-Land Dairies in connection with tax issues arising in the acquisition of all property of Clover Farms Dairy.

Notable practitioners

Alan Kornstein is held in high regard for his extensive expertise in both tax planning and dis-

putes matters. He has experience acting for a broad array of clients from financial institutions to nonprofit organizations. **Strengths:** *“Alan Kornstein goes the distance: he is a friend, an ally and a supporter, and he takes the time to explain what he is trying to accomplish.” “Alan is the best tax lawyer I have ever worked with.” “Alan Kornstein is always fantastic. He is so thorough.”* **Jeffrey Muller** is noted for his expertise in transactional tax matters and serves as chair of the firm’s tax and employee benefits practice. **Strengths:** *“Jeffrey Muller provides top notch client service. He understands our company history and our working dynamics.” “Jeff is very responsive and is able to answer questions so that non-legal people in my organization can understand extremely complex language and concepts.” “Jeff Muller understood what we needed and went to battle for us.” “Jeff is very knowledgeable in all aspects of our business and he is able to put together a team to tackle any business matters that come up to achieve an efficient and effective outcome.”* **Lawrence Sannicandro** has a robust tax practice which sees him frequently engaged to advise on state and federal tax controversy matters, with clients benefiting from his strong pedigree in contentious work. **Strengths:** *“Lawrence Sannicandro is one of the brightest young minds in tax controversy matters.”*

Band 2

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 provides exceptional quality and speed of advice.”

“The team are hyper responsive, client focused and client-oriented.”

“The lawyers I have worked with at the firm handle complex and sophisticated matters for us consistently and effectively.”

Work highlights

Lowenstein Sandler represented VTS in a Series E funding round totaling over \$125 million.

Notable practitioners

Brian Silikovitz is known for his transactional tax practice, advising on both domestic and cross border M&A matters including acquisitions and restructuring. His clients include investment funds and pharmaceutical companies. **Strengths:** *“Brian is extremely knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with.”*

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

“The team at Riker Danzig were technically proficient and they did a great job.”

“They are extremely reliable, responsive and experts in their field.”

“Riker’s lawyers really get to the crux of the matter. They don’t waste time. They understand our business and our risk tolerance.”

Work highlights Riker Danzig represented C.C. Productions in connection with the sale of the company, advising on related transactional tax matters.

Notable practitioners

Jason Navarino is noted for his strength in providing counsel on tax issues arising from M&A. He routinely handles issues with complex cross-border elements. **Strengths:** *“Jason Navarino is very practical, technical, responsive and respectful. He is a great communicator.” “I appreciated Jason’s knowledge of the law and ability to communicate that to the client, even when it was news they didn’t want to hear.” “Jason is a master of all corporate issues. He is one of the best out there.” “Jason is fantastic in understanding the vision of the company and meeting the expectations of a diverse group of stakeholders from a tax perspective.”*

Band 3

Gibbons P.C.

What the team is known for 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 mat-

ters. Experienced in state, local and federal tax matters. It’s clients range from startups to global corporations.

Strengths

“Gibbons has a strong team that is able to handle all of our legal needs.”

“Gibbons provide excellent client service.”

“Gibbons have been great. They’ve done everything a business could need.”

Work highlights Gibbons represented certain affiliates of Claremont Development on tax issues arising in its joint venture with Stanbery Development.

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 mandates. **Strengths:** *“Peter is really good to work with. He is always prepared, extremely knowledgeable and follows up promptly on matters.” “He’s an excellent tax lawyer.”*

Troutman Pepper

What the team is known for Troutman Pepper has an experienced tax practice which able to represent a range of local and national clients, with particular expertise acting for private equity firms. The firm has notable expertise advising clients on transactional matters, including on cross-border matters.

Notable practitioners

Joan Arnold, based in Philadelphia, is chair of the firm’s tax group.

Other Ranked Lawyers

Farah Ansari is the cochair of the nonprofit practice group at Schenck, Price, Smith & King LLP. She is known for her expertise in advising nonprofit organizations. **Strengths:** *“On non-profit issues she comes into her own.”*

Heidi Hansen is the leader of the group at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi. She regularly advises clients on trusts and estate planning. She is also adept at providing counsel on tax audits. **Strengths:** *“Heidi Hansen knows her way around tax law. She has good intellectual and practical knowledge, and she is very fair.”*

“I find Heidi Hansen to be excellent. She is very knowledgeable, easy to work with, and responsive.”

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Practice Areas: Co-Chair, Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance Practice Group. Concentration in criminal defense, internal investigations, attorney ethics matters and disciplinary proceedings, and complex commercial litigation. National practice encompassing representation of high profile individuals. Defense of physicians charged with crimes in federal and state court, as well as in front of the Board of Medical Examiners (BME). Negotiated relicensure of physicians whose licenses were revoked by the BME and assisted in development of re-entry plans in conjunction with the BME and the Office of the Attorney General. Appearances before U.S. District Courts for the District of NJ, Northern District of California, Middle District of Florida, Northern District of Illinois, District of South Dakota, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Argued significant matters before NJ Supreme Court and Appellate Division, and before other state courts including those in Florida and Alabama.

Career: Professional Lawyer of the Year Award from ACDL and NJ Commission on Professionalism in the Law (2017) NJ Bar Association's Young Lawyer Professional Achievement Award (2006)

Professional Memberships: ACDL NJ past President (2016-2017) and Trustee Emeritus National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers American Bar Association Association of the Federal Bar of NJ NJ State Bar Association Monmouth Bar Association

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Practice Areas: Matthew is Co-Chair of the firm's White-Collar Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance 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 govern-

ment 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 Jersey State 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)

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Practice Areas: Rosemary Alito is the lead practice area leader of the firm's 150-lawyer global labor, employment and workplace safety practice. She represents management in disputes involving employment law and employee benefit law issues. Rosemary defends employers in litigation, including class action litigation, relating to employment

discrimination, wage and hour, wrongful termination, harassment and employee benefit plan terminations. She also counsels on workplace policies and compliance. Rosemary is an experienced litigator in trials and appeals in both state and federal courts. In 1999, the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey honored Rosemary with its Trial Bar Award for outstanding performance as a trial lawyer. She has served as lead counsel in the successful defense of class actions under ERISA and the LMRA involving multiple-employer welfare and pension trust funds, and trials of class actions challenging termination of retiree medical benefits. Her litigation experience in discrimination matters ranges from single-plaintiff cases to FLSA class actions and EEOC actions challenging company-wide and nation-wide policies. Rosemary has written and spoken extensively on employment law issues. Her employment law treatise and her law review article on the 1991 Civil Rights Act have been cited with approval by state appellate courts, federal circuit courts of appeal and scholarly publications. Her recent presentations have included a Glass Ceiling panel with former EEOC Chair Naomi Earp, an EEOC New York Region technical advice program on retaliation. Prior lectures include the Third Circuit conference, the United States District Court Conference and the Judicial College. Rosemary serves as Chairman of the Editorial Board of the weekly New Jersey Law Journal, the state's leading legal publication. She has been actively involved in attorney and judicial ethics, as chair of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection; Vice-Chair of the Professional Responsibility Rules Committee; and as a member of Supreme Court committees on judicial discipline, funding for assistance to lawyers with addiction problems and the status of women in the courts. Rosemary is a past President of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. Rosemary has also been involved with issues of judicial administration, serving on the Lawyers' Advisory Committees to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the United States District Court. She has chaired the merit selection committees for two Bankruptcy Court judges and chaired or served on the merit selection committees for several United States Magistrate-Judges. Rosemary has been recognized by her peers through election to the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, the American Bar Foundation, the American Law Institute, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers. She has been listed in Best Lawyers in America in the areas of Employment Law (Management) and Litigation (Labor and Employment) since 1995, Chambers USA (Band One) and Super Lawyers' Top 100. Law Dragon has named her as one of the 500 leading lawyers in the

country. Since 2008, Human Resources Executive has named her one of the 100 most powerful employment lawyers in the country.

Publications: Rosemary is the author of the treatise, *New Jersey Employment Law*, first published in 1992 and updated annually. She is the author of numerous articles on employment law topics. "Employment Law for New Jersey Businesses," New Jersey Law Journal Books, 2005

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Practice Areas: Vincent Avallone's practice is concentrated in the areas of labor and employment law counseling and litigation, ERISA litigation, and commercial litigation. In the area of employment and labor law, he counsels management on the full spectrum of workplace policies and practices, including drafting employment agreements, noncompetition and confidentiality agreements, and separation agreements, conducting in-house training programs, and advising clients on internal investigations, reductions in force, and compliance matters. Vincent represents employers in litigation and arbitration concerning a wide variety of claims, including employment discrimination, harassment, whistle-blowing, family and medical leave, wage and hour matters, employment contract disputes, enforcement of confidentiality and non-compete agreements, and claims under ERISA relating to employee and retiree benefits. Vincent appears regularly before state and federal courts in New Jersey, New York,

and Pennsylvania, as well as other states, and before federal, state, and local administrative agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, and the New York Division on Human Rights. In the area of commercial litigation, Vincent represents clients in litigation and arbitration of business disputes. He has represented clients in connection with claims alleging breach of contract, fraud, misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair competition, business torts, and violations of the Robinson-Patman Act and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO).

