

Law360 MVP Awards Go To Legal Aces From 86 Firms

Law360, New York (November 8, 2015, 9:50 PM ET) -- This week, Law360 will begin profiling those elite attorneys whose successes in high-stakes litigation, record-breaking deals and complex global matters earned them a spot on this year's list of MVP award winners.

Competition for the MVP distinction continued to escalate this year, with editors reviewing more than 850 submissions to arrive at the winners. The 2015 class of Law360 MVPs includes 189 attorneys from a record 86 firms spanning 31 practice areas. Law360 recognized MVPs in two new categories this year — Sports and Telecommunications.

There was a new leader of the pack in 2015. Sullivan & Cromwell LLP picked up 10 MVPs, dominating in Capital Markets, Life Sciences and Mergers & Acquisitions with two MVPs in each category. The firm rounded out its win with MVPs in Banking, Securities, Tax and Telecom.

Latham & Watkins LLP had another strong year, scoring nine MVPs, while Gibson Dunn won an impressive eight, and Weil Gotshal finished strong with seven MVPs. Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP and Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP had six MVPs each, while Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP earned five MVP honors.

Law360 would like to extend a special congratulations to superstar MVPs Bill Lee from WilmerHale, Jay Lefkowitz from Kirkland & Ellis and Michael Rhodes from Cooley LLP for winning the MVP distinction for five straight years. We'd also like to congratulate Doug Meal from Ropes & Gray LLP and Stephanie Parker from Jones Day for winning in their respective categories for four straight years.

Congratulations to this year's class of Law360 MVPs. They are:

Appellate

Paul Clement, Bancroft
John Elwood, Vinson & Elkins
Douglas Hallward-Driemeier, Ropes & Gray
Allyson Ho, Morgan Lewis
William Jay, Goodwin Procter
Jeffrey Oldham, Bracewell & Giuliani
Tom Saunders, WilmerHale
Alexandra Shapiro, Shapiro Arato
Kathleen Sullivan, Quinn Emanuel
Helgi Walker, Gibson Dunn

Banking

Howard Cayne, Arnold & Porter
Robert Giuffra, Sullivan & Cromwell
Matthew Ingber, Mayer Brown
David Woll, Simpson Thacher

Bankruptcy

Amy Caton, Kramer Levin
James W. Giddens, Hughes Hubbard
Greg Gordon, Jones Day
Scott Greenberg, Jones Day
Steve Hessler, Kirkland & Ellis
M. Natasha Labovitz, Debevoise & Plimpton
Ray Schrock, Weil Gotshal
David J. Sheehan, Baker & Hostetler
Catherine L. Steege, Jenner & Block
Matt Williams, Gibson Dunn

Capital Markets

Camille Abousleiman, Dechert
Carsten Berrar, Sullivan & Cromwell
Kirk Davenport, Latham & Watkins
Mollie Duckworth, Baker Botts
Michael Kaplan, Davis Polk
Joseph Kaufman and Richard Fenyes, Simpson Thacher
Kay Ian Ng, Sullivan & Cromwell
Jeffrey Vetter, Fenwick & West

Class Action

Jaime Bianchi, White & Case
Thomas Dubbs, Labaton Sucharow
Salvatore Graziano, Bernstein Litowitz
Michael Mueller, Hunton & Williams
David Stickney, Bernstein Litowitz

Competition

J. Douglas Baldrige, Venable
David Burman, Perkins Coie
Dan Brockett, Quinn Emanuel
Christopher Hockett, Davis Polk
William Isaacson, Boies Schiller
M. Sean Royall, Gibson Dunn
Steven Sunshine, Skadden
Christine Varney, Cravath Swaine

Employment

Elise Bloom, Proskauer Rose
Lynne Hermle, Orrick Herrington
Don Livingston, Akin Gump

David Sanford, Sanford Heisler Kimpel
Eugene Scalia, Gibson Dunn
Carney Shegerian, Shegerian & Associates

Energy

Van Beckwith, Baker Botts
William Finnegan IV, Latham & Watkins
Benjamin Koenigsberg, Chadbourne & Parke
Rodney Moore, Weil Gotshal
G. Alan Rafte, Bracewell & Giuliani
Jeffrey Schlegel, Jones Day

Environmental

Roger Martella Jr., Sidley Austin

Food & Beverage

Amanda Groves, Winston & Strawn
Marc Sorini, McDermott Will

Government Contracts

Raymond Biagini, Covington & Burling
Daniel Forman, Crowell & Moring
Scott McCaleb, Wiley Rein
Mike McGill, Hogan Lovells
Anne Perry, Sheppard Mullin

Health

Susan Feigin Harris, Baker & Hostetler
D. Brian Hufford, Zuckerman Spaeder
Eric Klein, Sheppard Mullin
Jeremy London, Skadden
Stuart Singer, Boies Schiller

Hospitality

Gary Axelrod, Latham & Watkins
Meghan Cocci, Dentons
Rick Kirkbride, Paul Hastings

Insurance

Michael Bidart, Shernoff Bidart
Robin Cohen, Kasowitz Benson
Andrew Detherage and Charles Edwards, Barnes & Thornburg
Joseph Jean, Pillsbury Winthrop
Roger Warin, Steptoe & Johnson LLP
John Wilson, Latham & Watkins

