Chambers USA 2021 Ranks Flaster Greenberg Attorneys for Outstanding Legal Work in Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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Interviews with clients and peers reflected well on

Flaster Greenberg PC, in the *2021 Chambers & Partners USA Directory,* and earned group rankings for both the

Bankruptcy and

Intellectual Property Departments in Pennsylvania, the

Environmental Department in New Jersey, as well as for six attorneys otherwise located in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Individually, **Jordan A. LaVine** was recognized in the field of intellectual property; **William J. Burnett** and **Harry J. Giacometti** were recognized in the field of bankruptcy and restructuring; **Jay M. Levin** was recognized in the field of insurance law; and **Marty M. Judge** and **Mitchell H. Kizner** were recognized in the field of environmental law.

In Pennsylvania, Flaster Greenberg's

Intellectual Property team was described as a "*highly respected practice with a team of experienced practitioners providing a multidisciplinary approach to IP matters. Known for prosecution and portfolio management work in a number of fields such as media, apparel, chemicals and manufacturing. Well versed in a range of issues pertaining to both patent and trademark law, with notable experience advising on internet-related IP disputes*." One source described the team as "*incredibly strong and efficient*" and "*very knowledgeable and has good litigation experience*."

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. Advises on an array of issues including workouts, insolvency-related disputes and creditors' rights matters. Also frequently acts as trustee in complex Chapter 11 proceedings. Experienced in Chapter 7 issues, including business and asset sales, regularly representing trustees*." One source noted that the Department "*is very well respected in the restructuring field. They are highly skilled in the areas of trustee, debtor and creditor representation*." Another source noted "*they are pragmatic and results-oriented*."

In New Jersey, Flaster Greenberg's

Environmental Department was particularly noted for their expertise in Superfund, NRD and remediation work. They were described as "*often advocates before the NJDEP on regulatory and standard issues*" and a team "*offering experience in Spill Act and ISRA proceedings*."

William J. Burnett, a shareholder and member of firm's Board of Directors, is past Chair of the firm's

Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Risk Management Department and concentrates his practice in bankruptcy, reorganizations and workouts. According to Chambers, he is well regarded for his broad bankruptcy expertise which includes Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 proceedings and acts for a range of clients, including debtors, creditors and trustees. 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 seventh consecutive year Burnett has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

A source praised

Harry J. Giacometti, Chair of the firm's

Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Risk Management Department, for being "*excellent"* and *"he took a very difficult case and got me through it intact."* His practice is focused primarily on bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Through his representation of corporate, individual and institutional clients, Giacometti's wide range of experience includes: commercial bankruptcy representation of debtors, creditors and trustees in both chapter 11 and 7; 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 seventh consecutive year Giacometti has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

Marty M. Judge

, who is Immediate-Past Chair of the firm's combined

Environmental Law

and

Real Estate and Land Use Department

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was honored for the fifth consecutive year as one of only several individual attorneys in Band 1 in New Jersey for Environmental Law.

According to one source, Marty was characterized as an attorney who "*is able to quickly digest very complicated issues and provide strong written report*s." Another source commented "*Marty is absolutely brilliant; he's detailed, has a broad knowledge base and he's one step ahead of everything that is going on*." Other sources described Marty as someone who has "*an extremely in-depth knowledge of environmental law*" and "*knows more about the specifics of any environmental issue than anyone else in New Jersey; he is clearly one of the most intelligent attorneys in the field*."

Marty handles Superfund and NRD claims and provides companies with compliance advice.

He is also engaged to represent clients in various kinds of contentious proceedings involving environmental issues. He has an impressive track record of dealing with matters such as waste management, water and air pollution, water use and allocation, and the development of brownfield sites. 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 tenth consecutive year Judge has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in New Jersey for Environmental Law.

According to the guide,

Mitchell H. Kizner, a shareholder and member of the firm's

Litigation and

Environmental Law Departments, is commended for his work as a litigator and trial lawyer, handling Spill Act, cost recovery and toxic tort cases. One source commented that "*when it comes to cost recovery, Mitchell is one of the best*." He represents clients in insurance, environmental and other commercial matters as part of his active litigation and commercial law practice. Having represented defendants in personal injury matters for more than 10 years prior to joining Flaster Greenberg, he also represents self-insured corporate defendants in such suits. He is certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney and has also served as General Counsel to the firm since 2006. This is the first year Kizner is being recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in New Jersey for Environmental Law.

Jordan A. LaVine , Co-Managing Shareholder at Flaster Greenberg and Immediate Past-Chair of the firm's

Intellectual Property Group, specializes in trademark and copyright law, and frequently advising media and publishing clients on issues such as strategy, licensing and prosecution. According to the guide, he has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for the last thirteen consecutive years for his considerable expertise in trademark and copyright law, and offers wide-ranging experience in both advisory and contentious matters. Sources interviewed by Chambers described Jordan as a "very responsive, thoughtful and value-driven attorney with an understanding of the client's business objectives" and someone who "has great judgement and is whip-smart." Also a shareholder, Jordan 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 over a decade, LaVine has been ranked among the top trademark attorneys in the world by *World Trademark Review 1000*.

Jay M. Levin, Flaster Greenberg's most recent lateral hire and member of the firm's

Litigation Department and

Insurance Counseling & Recovery Practice Group, was honored as one of only four attorneys in Band 1 in Pennsylvania for Insurance Law.

According to one source, Jay "*is a smart, thoughtful, excellent lawyer*" who "*absolutely knows his stuff and is very detailed and creative in his approach*." Jay focuses his practice on representing policyholders in disputes with insurance companies involving all types of insurance coverage.

This is the seventh consecutive year Levin has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" in Pennsylvania for Insurance Law.

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ATTORNEYS MENTIONED

William Burnett

Harry Giacometti

Marty Judge

Mitchell Kizner

Jordan LaVine

Jay Levin