Professional Memberships:

American Bar Association (Labor & Employment Law Section) Essex County Bar Association New Jersey State Bar Association (Labor & Employment Section) Princeton Football Association (Counsel)

Publications: Vincent is a contributing editor of a treatise, *New Jersey Employment Law*, second edition, and has co-authored articles published in the *New Jersey Law Journal* concerning employee liability under the *New Jersey Law Against Discrimination* (155 N.J.L.J.1272), reasonable accommodations under the *Americans with Disabilities Act* and the *New Jersey Law Against Discrimination* (163 N.J.L.J. 1205), and enforcing agreements to arbitrate employment disputes (171 N.J.L.J. 1086).

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Practice Areas: Anne S. Babineau is a shareholder on the Real Estate team at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. and a renowned redevelopment lawyer in New Jersey. Ms. Babineau represents developers, investors, owners, tenants, and governmental entities in a wide range of real estate projects on a variety of issues, including structuring, transactions, obtaining government approvals, counseling clients regarding tax abatement and property acquisitions and sales, often in the context of public-private redevelopment partnerships. For over 30 years, clients have relied on Ms. Babineau to handle iconic and challenging projects in New Jersey, including revitalization of the industrial port area of Newark with multiple large warehouse logistics centers, transformation of a former General Dynamics factory into an arts-focused mixed use transit oriented project, an 850 unit transit oriented community on the site of a former GM plant, the transformative mixed use project on a former 60 acre golf course, and the deployment of NJEIT/RAB financing to transform three landfills in Carteret into an over one million square foot commercial rateable, to name a few. Full bio: <https://www.wilentz.com/attorneys/anne-s-babineau>.

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Career: Duane Morris LLP: Partner, 2021-present; Norris McLaughlin PA: Partner, 2007-2021; Ravin Greenberg PA: Partner, 1996-2007, Associate, 1990-1996

Professional Memberships:

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Practice Areas: Insurance Recovery
Career: Corporate policyholders rely on Lynda to aggressively litigate, negotiate, and resolve complicated disputes with insurers. To date, she has secured hundreds of millions of dollars in insurance recoveries for her clients. With more than 25 years of commercial litigation experience, Lynda understands that it is generally not in the best interests of corporate policyholders to engage in protracted and costly litigation, especially when doing so may disrupt business and lead to unwelcome public attention. Her goal is to assess and resolve disputes in a manner that achieves successful outcomes for her clients while minimizing interruptions to business as usual. However, if litigation becomes necessary, she has a keen sense of strategy and will exert maximum leverage to resolve claims as quickly as possible. Lynda has obtained significant recoveries for clients in

D&O, cyber, environmental, asbestos, construction defect, mass tort, product liability, and professional liability cases. She also counsels clients with respect to contractual insurance requirements, new insurance products, innovative risk management tools, and insurance program assessment. Working with the firm's transactional lawyers, Lynda regularly advises strategic acquirers and private equity funds regarding insurance coverage issues that arise in acquisition and investment transactions. She has vast experience and a deep network in the reps and warranties insurance space that is an asset for any deal. A widely-recognized thought leader, Lynda pioneered Lowenstein Sandler's entrance into the ever-growing world of podcasts by hosting "Don't Take No for an Answer," a bimonthly series featuring 101 lessons on the nuts and bolts of insurance recovery issues and strategies as well as in-depth discussions on timely insurance issues that includes views from all of the stakeholders in the insurance industry. Lynda has chaired the Insurance Recovery group since 2011 and is a member of the firm's Executive Board and Compensation Committee. She previously served on the firm's Operating Committee and Recruiting Committee. Lynda is strongly committed to advancing the role of women in the legal profession. She is a founder of the firm's Women's Initiative Network, is active in legal industry women's groups, and serves as a board member and past president of the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association. Please visit her full biography at <https://www.lowenstein.com/people/attorneys/lynda-bennett>

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Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Bar Association; Real Property Trust and Estate Law Section; Construction Law Section Christian Legal Society

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Career: Heather was an extern to the Honorable Martin L.C. Feldman, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana and spent several years representing individuals in employment suits.

Professional Memberships: New Jersey Symphony, Board of Trustees | New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, Board of Directors | American Bar Association | New Jersey State Bar Association

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Practice Areas: Corporate Investigations & Integrity (Chair) White Collar Criminal Defense

Career: Matt Boxer leads the firm's White Collar Criminal Defense practice and also serves as chair of the Corporate Investigations & Integrity group. With a wide range of experience in the public and private sectors, he provides clients informed counsel and aggressive representation in internal investigations, interactions with the government, and commercial litigation. Matt has conducted numerous high-stakes internal investigations for clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to state agencies, focusing on issues including employee misconduct, vendor fraud, and company expenditures and related internal controls. His gubernatorial appointment to lead an independent investigation into allegations of abuse at a state prison was praised in an NJ.com editorial: "Boxer has guts and integrity in abundance." The New Jersey Governor stated that Matt is "one of the

smartest, toughest guys I know." A former federal prosecutor and seasoned trial lawyer, Matt has successfully argued numerous cases to verdict and has litigated a wide range of complex criminal and civil cases. He also is a skilled appellate advocate, having successfully argued multiple appeals before the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Having served in the cabinet of two governors, Matt uses his government experience to help clients navigate government interactions ranging from basic licensing issues to regulatory or law enforcement proceedings. Matt first gained renown for leading fair and effective investigations during his six-year term as New Jersey's State Comptroller. Appointed in 2008, Matt oversaw a staff of more than 130 employees responsible for examining the efficiency of government programs, investigating misconduct by government officers, scrutinizing the legality of government contracts, and recovering improperly expended Medicaid funds. He and his staff uncovered hundreds of millions of dollars in wasted taxpayer funds, spurring the passage of several remedial state laws and receiving praise from organizations throughout the state. Prior to his appointment as State Comptroller, Matt spent two years directing the state Authorities Unit, where he monitored the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the Economic Development Authority, and other independent agencies. He was a federal prosecutor from 2001 to 2006, serving in the Terrorism Unit, the Criminal Division, and the Special Prosecutions Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office. As a federal prosecutor, he led the successful prosecution of numerous public officials on corruption charges, including the "Monmouth 11"—a group that included three sitting mayors, four sitting councilmen, and a police commissioner, making it one of the largest single-day corruption takedowns in state history. Please visit his full biography at <https://www.lowenstein.com/people/attorneys/matthew-boxer>

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Practice Areas: An accomplished litigation attorney, Patrick Brady has worked extensively on complex FLSA/state wage and hour collective/class action and other employment-based class actions. He also represents employers in wrongful discharge, sexual harassment, breach of contract, discrimination/retaliation, whistleblower, WARN Act, and Family and Medical Leave Act matters. Patrick has litigated numerous employment discrimination cases in state and federal court, resulting in successful jury verdicts. In addition, he defends employers in single-plaintiff and class action claims arising under ERISA and other benefits litigation, litigates to protect corporate trade secrets

and to enforce restrictive covenants, and represents management in labor relation matters, including collective bargaining and arbitrations. Employers also rely on Patrick to represent them in compliance reviews under the Immigration Reform and Control Act and to assist in obtaining non-immigrant and immigrant visas. <https://www.ebglaw.com/people/patrick-g-brady/>

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Practice Areas: Attorney Jeremy Brown's practice focuses on representing and counseling employers on a wide range of labor and employment matters, including claims under employment discrimination laws, the National Labor Relations Act, and class actions. Jeremy's experience includes representing clients in complex employment litigation at the state and federal levels involving claims of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation under federal, state, and local laws; whistleblower claims; claims of defamation, breach of contract, and intentional torts; and claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act and state wage and hour laws. He counsels clients on union organizing issues, strike preparation and strategy, election campaigns, bargaining, and day-to-day contract administration issues. Jeremy has also successfully handled numerous high-profile class action litigations involving allegations of gender discrimination in compensation and promotion. <https://www.ebglaw.com/people/jeremy-m-brown>

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Career: Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney

Professional Memberships: Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America Fellow, American Bar Foundation Member, New Jersey State Bar Association Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York Member, Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey Member, Federal Bar Council Member, New York State Bar Association Member, American Bar Association Member, Editorial Board, New Jersey Law Journal (2010-present)

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Career: Martin Cabalar 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. 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 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. In addition to providing counsel to community associations, Martin represents homeowners and contractors in complex construction and contractual disputes. Martin counsels his clients 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 contributor to Becker & Poliakoff's New Jersey Condo Blog, providing commentary and insight with respect to community association law, governance and construction litigation. (See njcondoblog.com)

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Career: Tom, a Senior Partner and co-founder of Calcagni & Kanefsky, is a seasoned trial lawyer who draws upon his substantial experience as both a federal prosecutor and top official within the New Jersey Attorney General's Office. His practice is representing corporations and individuals in high-stakes government enforcement actions and internal investigations. Tom represents companies, boards of directors, executives, and licensed professionals in a broad range of sensitive matters brought by federal and state law enforcement and licensing agencies—including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Offices of States Attorneys General, and state healthcare and professional licensing boards. He regularly provides strategic counseling on internal investigations and corporate compliance. He has handled matters for professionals and both public and private companies across industries and sectors—including healthcare, life sciences, professional sports, financial services, banking, cryptocurrency, social media, entertainment and leisure, gaming, real estate, insurance, aerospace and defense, education, luxury goods, automotive, and direct-to-consumer sales. Tom serves as outside general, litigation, and compliance counsel for companies and government entities. He is also appointed by courts and regulators to serve as a third-party, independent compliance monitor. Tom is ranked by Chambers & Partners among the top practitioners for white-collar litigation and government investigations, with sources describing him as "smart," "well connected," "a great communicator with a sharp legal mind," and "very well regarded [with] a ton of experience." Clients describe him as "composed, strategic, and vigilant," with "an unparalleled personal investment in his client that goes beyond the attorney-client relationship." As one client put it, "Tom was always one step ahead and always cared about what's right."