Intellectual Property

Peter Bicks, Orrick Herrington
Shannon Bloodworth, Perkins Coie

Gerald Flattmann and Naveen Modi, Paul Hastings
Rachel Krevans and Grant Esposito, Morrison & Foerster
Bill Lee, WilmerHale
Carlo Van den Bosch, Sheppard Mullin
Charles Verhoeven, Quinn Emanuel

International Trade

Ted Kassinger, O'Melveny & Myers
Mark Plotkin, Covington & Burling
Alan Price, Wiley Rein
Ivan Schlager, Skadden

Life Sciences

Eldora Ellison, Sterne Kessler
David Gindler, Irell & Manella
Nick Groombridge, Paul Weiss
Matthew Hurd, Sullivan & Cromwell
Jim Hurst, Kirkland & Ellis
Jay Lefkowitz, Kirkland & Ellis
Jack Pace, White & Case
Charles Ruck, Latham & Watkins
Jonathan Singer, Fish & Richardson
Krishna Veeraraghavan, Sullivan & Cromwell

Mergers & Acquisitions

Francis J. Aquila, Sullivan & Cromwell
Stephen Arcano, Skadden
Scott A. Barshay, Cravath Swaine
George R. Bason Jr., Davis Polk
Elizabeth Cooper, Simpson Thacher
Ariel Deckelbaum, Paul Weiss
Brian Fahrney, Sidley Austin
Joseph B. Frumkin, Sullivan & Cromwell
Frederick Green, Weil Gotshal
Morton Pierce, White & Case
Philip Richter, Fried Frank

Media & Entertainment

Yehudah Buchweitz, Weil Gotshal
Daniel Petrocelli, O'Melveny & Myers
Barry Slotnick, Loeb & Loeb
Kenneth Steinthal, King & Spalding
Joel Weiner, Katten Muchin

Privacy

Jeremy Feigelson, Debevoise & Plimpton
Paul Karlsgodt, Baker & Hostetler
Doug Meal, Ropes & Gray
Michael Rhodes, Cooley

Alexander Southwell, Gibson Dunn

Private Equity

Jeffrey Chapman, Gibson Dunn
Srinivas Kaushik, Kirkland & Ellis
Jennifer Perkins, Latham & Watkins
Douglas Warner, Weil Gotshal
Taurie Zeitzer, Paul Weiss

Product Liability

Sheila Birnbaum, Quinn Emanuel
William Geraghty, Shook Hardy
Nicholas Gravante, Boies Schiller
Phyllis Jones, Covington & Burling
Stephanie Parker, Jones Day
Joe Price, Faegre Baker Daniels
Joseph Rice, Motley Rice
Joel Smith, Bowman and Brooke
Tara Sutton, Robins Kaplan
Beth Wilkinson, Paul Weiss

Project Finance

Rohit Chaudhry, Chadbourne & Parke
Giji John, Andrews Kurth
Chantal Kordula, Cleary Gottlieb
Michael Pikiel, Norton Rose Fulbright

Real Estate

David Drewes, Willkie Farr
Harris Freidus, Paul Weiss
Thomas Henry, Willkie Farr
Jeffrey Keitelman, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan
Michael Liever, Orrick Herrington
Sas Mehrara, Simpson Thacher
Farshad More, Gibson Dunn
Anton Natsis, Allen Matkins
Daniel Perlman, Kirkland & Ellis
Stephen Rabinowitz, Greenberg Traurig

Retail & E-Commerce

Craig Cardon, Sheppard Mullin
Gregory Parks, Morgan Lewis
Robert Weigel, Gibson Dunn

Securities

Gerry Pecht, Norton Rose Fulbright
Jeffrey Scott, Sullivan & Cromwell
Philippe Selendy, Quinn Emanuel
Steven Toll, Cohen Milstein

Peter Wald, Latham & Watkins

Sports

Christopher Brearton, Latham & Watkins

Jeffrey Kessler, Winston & Strawn

Adam Klein, Katten Muchin

Jeffrey A. Mishkin, Skadden

Bradley Ruskin, Proskauer Rose

Tax

Jason Factor, Cleary Gottlieb

Peter A. Furci, Debevoise & Plimpton

Jared Rusman, Weil Gotshal

Dean Shulman, Kirkland & Ellis

Davis J. Wang, Sullivan & Cromwell

Duane Webber, Baker & McKenzie

Technology

Alan Denenberg, Davis Polk

Keith Flaum, Weil Gotshal

Kenton King, Skadden

Telecommunications

Matthew Brill, Latham & Watkins

Scott D. Delacourt, Wiley Rein

Michael Diz, Debevoise & Plimpton

Brian Hamilton, Sullivan & Cromwell

Peter Karanjia, Davis Wright Tremaine

White Collar

William Burck, Quinn Emanuel

Lev Dassin, Cleary Gottlieb

Stephen Fishbein, Shearman & Sterling

Mark Hopson, Sidley Austin

Nancy Kestenbaum, Covington & Burling

Andrew Levander, Dechert

Michael Magner, Jones Walker

Reid Weingarten, Steptoe & Johnson LLP