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Law360 MVP Awards Go To Legal Aces From 78 Firms

Law360, New York (November 18, 2014, 9:10 PM ET) -- Beginning this week, Law360 will profile 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 was fiercer than ever this year, with editors reviewing more than 800 MVP submissions to arrive at the winners. The 2014 class of Law360 MVPs includes 171 attorneys from 78 firms spanning 29 practice areas. Law360 recognized MVPs in four new categories this year — Aerospace & Defense, Capital Markets, Food & Beverage and Retail & E-Commerce.

A new group of firms rose to lead this year's MVP pack. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP and Gibson Dunn each picked up seven MVP awards, while Jones Day and Latham & Watkins LLP each landed six MVPs. Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, King & Spalding LLP, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Mayer Brown LLP and Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP followed with five MVPs each.

Law360 would like to extend a special congratulations to superstar MVPs Bill Lee from WilmerHale and Michael Rhodes from Cooley LLP for winning in their respective categories for four straight years.

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

Aerospace & Defense

Lawrence Gotts, Latham & Watkins
Thomas McGovern, Hogan Lovells

Appellate

Neal Katyal, Hogan Lovells
Peter Keisler, Sidley Austin
Mark Perry, Gibson Dunn
Paul Smith, Jenner & Block
Aaron Streett, Baker Botts
Seth Waxman, WilmerHale

Banking

Morgan Bale, Weil Gotshal
Derek Bush, Cleary Gottlieb
Greg Cross, Venable
Randall Guynn, Davis Polk
Matthew Ingber, Mayer Brown
Barney Reynolds, Shearman & Sterling

Margaret Tahyar, Davis Polk
David Woll, Simpson Thacher

Bankruptcy

Richard Cooper, Cleary Gottlieb
George Davis, O'Melveny & Myers
Kenneth Eckstein, Kramer Levin
Matthew Feldman, Willkie Farr
Kristopher Hansen, Stroock & Stroock
David Heiman, Jones Day
Brett Miller, Morrison & Foerster
Catherine Steege, Jenner & Block

Capital Markets

Leiming Chen, Simpson Thacher
Corey Chivers, Weil Gotshal
Joshua Davis, Baker Botts
Michael Fitzgerald, Paul Hastings
Bill Hinman, Simpson Thacher
Jeffrey Karpf, Cleary Gottlieb
Joshua Korff, Kirkland & Ellis
Katharine Martin, Wilson Sonsini
John Meade, Davis Polk
Jeffrey Vetter, Fenwick & West

Class Action

John Browne, Bernstein Litowitz
Dale Giali, Mayer Brown
Stuart Grant, Grant & Eisenhofer
David Stickney, Bernstein Litowitz

Competition

George Cary, Cleary Gottlieb
Michael Hausfeld, Hausfeld LLP
William Isaacson, Boies Schiller
Kit Pierson, Cohen Milstein
Robert Wick, Covington & Burling
Peggy Zwisler, Latham & Watkins

Employment

Ron Chapman, Ogletree Deakins
Kelly Dermody, Lief Cabraser
Michael Johnston, King & Spalding
Gerald Maatman, Seyfarth Shaw
David Sanford, Sanford Heisler
Steven Swirsky, Epstein Becker

Energy

Peter Fitzgerald, Chadbourne & Parke
Keith Fullenweider, Vinson & Elkins
Ryan Maierson, Latham & Watkins
Jeff Schlegel, Jones Day
Richard Tyler, Hogan Lovells

Environmental

F. William Brownell, Hunton & Williams
Brendan Collins and Robert McKinstry, Ballard Spahr
Robert Meadows, King & Spalding
Lawrence Riff, Steptoe & Johnson LLP
Hugh Tanner, Morgan Lewis

Food & Beverage

James Brandt, Latham & Watkins
Michael Ciresi, Robins Kaplan
Marc Sorini, McDermott Will
Richard Wyatt, Hunton & Williams

Government Contracts

Scott Arnold, Dickstein Shapiro
Marcia Madsen, Mayer Brown
Michael Mason, Hogan Lovells
Scott McCaleb, Wiley Rein
Robert Tompkins, Holland & Knight

Health

Leon DeJulius Jr., Jones Day
Michael E. Paulhus, King & Spalding
Geoffrey Sigler, Gibson Dunn
Phyllis Sumner, King & Spalding
Stephanie Webster, Akin Gump