Professional Memberships: Since co-founding CK, Tom remains a dedicated supporter of organizations that work with those affected by substance abuse. He served for many years on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for Daytop New Jersey and The Overdose Prevention Agency Corporation. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. Tom is also a member of the Board of Directors for New Jersey Reentry, which provides reentry services for formerly incarcerated people and those otherwise involved in the criminal justice system. Tom is a former member of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use by New Jersey's Youth and Young Adults. Tom also served on the Governor's Advisory Ethics Panel.

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Practice Areas: Environmental Law Real Estate

Career: Jeffrey W. Cappola is a Partner in the environmental law practice group at Mandelbaum Barrett PC. Widely recognized as a leader in environmental law by Chambers USA, Best Lawyers and Super Lawyers, Jeff has more than 30 years of experience guiding metropolitan area businesses and national businesses and real estate developers through complex brownfield, landfill and land redevelopment projects, land use issues, compliance with environmental regulations, and the development and execution of strategies to obtain development entitlements and environmental and land use permits from municipal, state and federal agencies. He also has significant experience assisting steel and chemical manufacturers with land disposition and compliance with federal and state environmental laws. Jeff is an authority on the provisions of the Industrial Site Recovery Act, the Site Remediation Reform Act, and the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. He lectures and publishes articles on environmental and land development subjects, including the Flood Hazard Area Rules, challenges with land development, brownfield redevelopment, corporate regulatory compliance, state financial incentive programs and wetland mitigation banks. He is also the author of the hazardous substance chapter in the New Jersey Environmental Law Handbook, a go-to reference guide on the state's environmental laws.

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Practice Areas: Mr. Cha serves as a team lead for the Duane Morris Energy industry group and is a member of the firm's governing Partners Board. He litigates complex environmental, commercial and mass tort matters in state and federal courts throughout the United States. His roster of clients have included major corporations such as Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Sunoco, Inc., Exxon Mobil Corporation, LUKOIL, Aramark Corporation and other public and private companies. Mr. Cha has litigated dozens of high-exposure and high-profile cases regarding environmental contamination, business and contract disputes, defective products and mass/toxic torts. The majority of Mr. Cha's cases involve amounts in the millions of dollars. Many have been class actions, multidistrict litigation or government enforcement actions involving amounts in controversy in the hundreds of millions or billions of dollars. In addition to his litigation practice, Mr. Cha advises clients on regulatory compliance, government investiga-

tions, management of environmental liabilities, remediation of contaminated sites, and the sale and development of contaminated properties.

Professional Memberships: New Jersey Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association; National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; Korean American Bar Association of Greater New York

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Practice Areas: Gail Conenello's environmental practice is focused in the areas of CERCLA and Spill Act remediations and liability actions, private cost recovery actions, environmental justice actions, RCRA, environmental insurance coverage actions, due diligence for corporate and real estate transactions, and various environmental remediation, permitting, compliance, regulatory and enforcement matters. Notably, Gail has been on the cutting edge of issues involving site remediation and environmental justice. She has spoken before various professional and trade associations, such as the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Chemistry Council of New Jersey and the New York State Business Council, on these topics. At K&L Gates, Gail has also counseled clients on environmental issues in order to facilitate corporate and real estate transactions. She has worked on numerous multi-million dollar transactions for a wide range of clients, from pharmaceutical companies to manufacturers, and has extensive experience assisting clients with compliance and remediation issues associated with New Jersey's Industrial Site Recovery Act. As a complement to her work in the environmental arena, Gail has also been involved in developing community outreach programs for major industrial clients. These outreach programs develop and maintain ongoing forums for positive working relationships and effective communication between manufacturers and key stakeholders in the local and regional communities on key issues related to the daily operations of industrial facilities and legacy site remediation issues associated with former industrial operations.

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)

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Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Liaison, Business Law Section of American Bar Association, Corporate Laws Committee Member, New Jersey State Bar Association Board of Trustees, Students 2 Science, Inc. Board of Trustees, Montclair Art Museum (1998-2013)

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Career: Recipient of the Arthur H. Miller Lawyer Achievement Award (2018) Recipient of the Transactional Practice Award, Middlesex County Bar Association (2014)

Professional Memberships: American College of Mortgage Attorneys: Fellow, Middlesex County Bar Association: member, Past President, Real Estate Committee former Co-Chair New Jersey State Bar Association: General Council
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Career: Prior to joining Fox, Joe was a New Jersey-based partner in the Bank-

ruptcy & 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; Co-Chair, Judicial Conference (2021-2022); Chair, Bankruptcy Court Committee (2020) | National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees | New York Institute of Credit | Turnaround Management Association | Old Dominion National Bank Board of Directors

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Professional Memberships: Construction Lawyers Society of America, Fellow: Construction Lawyers Society of America, Fellow Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow American Bar Foundation, Fellow College of Community Association Lawyers, Fellow National Conference of Bar Presidents, Fellow American Bar Association: Forum on Construction Law, Construction Litigation Committee of the Sections of Litigation and Dispute Resolution National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals NJ Chapter New Jersey State Bar Association: Construction Law Section, Dispute Resolution Section (former Board of Directors), General Council, Nominating Committee (past Member), Equity Jurisprudence Committee (past Chair);

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Career: Prior to joining Greenbaum Rowe in 2012, chaired the Environmental and Brownfields practice group at Farer Fersko, where he established that firm's environmental practice in 1984. Developed and chaired two longstanding ALI-ABA/ALI CLE national programs; develops and presents numerous seminars for NJICLE on ISRA, site remediation, brownfield redevelopment. Currently active in developing pro bono projects in Cuba on behalf of the American College of Environmental Lawyers.

Professional Memberships: American College of Environmental Lawyers: Fellow and Past President, Co-Chair, International Pro Bono Committee, Chair, Cuba Working Group American Bar Foundation; American Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association
Publications: Among many: 'ISRA Compliance: Environmental Issues in Transactions and Brownfields Redevelopment' (ICLE 2013, 8th Ed.); 'Contractual Allocation of Environmental Risks in Transactions' (ALI CLE 2013)

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Practice Areas: Managing Partner; Chair, Corporate Department. Transactional practice includes corporation, LLC and partnership formation, operations and agreements, mergers and acquisitions, securities law, reorganizations, joint ventures, employment law, and the financing of transactions through both public and private equity and debt, strategic business planning, corporate governance, SEC compliance and special New Jersey transactional counsel for a number of national law firms without a New Jersey office. Clients range from start-ups to established middle market companies in industries such as manufacturing, technology, food and beverage, real estate, construction and healthcare. Represents issuers and underwriters in public and private offerings.

Professional Memberships: American Bar Association: Business Law Section. NJ State Bar Association: Business Law Section Board of Directors (Past Chair) NJ Chamber of Commerce: Board of Directors (2010-present)

Publications: Author, 'Organization and Sale of Small Businesses' and numerous articles.

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Professional Memberships: American College of Real Estate Lawyers:

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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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Career: Charles M. Forman, senior member of Forman Holt, is a nationally recognized leader in the field of insolvency and bankruptcy law in the region with more than 40 years of experience as an attorney for the debtors and creditors in addition to his service as a member of private panel of trustees appointed by the United States Department of Justice. Mr. Forman also has

served as attorney for other trustees and as a fiduciary in numerous state and federal court proceedings. In his capacity as a trustee, Mr. Forman has administered more than 20,000 Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 cases, including many of the most complex cases that have been filed in this region during the past four decades. The cases he has overseen include household names such as Linens 'n Things, Workbench Furniture, Russ Berrie Toys and Upsala College. In addition, his assignments have included serving as trustee for NJ Affordable Homes, a \$100 million real estate Ponzi scheme, and Omne Staffing, a \$350 million per year employee staffing company. During the course of his 40 year career he has administered approximately one-half billion dollars in assets and distributed hundreds of millions of dollars to creditors in order to satisfy their claims against the various bankruptcy estates which Mr. Forman has administered. Named "Master of Disaster" by The Bergen Record for his skill and achievements in handling complex and challenging bankruptcy cases. The United States Department of Justice recognized the excellence of Mr. Forman's performance as a trustee when it awarded him the Director's Award for Outstanding Achievements by a Private Trustee. Mr. Forman is the only panel trustee ever to be recognized by the Department of Justice for his service. In addition to serving as a Trustee in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 cases, Mr. Forman has been selected to serve as Liquidating Trustee, Plan Administrator, Independent Director, and Member of the Oversight Committee for confirmed plans. In the State Courts Mr. Forman has served as the Assignee and as Assignor for the Benefit of Creditors, and as a Special Fiscal Agent with broad oversight over Debtors' operations.

