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## Six Flaster Greenberg Attorneys Named in Best Lawyers in America® 2015

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Best Lawyers®, the oldest and most highly respected peer review guide to legal excellence in the legal profession, has named six Flaster Greenberg attorneys to its 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Copyright 2014 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.).

The nationwide list of attorneys included in the upcoming 21st edition are based on more than 4.3 million confidential and detailed evaluations from more than 41,000 leading attorneys on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas. This year, Best Lawyers recognized Flaster Greenberg's attorneys in 11 distinct practice areas.

The attorneys selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2015, listed by practice area, are as follows:

**Lynda L. Calderone** practices intellectual property law, concentrating on patent prosecution, litigation and IP due diligence; IP related agreements including licenses; and patentability, validity, infringement and unenforceability analyses. She counsels inventors and businesses in portfolio management and development of patent strategies, including conducting IP audits.

**Abbe F. Fletman** is a member of the Intellectual Property and Litigation Departments and co-chair of the Government Relations Practice Group. She concentrates her practice in complex litigation and commercial disputes, including those involving trademarks, copyrights and patents. She has successfully litigated significant patent, trademark, copyright and trade secrets cases.

**Marty Judge**, who is a former Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey representing the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, is a shareholder in the firm's Environmental Practice Group and focuses his practice on all facets of environmental litigation, and regulatory compliance and counseling.

**Jordan A. LaVine** is a member of the Intellectual Property Department. He concentrates his practice on trademark, copyright and unfair competition strategic counseling, litigation, licensing, and prosecution matters. He represents public and private companies in such industries as media and publishing, technology and telecommunications, consumer products and services, pharmaceuticals, health care, financial services, automotive, automotive chemicals and accessories, retail and commercial services, apparel, jewelry, software, and food products.

**Peter R. Spirgel** is the firm's managing shareholder and chief operating officer. He counsels businesses on taxation, shareholder issues, financing transactions and mergers and acquisitions and individuals in the area of Federal, State and Estate tax planning. Also a member of the firm's Alternative and Renewable Energy Industry Group, he represents clients engaged in or considering business ventures in emerging green energy fields such as solar, wind, geothermal, cogeneration, biofuels and biomass.

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**Steven D. Usdin** focuses his practice on commercial and personal bankruptcy, general corporate and transactional matters and commercial litigation. With more than 30 years experience in the legal services industry, he has appeared on behalf of debtors, creditors and equity security holders' committees, and secured creditors in a variety of proceedings at the Trial and Appellate levels in State and Federal Courts.

Individually and collectively, the attorneys at Flaster Greenberg have been recognized for excellence by clients, peers in the legal community, business and industry groups and by numerous civic, cultural and nonprofit organizations. Last year, the firm was selected by *The National Law Journal* as one of the 20 law firms named to its 'Midsize Hot List.' The list recognizes 20 stand-out law firms in the 50 to 150 lawyer range from across the country "that in no way are stuck in the shadows cast by giant competitors" and that have demonstrated creative, innovative strategies to stay competitive.

#### **ATTORNEYS MENTIONED**

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