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Law360 MVP Awards Go To Top Attorneys From 78 Firms

Law360, New York (December 10, 2017, 9:37 PM EST) -- The elite slate of attorneys chosen as Law360's 2017 MVPs have distinguished themselves from their peers by securing hard-earned successes in high-stakes litigation, complex global matters and record-breaking deals.

Competition for the MVP distinction was fierce this year, with editors reviewing more than 1,000 submissions to determine the winners. Beginning this week, Law360 will profile the 2017 class of MVPs, which includes 157 attorneys from 78 firms spanning 32 practice areas.

For the third year in a row, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP was king of the hill, topping the list with a total of 10 MVP wins. The firm's attorneys were named MVPs in Banking, Bankruptcy, Food & Beverage, Life Sciences, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity, Product Liability, Project Finance, Retail & E-Commerce and Tax.

Kirkland & Ellis LLP also had a strong year, scoring eight MVPs, while Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP was close behind with seven. Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP, Jones Day, Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP and Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP had six MVPs each, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP had five, and Covington & Burling LLP, Latham & Watkins LLP and Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP had four.

Law360 would like to extend a special congratulations to superstar MVPs Michael Rhodes from Cooley LLP and Douglas Meal from Ropes & Gray LLP for winning the MVP distinction for at least six straight years.

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

Appellate

Neal Katyal, Hogan Lovells
Deanne Maynard, Morrison & Foerster LLP
Andrew Pincus, Dechert LLP
Josh Rosenkranz, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
Kannon Shanmugam, Williams & Connolly LLP
Kathleen Sullivan, Quinn Emanuel

Banking

Howard Cayne, Arnold & Porter

Todd Cosenza, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
Brad Karp, Paul Weiss
Mark Menting, Sullivan & Cromwell
Richard Owens, Latham
Julia Strickland, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

Bankruptcy

Matt Barr, Weil
Martin Bienenstock, Proskauer Rose LLP
Andy Dietderich, Sullivan & Cromwell
Jay Goffman, Skadden
Nicole Greenblatt, Kirkland
Heather Lennox, Jones Day

Class Action

Steve Berman, Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP
Robert Bilott, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP
Charles Casper, Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP
Edward Soto, Weil
Steven Toll, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC

Competition

Christopher Curran, White & Case LLP
Saul Morgenstern, Arnold & Porter
Stephen Neuwirth, Quinn Emanuel
Alfred Pfeiffer, Latham
Marc Seltzer, Susman Godfrey LLP

Cybersecurity & Privacy

Michael Gottlieb, Boies Schiller Flexner LLP
Douglas Meal, Ropes & Gray
Michael Rhodes, Cooley LLP
Phyllis Sumner, King & Spalding LLP
Michael Sobol, Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP

Employment

Maury Baskin, Littler Mendelson PC
Michael Gray, Jones Day
Lynne Hermle, Orrick
Matthew Lampe, Jones Day
Jon Meer, Seyfarth Shaw LLP

Energy

Frank Bayouth, Skadden
Andrew Calder, Kirkland
Simon Cowled, King & Spalding
Steve Gill, Vinson & Elkins LLP
Damian Schaible, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP

Environmental

James Dragna, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP
Gregory Evans, McGuireWoods LLP
Kevin Ewing, Bracewell LLP
George Mhlsten, Latham
Robert Scott, Blank Rome LLP

Food & Beverage

David Biderman, Perkins Coie LLP
Chuck Cotter, Holland & Hart LLP
Dean Panos, Jenner & Block LLP
Melissa Sawyer, Sullivan & Cromwell
David Schwarz, Irell & Manella LLP

Government Contracts

Raymond Biagini, Covington
Craig Holman, Arnold & Porter
Craig Margolis, Vinson & Elkins
David Nadler, Blank Rome
Amy Laderberg O'Sullivan, Crowell & Moring LLP

Health

D. Brian Hufford, Zuckerman Spaeder LLP
Christopher Jedrey, McDermott Will & Emery LLP
Enu Mainigi, Williams & Connolly

Insurance

Jane Byrne, Quinn Emanuel
Mary Beth Forshaw, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
Kenneth Frenchman, McKool Smith PC
John Schryber, Reed Smith LLP
Adam Ziffer, McKool Smith PC