In 2016, Charles M. Forman received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Jersey Law Journal. In 2020, he was recognized by Best Lawyers of America as Lawyer of the Year for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization. In 2021, he was recognized by Best Lawyers of America as Lawyer of the Year for Bankruptcy Litigation. In 2012, 2022, 2023 and 2024 Mr. Forman was selected among the Top 100 New Jersey Super Lawyers. Mr. Forman's efforts and accomplishments have been reported in publications such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Forbes Magazine. Mr. Forman is founder of the firm. His combined background in business, law and engineering and his creative approach to problem solving have served him well in connection with the many varied and complex assignments he has handled including matters in the areas of telecommunications, manufacturing, real estate, employee benefits and health care, retail operations, securities law and other complex areas. In addition to serving as an attorney and a fiduciary, Mr. Forman also has been a court-approved mediator on the panel of mediators for the Bankruptcy

Court for the District of New Jersey. In that capacity he has been called upon to mediate numerous complex matters for the courts in New Jersey.

Professional Memberships: NJ Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation - President New Jersey Institute of Technology - Member of University's Board of Overseers New Jersey Institute of Technology Alumni Association - Past President Independent Alumni of NJIT - President New Jersey Bankruptcy Inn of Court - Past Master Federal Bar Association of New Jersey - Past President American Bankruptcy Institute - Advisory Committee for the Mid-Atlantic Section New Jersey State Bar Association New York State Bar Association District of Columbia Bar Association Essex County Bar Association Bergen County Bar Association American Bankruptcy Institute Turnaround Management Association Commercial Law League of America Mensa: Scholarship and Nominating Committees New York Institute of Credit American Bar Association

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and Medicaid fraud, securities fraud, bribery, public corruption, RICO, qui tam actions, and complex commercial matters. She has particular expertise in handling document and ESI-intensive matters.

Career: Duane Morris LLP: Partner, 2019-present, Associate, 2012-2018; Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP: Associate, 2008-2012

Professional Memberships: National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Federal Bar Council

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Career: NJ Future Smart Growth Award (2009) NJAPA President's Award (2007) New Jersey Builders Association Associate of the Year Award (2019) Developed and taught redevelopment law course at Rutgers Law School, Newark Taught redevelopment law course at the Kislak Real Estate Institute at Monmouth University Served as adjunct professor of environmental law in Graduate Department of Urban Planning and Policy Development at Rutgers University Taught environmental law in Master's degree program for environmental engineering at New Jersey Institute of Technology

Professional Memberships: Downtown New Jersey: Director and Past President New Jersey Future: Trustee Regional Plan Association: New Jersey Committee The Counselors of Real Estate NJ Chapter NAIOP NJ: member and former Co-Chair, Legislative Committee New Jersey Builders Association Alzheimer's New Jersey, Inc.: Board of Directors

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the state, in connection with obtaining land use approvals for residential, retail, office, industrial, hospitality and mixed-use projects. She represents clients in the negotiation of redevelopment agreements and drafting redevelopment plans. She also represents clients in land use and related litigation before the Superior Court of New Jersey. Ms. Gonchar's diversified experience enables her to provide clients with continuity throughout the often long and complicated land development or redevelopment process. To learn more, visit: <https://www.sillscummis.com/professionals/meryl-gonchar>.

Professional Memberships: Select memberships include: Fellow, American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL) Member, Board of Directors and Trustee, NAIOP NJ — Co-Chair, NAIOP 2019 Gala — Former Vice President, Associates Affairs Member, Board of Directors, New Jersey Builders Association — Former Chair, Master Sponsor Program Member, Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW NJ) — Past President, CREW-NJ Chapter — Former Chapter Delegate, national CREW Network Member, New Jersey State Bar Association — Past Chair and Emeritus Member, Board of Trustees, Land Use Law Section — Former Member, Board of Trustees, Women in the Profession Section

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Professional Memberships: AHLA Medical Staff, Credentialing, and Peer Review Practice Group, Chair; NJSBA Health Law Section, Vice Chair; NJSBA Cannabis Law Committee, Secretary
Publications: For a complete list of Ms. Gora's publications, please visit her bio: <https://www.wilentz.com/attorneys/lisa-gora>. Co-Author, "How Amending

the NJ Constitution May Seed Legal Adult-Use Cannabis," *New Jersey Law Journal Cannabis Column* (2/21/2020) Co-Author, "Opioid Prescribing: An AHLA 50 State Survey," *American Health Lawyers Association* (2020)

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Professional Memberships:

American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL); Commercial Real Estate Development Association, New Jersey Chapter (NJ-NAIOP); Georgetown University Law Center Advanced Commercial Leasing Institute; New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education
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Career: Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney; former Assistant U.S. Attorney;

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Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Bar Association; Middlesex County Bar Association; Edison Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
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Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). An important consideration in defense against defective construction work claims is the availability and application of insurance coverage under commercial general liability, professional malpractice and subcontractor default insurance policies. Pat and his team are well versed in the complexities of obtaining coverage for occurrences involving construction defects under standard and nonstandard insurance provisions. They also advise regarding the establishment and maintenance of insurance programs, including issues of cost recovery and disclosure under pertinent contract provisions and regulations, such as the FAR cost principles and regulations associated with project funded by federal, state and local governments. Pat has been recognized as a leading construction lawyer by Best Lawyers in America, The International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers, and New Jersey and New York Super Lawyers. He is a Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America and has been an active participant and leader among organizations such as the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, Public Contract Law Section and ABA Construction Litigation Committee. Most recently, he has served as co-chair of P&A's Covid-19 Task Force and has published articles and presented programs focusing on the construction industry's response to the crisis.

Professional Memberships:

American Bar Association, Construction Litigation Committee of the Litigation Section, past co-chairman and past publications editor NJ State Bar Association Construction and Public Contract Law Section, past co-chairman

Publications: "Going Back to Work - Starting or Restarting a Construction Project During the Pandemic," Peckar & Abramson Client Alert, May 2020 (co-author) "COVID-19 Damage and Time Recovery: Contract Checklist and Analysis," Peckar & Abramson Client Alert, April 2020 "Representations and Certifications: Implementing Processes to Protect Executives and the Company," Construction Executive, July 2020. "You've Been Suspended - Were You Ready?" Peckar & Abramson Client Alert, March 2020 (co-author)

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Career: Duane Morris LLP: Of Counsel, 2021-present, Partner, 1996-2020; Robinson, St. John & Wayne: Partner, 1989-1996; Kleinberg, Moroney, Masterson & Schachter: Partner, 1979-1989

Professional Memberships:

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Career: Carol Grelecki represents the firm's healthcare clients in a wide variety of corporate and transactional matters. Her clients include physicians and physician groups, specialty practice societies, independent practice associations, hospitals, clinical laboratories, utilization managers, billing companies, and other medical professionals. Carol also advises clients with regard to compliance, including matters pertaining to Medicare billing, fraud and abuse, and the Stark and Codey Laws. Additionally, she represents clients in regulatory matters, including healthcare facility licensing issues and the preparation of required policies and procedures. She also reviews and negotiates managed care participation agreements and handles provider complaints against managed care companies. Carol has been named to New Jersey Super Lawyers from 2018 - 2021, to The Best Lawyers in America® for Health Law since 2015, and as a top healthcare law practitioner by noted ranking company Chambers USA in 2022. According to Chambers, Carol is noted by her peers as an "outstanding lawyer."

Professional Memberships: Bar and Court Admissions - New Jersey Board of Trustees, Healing the Children New Jersey, Inc. Member, American Health Lawyers Association Member, Radiology Business Management Association

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Professional Memberships:

For many years, Mr. Gross has been committed to serving on numerous boards such as The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, Inc., a \$150 million charitable foundation, and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, both as a Director and a Member of the Operations and Finance Committee. For Harvard Law School, his alma mater, he has served as the 50th Reunion Vice Chairman.

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Jersey. In addition, Dan served on the Board of Trustees for GlassRoots, Inc., a Newark non-profit that provides opportunities and a nurturing environment for underserved, at-risk youth, ages 10-18, to achieve self-esteem through creative expression, while also learning basic business skills and valuable life lessons. He was also a Board Trustee of CentraState Healthcare System

Professional Memberships:

Member, Supreme Court of New Jersey Disciplinary Oversight Committee, 2009-2012 Member and Chair of Panel, District XIII Ethics Committee, Office of Attorney Ethics Member, Merit Selection Panel for Selection of U.S. Magistrates (two panels) President, Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, 1991 President, Hispanic Bar Foundation of New Jersey, 1997-2000 President and Founder, Puerto Ricans in Management Executive Roles (PRIMER), 2007-2009 Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association (Commercial Litigation and Construction) Arbitrator, International Court of Arbitration, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France Appointed by Governor Christie to Advisory Committee of New Jersey Hispanic Center for Policy and Research, 2011-2013 Member, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Dispute Resolution

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Career: Prior to joining Fox, Mark was a partner at Riker Danzig LLP. He also served as a judicial law clerk and a judicial intern to the Honorable Novalyn L. Winfield, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey. While pursuing his law degree, Mark was editor-in-chief of the Rutgers Computer & Technology Law Journal and was the graduation student speaker for his class.

