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## Seven Flaster Greenberg Attorneys Named in Best Lawyers in America® 2016

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Best Lawyers®, the oldest and most highly respected peer review guide to legal excellence in the legal profession, has named seven Flaster Greenberg attorneys to its 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Copyright 2015 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.).

The nationwide list of attorneys included in the upcoming 22<sup>nd</sup> edition is 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*® 2016, 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.

**Michael D. Homans** practices labor and employment law, concentrating on the litigation of workplace disputes and pre-litigation advice to employers and employees, including matters relating to wrongful termination, harassment, discrimination, retaliation, whistleblowing, non-compete agreements, wage payment, overtime, family and medical leave, and breach of contract. Follow his employment law blog or twitter handle @EmployLawUpdate.

**Thomas J. Durling** is chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Department and has more than 30 years experience handling intellectual property issues, with a focus on patent procurement, due diligence, intellectual property litigation and client counseling. A registered patent attorney, he helps clients prepare and prosecute patent applications; performs patent infringement analysis, validity studies and right to use studies; and negotiates and prepares licenses and other agreements for clients across a wide range of industries and applications.

**Marty M. Judge**, who is a former Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey formerly representing the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, is chair of the firm's Environmental and Real Estate Law Departments and focuses his practice on all facets of environmental litigation, environmental transactional issues, and regulatory compliance and counseling. Among other things, he is presently Counsel to and a member of the Executive Committee of the Justice Stewart G. Pollock Environmental Inn of Court. He is also presently a Director of the Environmental Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

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**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. He has been named by the *World Trademark Review* as one of the top three attorneys in Pennsylvania for trademark prosecution, strategy, ranking in the *World Trademark Review's* highest band (gold) for his work.

**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.

**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.

#### **ATTORNEYS MENTIONED**

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