

## Chambers USA 2016 Ranks Flaster Greenberg Attorneys Among the Best in Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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Interviews with clients reflected well on Flaster Greenberg PC in the *2016 Chambers & Partners USA Directory*, and earned rankings for both the Bankruptcy and Intellectual Property Departments in Pennsylvania. Also earning individual rankings were six shareholders: **Lynda L. Calderone** and **Jordan A. LaVine**, who were both recognized in the field of Intellectual Property; **William J. Burnett**, **Harry J. Giacometti** and **Steven D. Usdin**, who were recognized in the field of Bankruptcy/Restructuring; and **Marty M. Judge**, who was recognized in the field of Environmental Law in New Jersey.

Additionally, the Flaster Greenberg Intellectual Property team in Pennsylvania was described as "very commercially focused" and that "they give very clear guidance." They were also described as attorneys with "terrific overall performance" whose "client service is superb and the follow-through is tremendous."

Chambers & Partners, a legal publisher based in the United Kingdom, produces an array of annual directories in which lawyers, legal practice groups and law firms from around the world are ranked, based on exhaustive peer review and client feedback. Being named by Chambers & Partners is considered one of the most prestigious rankings in the world for lawyers.

William J. Burnett was described by his clients as *a very strong practice leader who is building a very fine bankruptcy and restructuring business he is distinguished by his even strain and high intellect.*" He is Immediate-Past Chair of the firm's Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Risk Management Department and concentrates his practice on bankruptcy, reorganizations and workouts. He represents clients in all areas of Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, creditors rights and corporate liquidations. In addition, he counsels debtors on the advantages and disadvantages of Chapter 11 and the rights and remedies of creditors and unsecured creditors' committees in the Chapter 11 process. His representations include financially distressed companies, creditors' committees, trustees, plan administrators, secured and unsecured creditors, Chapter 7 trustees, Chapter 11 debtors-in-possession, landlords, equipment lessors, asset purchasers, and preference plaintiffs and defendants. This is the second consecutive year Burnett has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

Lynda L. Calderone is a member of the firm's IP Department and head of the patent practice within that group. She was complimented because she *understands what the client's needs are and gives clear directions.*" She concentrates her practice in the chemical, chemical engineering, mechanical and business method areas, and serves a wide range of clients in U.S. and foreign patent prosecution and litigation, client counseling, opinions of counsel, drafting and negotiation of IP-related agreements, and IP due diligence. Her practice focuses on inventions in the polymer, elastomer, medical device, consumer product, nanotechnology and semiconductor industries. Most recently, Calderone served as a contributing editor for

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*Financer Worldwide* 2016 Patent & Trademark Annual Review. This is the ninth consecutive year Calderone has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Intellectual Property.

Harry J. Giacometti is a shareholder in firms Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Risk Management Department and was described as a "*very effective advocate for his clients.*" His practice is focused on bankruptcy, debtor and creditors rights, commercial law and litigation. Through his representation of corporate, individual and institutional clients, Giacometti's wide range of experience includes: Commercial and consumer bankruptcy representation of both debtors and creditors; commercial litigation in both the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and commercial transactions, including formations, liquidations, asset sales and purchase transactions. This is the second consecutive year Giacometti has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

Of Marty M. Judge, clients referred to him as *bright and articulate* and he is lauded for his "*excellent*" environmental litigation and regulatory work and as someone who "*has a good reputation and knows his stuff.*" Judge is Chair of the firm's Environmental and Real Estate Department, and he is a former Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey representing the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. He is headquartered in the firm's Cherry Hill, New Jersey office and focuses his practice on all facets of environmental law, including litigation, alternative dispute resolution, transactional work, regulatory compliance, and general advice and counsel. He has also served as an expert witness in matters involving environmental and real estate issues. This is the fifth consecutive year Judge has been recognized as a Leader in the Field in New Jersey for Environmental Law.

Sources praised Jordan A. LaVine, head of the Trademark and Copyright section of the Intellectual Property group, for being a "*bright, creative trademark attorney*" and a "*true pleasure to work with.*" 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. This year, LaVine was ranked among the top trademark attorneys in world by *World Trademark Review 1000*. This is the ninth consecutive year LaVine has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Intellectual Property.

Steve D. Usdin is a shareholder in the firm's Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Risk Management Department and "*is very practical and has a very sound judgment.*" His practice is focused on commercial and personal bankruptcy, general corporate and transactional matters and commercial litigation. 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. This is the second consecutive year Usdin has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

#### **ATTORNEYS MENTIONED**

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