Professional Memberships:

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Career: When there is a complex real estate deal to be done, whether it is a purchase or sale, tax appeal, or other legal matter, prominent real estate developers and investors call on Alan Hammer. For nearly 50 years, Alan has concentrated his practice in the areas of investment real estate transactions and tax appeals, representing the purchasers and sellers of office buildings, shopping centers, industrial facilities, apartment complexes, and vacant land. Alan is also personally active in the acquisition, ownership, management, and operation of investment properties, primarily multifamily complexes, throughout New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. He is also recognized for his ability to effectively assist in the resolution of inter-family or inter-partner/member disputes as they relate to the ownership of all types of real estate assets. Alan brings this vast knowledge and experience—as well as his unique perspective—to every transaction. He is a former Managing Partner of Brach Eichler and has served on the firm's Executive Committee since its inception. Known for his integrity and practical approach, Alan is also highly successful in real estate tax appeals. He has been involved in obtaining landmark rulings, including the Supreme Court's Glen Wall Associates decision, one of the most important and widely cited decisions on the valuation of investment properties. Alan and the real estate team at Brach Eichler have particular expertise in multifamily housing. Their clients include some of the largest, most well-respected owners of multifamily properties in the region and beyond. In recent years, they have closed transactions in Connecticut, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, and Georgia. The esteemed attorney ranking company Chambers USA notes that sources "have a great deal of respect for" Alan Hammer. "He is excellent—he has a great depth of knowledge and concentrates on making transactions work from a business perspective... He has a wealth of knowledge and an ability to solve problems and close deals." According to Chambers, Alan is considered by peers and clients to be "one of the finest real estate attorneys in the state of New Jersey...a skilled and

seasoned lawyer who is a deal-maker first and foremost—he always focuses on his clients' best interests and not on scoring points." The recipient of numerous awards, Alan is ranked in Band 1 in Chambers USA as a leader in New Jersey Real Estate. He has been named to the first tier of practitioners every year since 2010. Alan has also been recognized for the past 17 years by The Best Lawyers in America® and by New Jersey Super Lawyers. In 2018, he was named a New Jersey business icon by NJBIZ and the 2018 Newark Litigation—Real Estate Lawyer of the Year by The Best Lawyers in America®. Alan is a significant contributor to Jewish organizations, most notably the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest NJ. He is currently serving as Major Gifts Co-Chair in support of the 2019 UJA Annual Campaign. In 2018, Alan received the Distinguished Judge Learned Hand Award from the New Jersey chapter of the American Jewish Committee for his excellence in, and contributions to, the legal community.

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general business clients and non-profits in addressing technology concerns, including privacy, licensing, e-discovery, development of online policies and website disclaimers, e-commerce, domain name management, establishment of employee e-mail, Internet usage and BYOD policies and addressing legal issues related to social media. Full bio: <https://www.wilentz.com/attorneys/brett-r-harris>.

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Career: Duane Morris LLP: Partner, 1999-present; Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard: Partner, 1989-1999, Associate, 1983-1988; Superior Court of New Jersey: Judicial Clerk, Honorable Wilfred P. Diana, 1982-1983

Professional Memberships:

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Career: Mark counsels business clients on regulatory issues, dispute resolution, and federal and state court litigation. Mark is well-versed in the current enforcement and regulatory agendas driving the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Prior to joining the firm, Mark served as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey's Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Law, and Environmental Enforcement and Cost Recovery department. In that capacity, he assisted the Department of Environmental Protection in recovering unpaid costs for the remediation of contaminated sites and was involved in enforcing the Spill Compensation and Control Act, Water Pollution Control Act, Underground Storage Tank Act, Industrial Site Recovery Act, Brownfield and Contaminated Site Remediation Act, and Site

Remediation Reform Act. He advised on the establishment and enforcement of liens and executed enforcement actions in municipal court and the Office of Administrative Law. Mark also worked extensively on issues involving the New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund and Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund claims programs and advised on the legal impact of new hazardous substance remediation standards. Mark has handled all aspects of environmental litigation. Notably, he tried a case involving complex expert testimony related to Superstorm Sandy before the Office of Administrative Law. He also argued numerous appeals in the Appellate Division, including: Cranford Development Associates v. Township of Cranford, 2016 N.J. Super Unpub. LEXIS 955 (April 26, 2016 App. Div.); CD&L Realty, LLC v. State, 2015 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1832 (July 30, 2015 App. Div.); and Drytech, Inc. v. State, N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 2750 (December 29, 2016 App. Div.). In *Morristown Assocs. v. Grant Oil Co.*, 220 N.J. 360 (2015) before the New Jersey Supreme Court, Mark authored a brief advocating the Department of Environmental Protection's position. Prior to joining the Division of Law, Mark served as a law clerk to the Hon. Edward M. Coleman, P.J.Ch., Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division. He also held internships on the 9/11 Commission Monograph Project, in the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, and in Judge Coleman's chambers. Please visit his full biography at <https://www.lowenstein.com/people/attorneys/mark-heinzelmann>

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Career: Michael Himmel has significant experience defending individuals and entities in high-profile white collar criminal matters and bet-the-company litigation. His clients benefit from his years of experience on both sides of the courtroom, as well as his deep-rooted commitment to the successful outcome of each matter he handles. Michael's national white collar practice includes matters involving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, criminal antitrust matters, health care fraud, securities fraud, tax fraud, and political corruption, as well as internal investigations. His clients have included private and public corporations in various industries, including health care and life sciences, real estate, professional services, and the financial sector, as well as officers and directors of private and public corporations and state and federal officials. Michael's broad experience in white collar criminal matters, including trial, has resulted in his retention in many sophisticated civil litigation matters involving securities and corporate litigation. He frequently represents plaintiffs in securities class actions

and has reached settlements for his clients ranging from \$84 million to \$1.3 billion. Michael is the immediate past chair of Lowenstein's litigation practice and the White Collar Criminal Defense Group, which he led from 2004 to 2023. Michael served as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County, New York, and an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, where he led the prosecution and conviction of a New Jersey state senator, a former speaker of the state legislature, and a number of union officials. He is a past president of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey and a member of the Federal Bar Council, Second Circuit. Please visit his full biography at <https://www.lowenstein.com/people/attorneys/michael-himmel>

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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 Remediation Reform Act (NJICLE, 8th Edition 2013)

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Professional Memberships:

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Career: For over a decade, Eric has advised corporate policyholders on an array of insurance issues in mergers and acquisitions, claim disputes with insurers, and the placement and renewal of insurance programs. In particular, Eric has deep experience with several niche specialty policies: representations and warranties (R&W) insurance, directors and officers (D&O) policies, and cyber insurance. Eric is an R&W insurance specialist, and he brings his expertise to private equity and strategic buyers' deals. He advises buyers on the selection of an R&W insurer – because they are not all created equal – and on the nuanced intersections between R&W policies and purchase agreements. Then, Eric negotiates R&W

policy terms and conditions, narrows or eliminates deal-specific exclusions, and ensures a smooth underwriting process so that R&W insurance is a step ahead of the deal timeline. Eric also counsels policyholders on their D&O and cyber insurance programs. When clients need to understand or enhance their coverage, Eric reads their insurance policies from “cover to cover.” Because of his deep awareness of the market and caselaw developments, Eric can guide clients to the policy enhancements that can pay dividends when a claim is presented. When his policyholder-clients have encountered – as they inevitably do – insurers that refuse to pay claims, Eric has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in insurance proceeds on their behalf. Eric has resolved claims under a host of policies, ranging from R&W policies to D&O policies to cyber policies, and he has defeated the assortment of coverage defenses that insurers have presented. To get insurers to pay, Eric focuses on the strategic issues and actions necessary to win, while working to avoid the distractions that can pervade claim disputes. For Eric's full biography, please go to: <https://www.lowenstein.com/people/attorneys/eric-jesse>

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Career: Charles F. Kenny is a partner in Peckar & Abramson's New Jersey office. His background is in construction contracts and legislation affecting the construction industry. Charles serves as counsel to the Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey and served as an adjunct professor in the Department of Engineering Technology at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He has published articles on the New Jersey Construction Lien Law and other construction issues, and is the author of the chapter entitled "Construction and Development" in Commercial Real Estate Transactions in New Jersey, published by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education. Charles is frequently a featured speaker and lecturer for that organization, as well as for the Associated Construction Contractors. Charles is admitted to practice in the states of New Jersey and New York, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Federal Claims, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits and the United States District Courts for the District of New Jersey and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the ABA Forum on

the Construction Industry, as well as the New Jersey State Bar Association and its section on Construction Law of which he served as chair for a number of years. Charles received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University and his law degree from Fordham Law School.

Professional Memberships:

America Bar Association (Forum on the Construction Industry) New Jersey State Bar Association (Construction Law Section, co-chair, 2006-2009)

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Practice Areas: Henry concentrates his practice in real estate, including the land use permitting and redevelopment process and land use litigation. He also practices in the area of zoning litigation, including Mount Laurel affordable housing suits. Henry has participated in over 30 declaratory judgment actions under Mount Laurel IV, settling many of these cases, resulting in approvals of over 1,000 affordable housing units throughout New Jersey. Henry has appeared before more than 200 municipalities and more than 250 land use boards in every county in New Jersey. He successfully secured land use approval for Raritan Town Square, a 500,000-square-foot redevelopment of the Flemington Fairground and Raceway, and over 400 apartments in an inclusionary development in West Windsor.* Henry's clients have included numerous major hotel, restaurant and day care chains, as well as convenience store developers throughout New Jersey. He has negotiated redevelopment agreements in several municipalities, including Rahway, West Long Branch, Waretown (Ocean Township, Ocean County) and Delanco, and is involved in litigation concerning major redevelopment projects. Henry has negotiated commercial development agreements and acquisitions and leasing for developers, landowners and leases for both commercial landlords and tenants. * Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

Career: Prior to joining the firm, Henry was a shareholder at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C.

Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Bar Association, Past Chair, Land Use Section | Shore Builders Association | International Council of Shopping Centers | New Jersey Builders Association, Land Use and Planning Subcommittee, Affordable Housing Subcommittee | New Jersey General Assembly Task Force on the Fair Housing Act and the State Planning Act

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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.

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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 agree-

ments. 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

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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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Professional Memberships: Essex County Bar Association – Labor and Employment Committee; New Jersey State Bar Association – Executive Committee, Labor and Employment Section, NLRB (Region 22) Conference Planning Committee; New Jersey State Court – Certified Mediator; New York City Bar Association; New York State Bar Association; New Jersey Employer’s Council, Bergen County – Department of Labor, Former Chair

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Professional Memberships:

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Professional Memberships: American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL) Fellow Sustainable Jersey Brownfield Redevelopment Task Force ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources NJ State Bar Association Renewable Energy, Cleantech and Climate Change Special Committee Co-Chair, Public Utility Law and Environmental Law Sections NJ Licensd Site Remediation Professionals Association Pennsylvania Bar Association Florida Bar Association Energy Bar Association US Geological Society

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Publications: Co-Author, “Private Equity Investment in Health Care Enterprises,” American Health Law Association’s Enterprise Risk Management for Health Care, 4th Edition (2024) Co-Author, “Health Care Fraud Law: A 50 State Survey,” American Health Lawyers Association (2022) Co-Author, “Laws of Medicine: Core Legal Aspects for the Healthcare Professional,” Division of General Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA (2022) Co-Author, “Health Care Transactions Manual: Understanding the Consequences of the Health Care Deal – Organizing the Health Care Transaction,” American Health Lawyers Association (2020) Co-Author, “Opioid Prescribing: An AHLA 50 State Survey,” American Health Lawyers Association (2020)

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officers and errors & omissions liability, among others. He has been retained as an expert witness/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. Health Care and ERISA Disputes: Anthony's health care and ERISA disputes experience includes representing health care providers, ranging from major hospital systems to medical device companies, in disputes with payer insurance companies, health benefits plans, and third party administrators. Anthony also has substantial experience counseling health care providers by evaluating contracts with payers (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 health care provider clients.

Professional Memberships: Anthony La Rocco is a 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 PIDS Puncture Learned Intermediary Doctrine?," New Jersey Law Journal, 9 August 1993

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Professional Memberships: Select memberships include: Member, United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, appointed by the President of the United States (2019-January 2022) Co-Chair, New Jersey-Israel Commission, appointed by the Governor of New Jersey (2010-Present) Partner Member, Choose New Jersey, New Jersey's economic development organization Executive Committee Member, Jewish Agency for Israel Fellow, American College of Real Estate Lawyers Advisory Board, Citizens Bank Executive Committee Member, Teach New Jersey Executive Committee Member, National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry Vice President for Financial Resource Development, American Zionist Movement Former Member, Board of Governors, Tel Aviv University Past Co-President and Executive Committee Member, America-Israel Chamber of Commerce & Industry Past President, New Jersey State Association of Jewish Federations Past Chairman, Zionist Organization of America Member, New Jersey Bankers Association Member, American Bar Association Member, New Jersey State Bar Association

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Career: Recipient, 2015 Hall of Fame Award from the New Jersey Chapter of the Community Associations Institute Recipient, 2013 Arthur S. Horn Distinguished Service Award from the New Jersey State Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
Professional Memberships: Fellow, American College of Real Estate Lawyers Fellow, College of Community Association Lawyers Member and Past Chair, Board of Consultors, NJ State

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Publications: Co-author, 'NJ Condominium and Community Association Law'. Author, 'Real Estate Closing Procedures'. Contributor, 'Commercial Real Estate Transactions in New Jersey'.
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Career: Elizabeth is Fox Rothschild's Chief Privacy & HIPAA Compliance Officer; Co-Chair, Data Privacy and Security Practice; and Chair, Government

Relations Practice. Governor-appointed Board member, NJ Integrated Population Health System; Author, NJ health care legislation. Elizabeth drafted a law creating a statewide integrated population health data system in New Jersey. She was also appointed to the data system's governing board by the governor as an individual with legal experience in HIPAA and data privacy and security issues. Elizabeth previously chaired the health care department at a New Jersey-area firm for seven years.

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 Bar Association | Health Care Financial Management Association (Chair of Publications Committee) | International Association of Privacy Professionals

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Professional Memberships: NJSBA Health Law Section; American Health Lawyers Association; American Telemedicine Association

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Career: Ken is Senior Counsel and previously served as Chair of the firm's New Jersey Litigation Department. He is also a former Co-Chair of the Environmental Law Group.

Professional Memberships:

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Career: Scott has what white collar defendants need most: a deep understanding of how the system works. An Assistant U.S. Attorney for over a decade, he combines that knowledge with formidable courtroom skill to provide clients with a defense that is equal parts judicious and tenacious. Scott focuses his practice on matters of government, securities, financial, and health care fraud; Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations; and

civil business litigation, leveraging the experience gained from more than 10 years in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark, New Jersey. He investigated and prosecuted a broad range of white collar criminal offenses there, serving as Deputy Chief of the Economic Crimes Unit and as a member of the Health Care & Government Fraud Unit. He also prosecuted numerous cases involving cybercrime, identity theft, and intellectual property-related offenses, as well as tax evasion and public corruption. Scott also has significant civil litigation experience in both the private and public sectors. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Scott completed federal clerkships under the Honorable Jose L. Linares and the Honorable Ronald J. Hedges, both of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Please visit his full biography at <https://www.lowenstein.com/people/attorneys/scott-mcbride>

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lated matters and provides extensive counseling and guidance on employee benefits.

Professional Memberships: American Bar Association | New Jersey State Bar Association (Past Chair as of May 18, 2021; Executive Committee member of the Labor & Employment Section) | 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: Bruce Meller has been a partner at Peckar & Abramson since 1979. He has been described in Chambers USA as "a brilliant construction litigator," by Who's Who Legal as "an attorney handling "high-pressure, high-stakes cases with class and composure," and by The Legal 500: United States as "exceptional, with strong trial and arbitration experience" and "the epitome of the construction litigator, who understands a company's needs and goes out to get results." A highly respected litigator, Bruce has been responsible for many of the firm's most significant cases, as well as the negotiation of complex contractual relationships and the drafting of standard forms of agreement, which are used on a national basis. Bruce has represented contractors throughout the United States on virtually every type of construction project, including high-rise buildings, shopping malls, museums, wastewater treatment and power plants, hospitals, garages, institutional buildings, stadiums, laboratories, highways, bridges, tunnels, pipelines and light rail systems. Bruce was lead counsel in an arbitration involving claims in excess of \$130 million arising out of building and civil construction work for a train system in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which lasted 84 hearing days. He was lead trial counsel and negotiated a \$59 million dollar settlement on behalf of a design-build contractor with the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority. Another matter on behalf of a construction manager involved claims in excess of \$60 million, which lasted more than 75 hearing days. An engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) matter resolved at trial for sums in excess of \$100 million. Many of his jury trials have lasted over one month and up to four months in length, resulting in

numerous multimillion-dollar verdicts, and dozens of published decisions. He has been admitted to practice pro hac vice throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico.

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Career: Duane Morris LLP: Partner, 2017-present; Drinker Biddle & Reath: Partner, 1995-2017; Cohen, Shapiro, Polisher, Sheikman & Cohen: Associate, 1989-1995; State of New Jersey, Superior Court: Law Clerk, 1988-1989

Professional Memberships: New Jersey Bar Association; Princeton Bar Association; American Bar Association; Chemical Council of New Jersey.

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tions. He also has extensive experience representing clients in administrative, State and Federal court proceedings, as well as before the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Transportation, and State transportation and environmental agencies regionally and nationally. Brian has served in leadership roles and as lead counsel in landmark environmental regulatory and litigation matters, including settlements involving environmental justice, Superfund, air, water, and solid and hazardous waste matters, as well as products liability and toxic tort litigation. Brian is named in Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers to Business and has been listed in Best Lawyers in America in the areas of Administrative/Regulatory and Environmental Law since 2005.

Professional Memberships: American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Environmental Committee 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 New Jersey Concrete and Aggregate Association
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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Professional Memberships: New Jersey State Bar Association (New Jersey Real Property and Probate Section, Board of Counselors) | New Jersey

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Professional Memberships:

American Bar Association (Litigation Section and Forum on the Construction Industry) New Jersey State Bar Association (Construction and Public Contract Law Section)

Publications: US Chapter for Construction Law & Practice Treatise, Second Edition (2016), published by Thompson Reuters's Sweet & Maxwell International Series (Co-Author) "Use of Liquidating Agreements Upheld By New Jersey Appellate Division," P&A Newsletter, Vol. XXV, Spring 2016 (Author)

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Career: Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney. Recipient of the Trial Bar Award from the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey for distinguished service in the cause of justice (2019). Recipient of the Professional Lawyer of the Year Award from the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey and the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law (2016).

