

Partners Notes

Benchmark Litigation Recognizes Weil Gotshal As Top Tier National Firm In Multiple Practice Areas

Weil, Gotshal & Manges has been designated a top tier national firm in *Benchmark Litigation* 2010. A publication of Euromoney/Legal Media Group, the guide focuses exclusively on the leading U.S. law firms and attorneys.

Five Weil Gotshal litigation practice areas were ranked in the top tier nationally: Antitrust, Bankruptcy, General Commercial, Intellectual Property and Securities. Four practice areas earned a Tier 2 national ranking: Insurance, International Arbitration, Products Liability and White Collar Crime. 19 attorneys were ranked as "stars" in their areas of expertise nationally and in their respective states, and three attorneys were named as "local stars" in their respective states.

The firm is praised by clients and competitors as being "highly qualified" and "first rate." The prominence of the bankruptcy and restructuring group stands out – "Weil Gotshal's restructuring group has received steady work in

the past year, with the majority of it flowing into the firm's New York, Dallas and Houston offices. In the Texas region, the firm has really stood out for its bankruptcy work." According to Benchmark, Securities and Antitrust work continue to be the firm's most revered and prominent practice areas, and are praised by peers for "doing stupendous work." The highly respected intellectual property team is widely praised by peers, with one acknowledging the team as "remarkable." Clients view the intellectual property group's services as invaluable; one client stated, "I continue working with their team because they're winners." Benchmark states that general commercial litigation "remains an important pillar of the firm's strength" and further notes the firm's class actions, products liability and telecommunications work.

Allan Dinkoff, former managing director and head of the Employment

Law Group at Merrill Lynch & Co. has joined Weil Gotshal's Employment Litigation Practice Group resident in its New York office.

Mr. Dinkoff spent 12 years at Merrill

Lynch, where he was the principal advisor to the Board of Directors and executive management on the firm's most complex and high profile employment issues around the globe.

Akin Gump Ranks Among Top 10 Legal Advisors For Global M&A Energy Transactions

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP has earned a #8 ranking on Bloomberg's Global Legal Advisory M&A Ranking 2009 Q3. The firm advised clients on 17 announced global energy M&A transactions – valued at \$15.3 billion – in the first nine months of 2009, capturing 11.4 percent of announced deals.

Steven H. Schulman, leader of the pro bono practice at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, has received the Pro Bono Leader Award from Applesed. The award was presented at the organization's Raising the Pro Bono Bar event, held on October 8 in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Schulman joined Akin Gump in 2006 as the firm's first full-time pro bono partner. Since his arrival, participation in the pro bono practice has increased substantially in every office, with Akin Gump lawyers now devoting, on average, more than 85 hours annually to pro bono client matters. Under Mr. Schulman's leadership, the firm has also

built strong relationships with local and national legal services organizations, and has developed significant experience in several areas of pro bono practice, including representing charter schools, working with refugees and victims of human rights abuses, and providing legal counsel to military personnel and their families.

Washingtonian magazine has named Michele A. Roberts, a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, as one of Washington's 100 Most Powerful Women. *Washingtonian* has consistently included Ms. Roberts in its rankings of Washington's top lawyers, calling her "the finest pure trial lawyer in Washington – magic with juries, loved by judges, feared by opposing counsel."

Ms. Roberts focuses on criminal and civil litigation in state and federal courts and administrative proceedings. She represents defendants charged with racketeering, fraud and violation of securities regulations.

Leading Litigators Join King & Spalding

King & Spalding has announced that two experienced complex commercial litigators, Geoffrey R. Unger and Juan M. Alcalá, have joined the firm's business litigation practice as partners in the Austin office. Both lawyers will draw on their expertise to advise clients on a variety of disputes related to business transactions, organizational structures, financial liabilities and involved lending transactions. Mr. Unger and Mr. Alcalá join from DLA Piper.

Geoffrey R. Unger's practice is primarily focused on complex commercial litigation, with experience representing clients in large business fraud cases, consumer class actions, securities litigation, real estate development, and antitrust cases.