Hospitality

Meghan Cocci, Dentons
Rick Ross, Dentons
Audrey Sokoloff, Skadden

Insurance

Robin Cohen, Kasowitz
Charles Lemley, Wiley Rein

Intellectual Property

Daralyn Durie, Durie Tangri
William Gaede, McDermott Will
Nick Groombridge, Paul Weiss
Rachel Krevans, Morrison & Foerster
Bill Lee, WilmerHale
Jason Mudd, Erise IP
Catherine Nyarady, Paul Weiss
Joseph Re, Knobbe Martens
Rudy Telscher, Harness Dickey

International Trade

Timothy Brightbill, Wiley Rein
David Fagan, Covington & Burling
Theodore Posner, Weil Gotshal

Life Sciences

Dimitrios Drivas, White & Case
Reuben Guttman, Grant & Eisenhofer
Matt Hurd, Sullivan & Cromwell
Jay Lefkowitz, Kirkland & Ellis
Joseph O'Malley, Paul Hastings
Rob Milne, White & Case
David Shine, Fried Frank
Randy Sunberg, Morgan Lewis

Media & Entertainment

Bob Baradaran, Greenberg Glusker
Doug Gibson, Covington & Burling
Pierce O'Donnell, Greenberg Glusker
Orin Snyder, Gibson Dunn
Jonathan Zavin, Loeb & Loeb

Mergers & Acquisitions

Gar Bason, Davis Polk
Andy Brownstein, Wachtell Lipton
David Caplan, Davis Polk
David Feirstein and William Sorabella, Kirkland & Ellis
Keith Flaum, Weil Gotshal
Ethan Klingsberg, Cleary Gottlieb
Randi Lesnick, Jones Day
Alison Ressler, Sullivan & Cromwell
Philip Richter, Fried Frank
Rob Spatt, Simpson Thacher

Privacy

Craig Cardon, Sheppard Mullin
Paul Karlsgodt, BakerHostetler
Doug Meal, Ropes & Gray
Tyler Newby, Fenwick & West
Michael Rhodes, Cooley

Private Equity

Leo Greenberg, Kirkland & Ellis
Marni Lerner, Simpson Thacher
Amanda Morrison, Ropes & Gray
Anthony Vernace, Simpson Thacher

Product Liability

Hank Bullock, Mayer Brown
Sherry Knutson, Sidley Austin
Stephanie Parker, Jones Day
Paul Schmidt, Covington & Burling
Pamela Yates, Kaye Scholer
Chilton Davis Varner, King & Spalding

Project Finance

Pascal Agboyibor, Orrick Herrington
Gianluca Bacchiocchi, DLA Piper

Christopher Erckert, Mayer Brown
Patrick Harder, Nossaman
Paul Kraske, Skadden
Cynthia Urda Kassis, Shearman & Sterling

Real Estate

Mark Edelstein, Morrison & Foerster
Drew Flowers, Gibson Dunn
Thomas Henry, Willkie Farr
Ross Moskowitz, Stroock & Stroock
Lauren Prevost, Morris Manning
Ross Silver, Fried Frank
Brian Stadler, Simpson Thacher

Retail & E-Commerce

Theodore Grossman, Jones Day
Anthony Lupo, Arent Fox
Gregory Parks, Morgan Lewis

Securities

Thad Davis and Michael Li-Ming Wong, Gibson Dunn
Patrick Gibbs, Latham & Watkins
Brad Karp, Paul Weiss
Tom Melsheimer, Fish & Richardson
Susan Muck, Fenwick & West
James Rouhandeh, Davis Polk

Tax

Marty Dakessian, Reed Smith
Jeffrey Friedman and Carley Roberts, Sutherland Asbill
Leslie Loffman, Proskauer Rose
Michael Mollerus, Davis Polk
David Polster, Skadden
Jeffrey Samuels, Paul Weiss
Marc Silberberg, Weil Gotshal
Richard Soble, Honigman Miller
Laurence Stein, Latham & Watkins
Todd Welty, Dentons

White Collar

Ross Albert, Morris Manning
Joel Cohen, Gibson Dunn
Howard Heiss, O'Melveny & Myers
Stephen Hill, Dentons
Marc Mukasey, Bracewell & Giuliani
Thomas Zaccaro, Paul Hastings

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