Professional Memberships: International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Fellow American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow Trial Attorneys of NJ, past President American Board of Trial Advocates NJ State Bar Association of the Federal Bar of NJ

Publications: Author, "A Trial Lawyer's Strategic Guide to the New Jersey Rules of Evidence," (NJICLE) 2013 Contributor, "Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts" (Thomson Reuters/ABA) 2017

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Career: Frequent author and lecturer for national and local audiences on construction topics, including AIA contract documents and decennial changes, construction claims and defenses, ethics in construction project management and ADR.

Professional Memberships:

Construction Lawyers Society of America: Charter Fellow Litigation Counsel of America: Fellow New Jersey State Bar Association: Construction Law Section (past Co-Chair) American Bar Association: Section of Litigation, Forum on Construction Law District Fee Arbitration Committee (District VIII – Middlesex County): Secretary (2024); Chair (2020-2023); Vice Chair (2019-2020) New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution (2023-2025; 2021-2023; 2019-2021; 2017-2019)

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Career: Brian E. O'Donnell is a seasoned litigator whose expertise in handling complex commercial matters makes him counsel of choice for clients seeking effective solutions to significant legal problems. Co-Chairman of Riker Danzig and Chair of its Insurance and Reinsurance Group, Brian has successfully resolved a variety of complex matters including high stakes reinsurance and insurance coverage disputes, class action products liability lawsuits and government investigations of insurance and financial regulatory matters.

Professional Memberships: Member, Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel Member, AIDA Reinsurance and Insurance Arbitration Society Member, Professional Liability Underwriting Society Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America Member, Diversity Law Institute Member, Trial Law Institute

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Professional Memberships: Lauren is the Past Chair of the Employment Law Section of the New York County Lawyers' Association (NYCLA). Lauren has delivered presentations for the Healthcare Businesswoman's Association Annual Conference, the Society of Human Resource Management Annual Legal Update, and the Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association. Lauren is a regular panelist in continuing legal education programs hosted by NYCLA, as well as the New York City Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Publications: Lauren's contributions to national publications include the following: "Employer 'Hounding' Worker for His Baby's Birth Certificate Sparks Debate," Newsweek (Mar. 9, 2023), available here. "Impact Of Covid On Civil Rights In Workplace Will Be Focus Of EEOC Hearing," Forbes (Apr. 27, 2021), available here. "EEOC Hearing Highlights Covid's Many Challenges For Companies And Workers," Forbes (Apr. 28, 2021), available here. "CFO Job-Hopping: How Much Is Too Much?," CFO Magazine (Apr. 8, 2021), available here. Lauren is a published academic writer. Her writings include: "Networking in the Internet Age," American Bankruptcy Institute Annual Meeting (2010); and "Take this Cash," FINalternatives, Hedge Fund and Private Equity News (March 2008), reprinted in Asset Based Financing Journal, Vol. 6., No. 5. (May 2008).

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Professional Memberships: American Bar Association | New Jersey State Bar Association | Atlantic County Bar Association | Board of Directors, Atlantic City Regional Chamber of Commerce | Board of Directors, Midtown Business and Citizens Association | Commissioner, Atlantic City Arts Commission | Board of Directors, New Jersey Bar Association, Land Use Section
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Career: Mr. Prol was appointed Chair of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) by NJ Governor Phil Murphy in June 2023 where he and his fellow commissioners oversee fiscal monitoring of state election candidates and campaigns. He also serves as General Counsel to the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey and Special Environmental Counsel to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority. He previously served as an adjunct professor at Seton Hall

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Career: Founders Gold Award (2021), Silver Founders Award (2014); Healthcare Financial Management Association, NJ Chapter

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Formerly, he was an adjunct professor in Construction Law at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. A leader in construction law, Mark is recognized by Chambers USA. He is admitted to the bars of New York and the United States District Courts of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the bar of New Jersey, and the United States Dis-

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Career: 1993 Trial Bar Award, Trial Attorneys of NJ 2013 National Judge Learned Hand Award, AJC 2014 Lifetime Achievement in Litigation Award, New Jersey Law Journal

Professional Memberships: International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Fellow American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow American Bar Foundation, Fellow Essex County Bar Association, Past President Legal Services Foundation of Essex County, Past President New Jersey State Bar Association American Bar Association

Publications: Co-Author (Original Author), New Jersey Business Litigation (NJLJ) Co-Author, Guidebook to Chancery Practice in New Jersey (NJICLE)

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olution to accomplish his clients' goals. His litigation practice includes the representation of businesses and individuals in complex commercial disputes, including cases involving corporate and partnership disputes, unfair competition and consumer claims, trade secrets, restrictive covenants, and a variety of other matters. He also represents closely held corporations in cases in which the owners have disputes pending in family court and probate court, as well as family members involved in estate disputes. Clients include those in the public sector, Fortune 500 and smaller publicly-traded companies, and family-owned businesses across a variety of industries, including biotech, finance, and retail. In addition, Mr. Shih represents national, regional, and local law firms in cases involving claims of professional negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and civil conspiracy, among others. The attorneys he defends practice in a variety of disciplines, yet Mr. Shih makes it a priority to understand their practice so that he can better mount their defense. To the extent the specialty is especially arcane – as in the case of “total return swaps” or “qualified domestic relations orders” to name a couple – there is a strong likelihood Wilentz has attorneys who practice in that area, allowing Mr. Shih to draw from that experience to better defend the claim. Mr. Shih is committed to serving the legal profession. Appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court, he has served on multiple panels and committees including its Civil Practice, Rules of Evidence, and the Dispute Resolution committees. Charged by the New Jersey Supreme Court with investigating and adjudicating wrongdoing by attorneys, Mr. Shih also served as the Chair of a District Ethics Committee and Panel Chair of a Fee Arbitration Committee. Full bio: <https://www.wilentz.com/attorneys/willard-c-shih>

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Career: With extensive knowledge of transactional and environmental laws, particularly as they relate to business in New Jersey, Norm offers clients clear guidance on the complex environmental regulations governing real estate transactions, business projects, acquisitions, and site remediation. Norm brings a substantial background in science to his legal work. Trained as a chemical engineer, he has the knowledge and tools necessary to understand the technical requirements underlying environmental compliance issues. He also has a keen understanding of the mind-set and objectives of regulators, as he began his career in Washington, D.C. as a lawyer during the Environmental Protection Agency's formative years. Taking a comprehensive approach to client relationships, Norm offers valuable assistance in dealing with environmental consultants. He often acts as his clients' project manager, working to ensure that consultants are complying with regulatory requirements, applying optimal strategies, and proceeding in a cost-effective manner. Norm's clients are diverse, ranging from global corporations to family-owned businesses. He advises them on environmental issues arising from corporate and real estate transactions, as well as federal and state regulatory issues that affect ongoing business operations and site cleanup obligations after a business is shut down. Responsive, proactive, and knowledgeable, Norm is valued by clients as a key partner in all matters involving environmental regulation. Please visit his full biography at <https://www.lowenstein.com/people/attorneys/norman-spindel>

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ence in general corporate, commercial and real estate matters, and extensive experience negotiating and drafting legal opinions, including as New Jersey or New York local counsel.

Professional Memberships: American College of Mortgage Attorneys: Fellow, NJ State Chair, designee to Working Group on Legal Opinions American College of Real Estate Lawyers: Fellow American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers: Fellow Working Group on Legal Opinions Foundation: Board of Directors, Operating Committee, Affinity Groups Function Co-Head (2019-present)

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Practice Areas: David H. Stein is a shareholder at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. and co-chair of the firm's Banking and Financial Services group and the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights group. Mr. Stein focuses his practice on lending, work-outs, commercial litigation, business reorganization, foreclosure litigation, asset recovery, and judgment enforcement matters. Mr. Stein has significant courtroom experience in the litigation of complex commercial matters, enforcement and priority of liens, claims, and security interests, and other matters affecting the debtor-creditor relationship. His clients have included banks, financial institutions, leasing creditors, creditors' committees, trustees, debtors, receivers, commercial landlords, and purchasers of distressed assets. In 2021, Mr. Stein was appointed to the Roster of Mediators maintained by the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to R. 1:40-2. In 2022, Mr. Stein was appointed to the Roster of Mediation in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey, for a term of three years, and was elected Secretary to the New Jersey State Bar Association's Bankruptcy Law Section. Mr. Stein earned his law degree at University of Baltimore School of Law in 1986 and earned his undergraduate degree at Rutgers University in 1982. Full bio: <https://www.wilentz.com/attorneys/david-h-stein>.

