



US Legal 500 Recognizes Chadbourne & Parke As One Of The Nation's Top Law Firms

The US Legal 500 recently issued its 2010 rankings in which Chadbourne & Parke LLP was recognized as one of the nation's top law firms in four major categories:

- ⊙ Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense: Consumer Products (Including Tobacco)
- ⊙ M&A: Middle-Market (\$500m-999m)
- ⊙ Project Finance: Advice to Lender
- ⊙ Domestic Tax: East Coast

In the products liability category, Chadbourne has been ranked in Tier 1, the most highly recommended category among all US firms, a step-up from 2008 and 2009. Chadbourne, and only two other firms in the US achieved the top ranking in this practice area. According to the guide, the practice is "truly excellent in every respect." For the third consecutive year, Don Strauber was named a leading lawyer in the category, among a total of just seven lawyers throughout the US. Along with Don, Phoebe Wilkinson and Mary Yelenick were praised as "great strategists, tacticians, and writers." Clients also described practice head Gary Morrisroe and litigation department head Tom Riley as "great long-term strategists." David Wallace and Bruce Sheffler were also singled out for special recognition.

For the second year in a row, the Firm's "reliably impressive" M&A practice maintained Tier 1 status. Chadbourne "provides its M&A clients in-depth expertise in every conceivable major industry, with particular experience in aerospace and defense, consumer products and insurance, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals and technology. The firm also has a long history of M&A representation in the energy sector...and has firmly placed its stamp in the renewable energy sector." The practice is praised for its representation of Fortune 500 domestic clients, cross-border M&A work and representation of private equity funds, hedge funds and other institutions.

The Firm also ranked highly in project finance, earning a Tier 2 ranking. The article notes that the "distinguishing feature for Chadbourne & Parke LLP is the number of top level specialists

it can bring to a deal," noting the Firm's "ability to work as a real team." Chadbourne is cited as "one of the leading experts in the fast growing area of renewable energy" and notes that, "according to competitors," Chadbourne's practice, "has done the best out of work issued under the DOE loan guarantee program." It also notes that "the group's expertise expands outside the renewable energy sector, and includes strength in acting on both domestic and international work." Keith Martin, Eli Katz, Edward Zaelke and John Baecher are all praised as top-level specialists, while Kenneth Hansen "stands out by experience and for cutting through the red tape in face-to-face negotiations." Chaim Wachsberger is praised for being "solution-oriented" and Rohit Chaudhry and the Firm are described as the "best in class in all categories." Also noted is the "impressive volume of wind and solar projects" handled by Edward Zaelke and Adam Umanoff.

In the tax category, the Firm earned a Tier 3 ranking for the third consecutive year, offering "the highest level of competency in technical tax ability as well as business acumen." William Cavanaugh is recommended by clients as "timely in his responses and always offers highly creative alternatives to matters at hand." Edouard Markson is recommended for capital markets and partnership instructions. Lawrence Rosenberg is listed as "an excellent choice" for the tax complications of bankruptcy and restructuring. Keith Martin is recommended for transactional and controversy matters. Richard Leder and Jeffrey Robins were also highlighted for recognition.

The Legal 500 is an independent, unbiased guide that provides coverage on law firms in over 100 countries worldwide. The rankings are based on client testimonies, competitor feedback, and transactions/deals the firms have reported.

The full online text of the Firm's rankings can be viewed on the website's Honors and Awards page or at www.legal500.com/firms/50201-chadbourne-parke-llp/offices/52339-new-york.