

CHAMBERS USA RECOGNIZES REINHART LAWYERS AND PRACTICE GROUPS AS LEGAL PROFESSION LEADERS

Eighteen Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. lawyers and all of Reinhart's practice areas for the six categories listed by Chambers in the state of Wisconsin have been recognized in the 2011 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

Reinhart earned a top ranking in Wisconsin for its Real Estate practice. Chambers also ranked Reinhart's Corporate Law/M&A, Litigation, Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment and Natural Resources & Environment practices.

The Chambers USA guide to U.S. law firms stands out among the various published legal profession surveys and directories because it adopts an interdisciplinary approach to provide clients with advice on all elements of transaction. Clients appreciate the firm's business-oriented, user-friendly and cost-effective ethos.

The following Reinhart lawyers and practice areas are singled out for praise and recognized as legal leaders in the 2011 Chambers USA guide:

Corporate/M&A

"We treat them as an extension of our corporation"



James Bedore heads up the firm's securities team, and counsels clients on general corporate and securities law. He was recently involved in the negotiation of a merger between the Smith Investment Company and A. O. Smith. Clients deem him *"knowledgeable, diligent and a real pleasure to work with."*



Michael Pepke acts as co-chair of the business law practice group. A large focus of his practice is acting as general business counsel, or sitting on the board of developing privately owned companies. He advises them on the full spectrum of matters, including acquisitions, financing and exit strategies.



Thomas Myers is seen as a trusted adviser to his clients, who range from large manufacturers and private equity funds to individual family businesses. Interviewees praise his *"strong business acumen"* and describe him as an *"exceptional deal-maker."*



Lawrence Burnett enters the rankings for the first time this year. His practice is primarily focused on M&A and corporate finance. He is *"a very creative attorney who is a pleasure to work with."*

Real Estate

"The lawyers have in-depth knowledge of our business, which enables them to meet our needs in a timely and effective manner."



Bruce Block is the chair of the practice group, and is described by sources as *"highly creative and a real team player."* He acts for private developers, investors and public bodies on a broad range of matters. He has particular expertise in zoning work.



Jesse Ishikawa is lauded as *"one of the best real estate lawyers in Madison."* He advises clients including developers, mortgage lenders and businesses on a broad range of matters, with a particular focus on the condominium leasing arena.



Harvey Temkin has impressed clients with his *"expertise, promptness and genuine concern for our business."* His client base includes businesses, healthcare providers and private investors.



Deborah Tomczyk moves up the rankings this year after receiving strong praise for her land use and entitlements practice. In particular, clients commend her *"outstanding understanding of the municipal codes."* Key clients include Continental Properties and The Dickman Company.



Dean Richards works out of the firm's Waukesha and Madison offices and is described as *"a practical and versatile attorney who knows how to get a deal done."* He focuses on land use and zoning entitlement matters for clients such as JJB Commercial Real Estate.

Environmental Law

"The lawyers are extremely responsive and have a strong presence in the local business community."



John Van Lieshout climbs the rankings amid praise for his *"deep understanding of developments in the sector."* He has a diverse practice and is particularly sought after for condemnation and eminent domain issues.



Donald Gallo clients value his technical background in engineering: *"He understands the science as well as the law."* His clients include the City of Waukesha and Advanced Waste Services.



Michael Simpson is *"very good at analyzing issues and formulating workable solutions."* He advises small businesses on environmental compliance issues, and is an expert on the Green Tier relief program.

Litigation

"The team offers an efficient and well-organized service. Its key strength is its familiarity with our business and its history."



Scott Hansen leads the firm's litigation practice and is an expert in distribution and franchise matters. He is *"a star litigator who commands respect in the courtroom."* He acted for Milwaukee Electric Tool in a patent infringement suit relating to lithium ion battery technology.



Mark Cameli is highly regarded for *"his ability to think on his feet in the courtroom."* He co-chairs the firm's white-collar litigation team, and represents a broad range of clients under investigation for noncompliance and fraud.

Intellectual Property

"The IP group has great insight into the underlying technologies, excellent client relations and response times."



David Hanson is highly regarded as *"a great strategic thinker with a commanding presence in the courtroom."* He acts for a wide range of electrical manufacturers, software developers and biotech companies, that often do business overseas. Recent work includes acting for IBM in a software patent infringement defense suit.



Jim Morrow enters the rankings for the first time this year, on the strength of his patent counseling practice. His expertise includes risk assessment, agreement negotiations and litigation valuations.

Labor & Employment

"This team of high-quality attorneys really knows the history of our business."



Robert Sholl moves up the rankings this year amid market acclaim. He represents clients in employment discrimination suits, and is taking part in an increasing amount of labor arbitrations. Clients benefit from his vast expertise in the sector, saying *"there is nothing that he doesn't know."*



Lynn Stathas is highly praised by clients: *"She is able to provide us with instantaneous answers, with incredible expertise and accuracy."* She represents management in all aspects of employment law.