Juan M. Alcalá is a litigator and trial lawyer who handles a wide range of complex business disputes for local, national and international clients in state and federal courts, at both the trial and appellate levels, in the areas of business torts, partnership conflicts, copyright and trademark disputes, misappropriation of trade secret cases, deceptive trade practices controversies and fiduciary litigation. Fluent in Spanish, Alcalá also concentrates his practice on

Latin American matters.

In its 2010 edition, the *IFLR 1000* recognized King & Spalding as one of the world's leading law firms advising on financial and corporate matters. The firm earned a total of four rankings in this year's *IFLR 1000* guide, and two King & Spalding lawyers were singled out for special recognition.

King & Spalding's bank lending, debt and equity capital markets and project finance practices were named among the best in the United States, while the firm's mergers and acquisitions practice was recognized for providing exceptional legal counsel in Saudi Arabia. In the bank lending practice area, King & Spalding was one of 22 U.S. firms recommended; in project finance, one of 23 U.S. firms; and in debt and equity capital markets, one of 26 firms recommended in the United States. In Saudi Arabia, King & Spalding's mergers and acquisitions practice was one of only 11 endorsed in the *IFLR 1000* guide.

King & Spalding partners Isam Salah and Jawad Ali were characterized by *IFLR 1000* as "leading lights" in the firm's Middle East practice.

Jones Day Tops M&A For 36th Consecutive Quarter

Jones Day ranked first globally in M&A league tables for the third quarter of 2009, maintaining a position it has held for 36 quarters in a row.

Jones Day led all law firms for number of completed deals worldwide in the Q3 2009 M&A rankings released this month by Thomson Reuters. The firm received credit from Thomson for 211 completed deals worldwide, surpassing the #2 firm by 66 deals. Thomson also ranked the firm #1 for completed deals with U.S. targets with 128 deals. The firm captured the #1 ranking in every published Thomson league table based on deal count.

In the Bloomberg league tables, which are based on announced transactions, Jones Day ranked #1 both for number of worldwide deals and for number of deals involving U.S. companies. Bloomberg published 23 rankings based on deal count. The firm ranked #1 in six of these and in the top 10 in 15 of the 23 total.

The firm has maintained the #1 worldwide ranking for number of deals in both the Thomson and Bloomberg tables every quarter since year-end

2000.

The firm also captured the #1 ranking by deal count in Mergerstat's Q3 2009 league tables, which are based only on announced deals involving U.S. companies. The firm has held this Mergerstat ranking for 26 consecutive quarters.

Six Jones Day lawyers have been named leading lawyers in the 2010 edition of the *Chambers Guide to Latin America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. In addition, our Banking & Finance and Corporate/M&A practices were ranked both Latin America-wide and in México, and our Projects practice was ranked in México.

The listed attorneys and practice areas for which they are recognized are:

Fernando de Ovando – Banking & Finance (México); Maria Fernanda Farall – Corporate/M&A (Latin America-wide); Silvia Malagón – Banking & Finance (México); Javier Martínez del Campo – Banking & Finance (México); Corporate/M&A (México); Luís Riesgo – Corporate/M&A (Latin America-wide); Manuel Romano Mijares – Corporate/M&A (México).

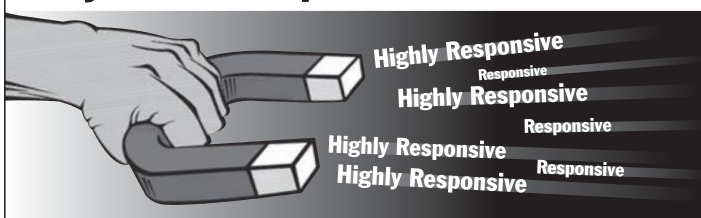
Norris Attorney Named New York Super Lawyer

Jeanne M. Hamburg, a member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A., has been selected for inclusion in the *New York Super Lawyers 2009 – Metropolitan Edition*. She will be included in the Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Areas. She is one of 23 members of the firm who

have been selected this year for Super Lawyers.

Ms. Hamburg has expertise in all aspects of copyright and trademark law, both in litigation and in the transactional area. Resident in the firm's New York City office she assists clients in a broad range of industries with their IP needs.

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