

## Chambers USA 2018 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 *2018 Chambers & Partners USA Directory*, and earned rankings for both the Bankruptcy and Intellectual Property Departments in Pennsylvania, as well as for six attorneys individually, located in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Individually, **Lynda L. Calderone** and **Jordan A. LaVine** were both recognized in the field of intellectual property; **William J. Burnett**, **Harry J. Giacometti** and **Steven D. Usdin** were recognized in the field of bankruptcy and restructuring; and **Marty M. Judge** was recognized in the field of environmental law.

Overall, the Flaster Greenberg Intellectual Property team was described as "*specialists who really know the [IP] area very well, and they are also practical – they understand that we are cost-conscious and take that into consideration.*" One source noting their impeccable service, added that "*they provide immediate responsiveness and a deep understanding of our business needs, all delivered with excellent value.*" And the Firm's Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Risk Management Department was described as a "*superb group acting for a wide range of clients, including debtors and creditors, and frequently engaged by Fortune 500 companies.*"

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, a shareholder in the firm, is Immediate-Past Chair of the firm's Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Risk Management Department and concentrates his practice in bankruptcy, reorganizations and workouts. He represents clients in all areas of Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, creditor's 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 fourth consecutive year Burnett has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

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Lynda L. Calderone is a shareholder in the firm's IP Department and head of the patent practice within that group. A source noted that they "*appreciate Lynda not only because she is very knowledgeable about US practices, but also because she offers practice advice. When faced with an issue, she can devise a winning strategy to address it.*" Calderone 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, web-based technologies, and semiconductor industries. This is the tenth consecutive year Calderone has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Intellectual Property.

Harry J. Giacometti is a shareholder in the firm's Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Risk Management Department and was described as a "*terrific*" attorney. 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 fourth consecutive year Giacometti has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

Marty M. Judge, who is Chair of the firm's combined Environmental Law and Real Estate and Land Use Departments, was honored for the second consecutive year as one of only several individual attorneys in Band 1 in New Jersey for Environmental Law. Clients referred to him as "*thoughtful*" and a "*highly respected litigator*" who "*provides excellent depth of analysis and is very responsive.*" He is noted for his strength in Superfund, brownfield and RCRA disputes. One source reported that "*he steered us with great care and sensitivity to the situation we were in.*" Judge is a former Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey where he once represented the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. He 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. This is the seventh 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 "*knowledgeable, available and confident*" as well as "*extremely responsive and efficient.*" Also a shareholder, 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. For the past seven years, LaVine has been ranked among the top trademark attorneys in the world by *World Trademark Review 1000*. This is the tenth consecutive year LaVine has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Intellectual Property.

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Steve D. Usdin is Of Counsel in the firm's Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Risk Management Department and is *"very confident and hard-working."* 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 fourth consecutive year Usdin has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

**ATTORNEYS MENTIONED**

William Burnett

Harry Giacometti

Marty Judge

Jordan LaVine

Steven Usdin