

Chambers USA 2019 Guide Ranks Top Lawyers and Law Firms

Chambers and Partners, a research and analytics firm for the legal profession, published its **Chambers USA 2019** rankings of the top lawyers and law firms across the United States.

In a release, the company said the Chambers USA 2019 guide provides insight into the U.S. legal market based on its researchers' interviews with industry thought leaders and consumers of legal service, including general counsel and other clients. Chambers uses a team of 200+ research analysts who speak 23 languages and cover 200 jurisdictions, the company said.

A lawyer or law firm must demonstrate sustained excellence in order to receive and maintain a ranking by Chambers USA, which has been ranking practitioners and firms in the United States since 2000, and in a number of other international guides since 1990.

"A ranking in Chambers is a significant achievement for a lawyer or law firm and we are excited to share this year's guide to help purchasers of legal services make informed decisions about the top lawyers and law firms across key areas of the law," said Toby Eccleshall, editor of Chambers USA.

New to Chambers USA 2019

– Capital Markets tables – Chambers now ranks firms based on their work with both issuers and underwriters in debt and equity offerings.

– New nationwide Cannabis Law category – Recognizes firms and practitioners assisting on all manner of transactional and operational challenges facing clients in the ever-expanding U.S. cannabis industry.

– New city-wide and regional tables in California, Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, as Chambers USA delves deeper into local markets, with enhanced and expanded statewide and nationwide coverage, as well as an expanded list of up-and-coming attorneys.

Chambers USA 2019 ranks more than 6,000 law firms and 18,000 lawyers and includes nearly 900 ranking tables across all U.S. states as well as nationwide. Chambers USA covers all 50 U.S. states and also includes regional rankings in a number of states, including New York, California, Pennsylvania and Missouri. In each state, leading law firms are ranked in at least four areas of law: Corporate/Commercial, Labor & Employment, Litigation, and Real Estate, with more than 50 different practice areas/sectors covered overall on a state and national level. State-level rankings are based upon the location in which a firm or lawyer practices regardless of client or deal/case location.

Chambers USA ranking decisions are made collaboratively by research analysts and U.S. deputy editors. Rankings are also determined through an assessment of work identified on a firm's submission, along with external feedback on the firm's service and an emphasis on opinions provided by clients.

More information can be found on the Chambers and Partners **methodology web page**.