Professional Memberships: American Bar Association, Business Law Section; New Jersey State Bar Association, Debtor/Creditor Section; New Jersey State Bar Association, Equity Jurisprudence Committee; Turnaround Management Association; Essex County Bar Association; Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors,

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Career: Michael S. Stein is the firm's chair and managing partner. He specializes in general commercial litigation, chancery litigation, legal ethics, and appellate advocacy. He has substantial trial and appellate experience in both state and federal courts, concentrating his practice primarily on complex and sophisticated corporate, business and probate disputes. He also serves as an advisor to the firm's corporate clients on a wide variety of matters, including partnership and shareholder disputes, intellectual property rights, antitrust matters, professional malpractice, chancery litigation, legal ethics, land use and restrictive covenants. Clients come to Mike for matters big and small, knowing that he will roll up his sleeves, sweat the details, always make himself available to offer careful and thoughtful counsel from beginning to end, and be fully prepared to aggressively try the case should settlement efforts prove unsuccessful. In addition, Mike is routinely engaged as counsel and local counsel by major multinational AmLaw 100 firms to meet their regional litigation needs. The combination of Mike's years of experience, his work ethic, his knowledge of New Jersey's judicial culture, and, most importantly, the depth and strength of the Firm's litigation bench makes him a go-to litigator in New Jersey for major "bet the business" litigations.

Professional Memberships:

Member, Editorial Board, New Jersey Law Journal Member, Vineyard Power Cooperative's Advisory Committee Past Member, Professional Responsibility Rules Committee Past Member, Civil Practice Rules Committee Past Chair, District II-B Ethics Committee Supreme Court Approved Mediator Past Chair and Member, Montclair Cooperative School, Board of Trustees

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Career: Clients in financial services and higher education industries rely on Angelo to handle their most complex commercial, privacy, and corporate governance matters. Angelo is an experienced trial attorney who has litigated matters before state and federal courts throughout the U.S. and before domestic and international arbitration panels. In the financial services space, Angelo has represented clients in class actions, business-to-business disputes and individual litigations involving contractual breaches, fair lending, credit reporting, unfair and deceptive trade practices, fraudulent conveyances and information privacy and security issues. In the higher education space, Angelo has handled some of the most high-profile litigations at Troutman, including: (i) defending numerous of

universities in tuition refund class actions related to the transition from in-person teaching to remote teaching as a result of COVID-19; (ii) defending a university and its board of trustees in a lawsuit alleging breaches of fiduciary duty arising from a decision to change the university's historic scholarship program; (iii) defending a university's board of trustees in an Attorney General litigation asserting allegations of breach of fiduciary duty and corporate waste; (iv) defending a college in a wrongful death action involving allegations of hazing; (v) defending a university and obtaining summary judgment dismissing a traumatic brain injury case seeking to recover \$40 million; and (vi) representing numerous universities in litigations involving corporate governance and Title IX issues.

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Professional Memberships: Member, American Bar Association Member, New Jersey State Bar Association Member, Essex County Bar Association — Former Chair, Essex County Bar Association Chancery Committee Member of the Board, New Jersey Women Lawyers Association — Co-Chair, Endorsements Committee — Former Co-Chair, Public Policy Committee — Former Co-Chair, Best Practices Committee — Former Co-Chair, Programming/Sponsorship Committee Member, Women's Bar Association of the State of New York Former Associate Member, New Jersey Land Title Association

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Career: Recipient of a U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Management (2020) Recognized by proclamation by Mayor Ras Baraka for Outstanding Achievements in Violent Crime Reduction in the City of Newark (2019) Recipient of the Honorable Patty Schwartz Leadership Award (2018) Recipient of a Law Enforcement Partnership Award from the Newark Police Department (2018)

Professional Memberships: Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey; Trustee New Jersey State Bar Association New Jersey Women Lawyers Association Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey Women's White Collar Defense Association, New Jersey Chapter Essex County Bar Association; Treasurer Newark Police Foundation; Board member Daniel Aderl Judicial Protection Project; Board member

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Professional Memberships: American College of Real Estate Lawyers, Fellow; NJSBA Land Use Section, Past Chair of Board of Directors; New Jersey Builders Association, Legislative Affairs Committee

Publications: Contributing Author, Commercial Real Estate Transactions in New Jersey (2010-Present)

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Career: Mr. Verniero joined the Firm after serving as the then youngest member of the New Jersey Supreme Court in modern history. Prior to his judicial service, Mr. 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. He frequently lectures on

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Career: Justin P. Walder is the 2018 recipient of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation Medal of Honor. This highest award is in recognition of his professional excellence as demonstrated by accomplishments in the law and contributions to the improvement of the justice system for the betterment of the legal profession. He has amassed a wealth of legal knowledge from a variety of perspectives and continues to rack up legal accolades and accomplishments. Justin particularly enjoys litigating cases involving novel or complex questions of law, and recently represented a judge of the New Jersey Superior Court in a successful challenge as to the constitutionality of increases of pension and health care costs for judges and justices of New Jersey. He has been a leading advocate for an independent judiciary. Justin has served as New Jersey state deputy attorney general and as assistant Essex County prosecutor in charge of business fraud and economic crimes, and, nearly 30 years ago, he co-founded the firm of Walder Hayden. In addition to his active litigation practice, Justin has served as designated special counsel to the New Jersey Supreme Court and as counsel to the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts. He passes his legal knowledge on to others through service as an adjunct professor at Rutgers University School of Law and as an instructor for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education. He has been a master and lecturer for the New Jersey Inns of Court and a faculty member of the New Jersey Judicial College. He was formerly an associate editor of the New Jersey Law Journal. Justin believes strongly in service to the legal community. He has served in a number of capacities, including, among others, as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Commission on Rules of Professional Conduct; as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Board on Trial Attorney Certification; and as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Fee Arbitration.

Professional Memberships: Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers Co-Chair, New Jersey Fellows of the American Bar Foundation American Board of Trial Advocates New Jersey State Bar Association (Board of Trustees 2013, Moderator, CLE Seminar on “How to Handle High Profile Cases

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Practice Areas: Managing Partner of the Morristown office and a member of the firm’s Strategic Growth Committee, Catherine is a seasoned bankruptcy attorney with more than 29 years of experience guiding companies and creditors through complex financial situations. In client references provided to Chambers, Catherine has been

described as “smart and even-keeled” and as someone who “offers great and practical business solutions.” She is also noted for her “strong legal mind and great commercial sensibilities.” Catherine has wide-ranging financial restructuring experience, having represented large and small businesses in Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 proceedings. She also has served as a government-appointed Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 Trustee in thousands of cases, overseeing and operating businesses while they are in bankruptcy. She knows how to assess the best way forward for a business, and how make hard choices.

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.

Professional Memberships:

Immediate Past Chair, The Lawyers Advisory Committee, District of New Jersey | American Bankruptcy Institute | Turnaround Management Association | New York Institute of Credit | Member, International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) | Past Member, Third Circuit Lawyers Advisory Committee (2016-2019)

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Professional Memberships: Officer and Trustee, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Founder and Leader, Smart Growth Economic Development Coalition Co-Founder and Executive Committee, Rutgers University Center for Real Estate Board of Trustees,

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and drafting. In 2021, he completed FIDIC Certified Course Module 2: Claims and Disputes Resolution. Michael's commercial litigation practice involves representing clients in various business disputes, including insurance coverage, real estate transactions, consumer fraud, professional negligence, breach of contract claims and other general business torts and transactions. He also has significant experience with bankruptcy, and has frequently represented clients in bankruptcy court, pursuing claims against the debtor and seeking other relief from the court. Michael is a frequent author on domestic and international construction law topics. In addition to his many publications, he is the co-editor of *Getting the Deal Through's Construction*, an international survey of construction and construction

law, and co-authored the US chapter since 2008. From 2006 through 2016, he also served as a contributing editor of *The Construction Lawyer*, the official quarterly publication of the American Bar Association's Forum on the Construction Industry, and for 6 years co-authored the publication's "Hard Hat Case Notes" section. Michael has been recognized as a "thought leader" and for skill and accomplishments as a construction litigator and has received numerous top accolades in the fields of construction law, construction litigation, commercial litigation, and appellate practice from various professional rating services, such as Chambers and Partners (Band 1), Who's Who Legal, New York-Metro Super Lawyers, New Jersey Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers, Bergen's Top Lawyers, and holds the

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Professional Memberships: Construction Lawyers Society of America (Fellow) American Bar Association (Litigation Section and Forum on the Construction Industry) Construction Management Association of America (NY / NJ Chapter) New York State Bar Association (Construction and Surety Law Division of the Torts, Insurance & Compensation Law Section) New Jersey Bar Association (Construction and Public Contract Law Section) CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (Arbitration Committee and Construction Advisory Committee) Order of the Barristers

Publications: United States Chapter, *Getting the Deal Through – Construction* (2008-2023 editions), *Law Business*

Research Ltd. (co-editor; co-author) "The Enforceability of "Pay-if-Paid" Provisions Affirmed in New Jersey," P&A Client Alert, December 2022 (co-author) United States Chapter, *Getting the Deal Through – Construction* (2008-2019 editions), Law Business Research Ltd. (co-editor; co-author) United States Chapter, *Construction Law & Practice* (International Series), Sweet & Maxwell (2nd Edition, 2016) (co-author) "Hard Hat Case Notes," *The Construction Lawyer*, American Bar Association, Summer 2010-Summer 2016 (co-author) "Statute of Repose Limits an Indemnity Claim," *AGC Law in Brief*, Vol. 1, No. 1, December 3, 2014 (co-author) "Mechanics' Liens – An International Perspective," *Lorman Construction Newsletter*, August 2005 (co-author)