International Arbitration

Stephen Anway, Squire Patton Boggs LLP
William O'Brien, Dentons
Harvey Wolkoff, Ropes & Gray

International Trade

Timothy Brightbill, Wiley Rein LLP
Farhad Jalinous, White & Case
Mario Mancuso, Kirkland
J. David Park, Arnold & Porter
Mark Plotkin, Covington

Intellectual Property

James Barney, Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLP
Martin Black, Dechert

Juanita Brooks, Fish & Richardson PC
John Connell, Archer & Greiner PC
James Dabney, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP

Life Sciences

Stuart Cable, Goodwin Procter LLP
Matthew Hurd, Sullivan & Cromwell
Jane Love, Gibson Dunn
Dorothy Whelan, Fish & Richardson

Media & Entertainment

Andrew Bart, Jenner & Block
Dale Cendali, Kirkland
Kelly Klaus, Munger Tolles & Olson LLP
Daniel Petrocelli, O'Melveny & Myers LLP
Kelli Sager, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Mergers & Acquisitions

Michael Aiello, Weil
Scott Barshay, Paul Weiss
Sarkis Jebejian, Kirkland
Eric Krautheimer, Sullivan & Cromwell
Richard Witzel Jr., Skadden
Daniel Wolf, Kirkland

Private Equity

Atif Azher, Simpson Thacher
Andrew Levine, Jones Day
Peter Martelli, Kirkland
Alison Ressler, Sullivan & Cromwell

Product Liability

Andrew Bayman, King & Spalding
Mark Cheffo, Quinn Emanuel
Jayne Conroy, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC
Nancy Erfle, Gordon & Rees LLP
Robert Giuffra Jr., Sullivan & Cromwell
Tara Sutton, Robins Kaplan LLP

Project Finance

Anna Chung, Shearman & Sterling LLP
Sergio Galvis, Sullivan & Cromwell
Yukiko Kojima, Nossaman LLP
Robin Miles, Bracewell
Alfred Ng, Shearman & Sterling

Real Estate

Drew Flowers, Gibson Dunn

Harris Freidus, Paul Weiss
Tal Golomb, Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP
Maxine Hicks, DLA Piper
Meredith Kane, Paul Weiss

Retail & E-Commerce

Craig Cardon, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP
Stephanie Sheridan, Sedgwick LLP
James Speyer, Arnold & Porter
David Teitelbaum, Sidley Austin LLP
Krishna Veeraraghavan, Sullivan & Cromwell

Securities

Charles Duggan, Davis Polk
Jay Kasner, Skadden
Matthew Martens, WilmerHale
Jonathan Polkes, Weil
Audra Soloway, Paul Weiss
Adam Unikowsky, Jenner & Block

Sports

Lisa Blatt, Arnold & Porter
James Fogelman, Gibson Dunn
John Keker, Keker Van Nest & Peters LLP

Tax

Ronald Creamer, Sullivan & Cromwell
Mardiros Dakessian, Dakessian Law Ltd.
Raj Madan, Skadden
Jeremy Spector, Covington
Sara Zablutney, Kirkland

Technology

Yar Chaikovsky, Paul Hastings
Ari Fitzgerald, Hogan Lovells
Taylor Hart, Ropes & Gray
Kenton King, Skadden
Daniel Mitz, Jones Day

Telecommunications

Matthew Brill, Latham
Jay Cohen, Paul Weiss
Jennifer Hindin, Wiley Rein
Peter Karanjia, Davis Wright
Victoria Maroulis, Quinn Emanuel

Transportation

Thomas Dupree, Gibson Dunn
Mark Robertson, O'Melveny

Jonathan Waldron, Blank Rome

Trials

Randy Mastro, Gibson Dunn

Stephanie Parker, Jones Day

Ben Razi, Covington

P. Anthony Sammi, Skadden

Beth Wilkinson, Wilkinson Walsh & Eskovitz

White Collar

William Burck, Quinn Emanuel

Rita Glavin, Seward & Kissel LLP

Andrew Levander, Dechert

Michael Schachter, Willkie

David Siegal, Haynes and Boone LLP

Reid Weingarten, Steptoe & Johnson LLP