

Chambers USA Ranks Hale and Dorr Top Among USA Leading Lawyers

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The first edition of *Chambers USA America's Leading Business Lawyers* named Hale and Dorr the number one firm in five practice areas and was listed in the top three in seven practice areas. Nineteen of the firm's attorneys were ranked as "big-hitters nationwide" and six were ranked "star lawyers nationwide."

Hale and Dorr ranked top nationwide in five practice areas: **Bankruptcy**, is rated for its "broad experience of both debtor and creditor representation; **Corporate/M&A**, because it is "heavily involved in venture capital financing and commands tremendous loyalty among Massachusetts biotech, telecom and technology clients"; **Intellectual Property**, because its "litigation prowess makes it a leader in the Massachusetts IP market"; **Litigation**, recommended for its aggressive approach to litigation, "undertakes significant cases for a loyal base of biotech, IT and telecom clients; and **Tax**, noted for consistently keeping up with its competition.

Chambers USA ranked Hale and Dorr number one overall among "Massachusetts' Top Seven" law firms. In Massachusetts, the firm achieved impressive recommendations in 10 key practice areas. Those ranking number one include: **Corporate/M&A**, cited as "strong and aggressive in business" and "a competitive force"; **Insolvency/Corporate Recovery**, noted for being "smart and aggressive"; **Intellectual Property**, rated for "repeatedly recommended to Chambers' researchers"; **Litigation**, is said to have "several fabulous lawyers"; and **Tax**, according to Chambers was chosen because "the quality of their work says it all." In addition, the firm was cited for leading practices in Massachusetts, **Antitrust**, **Employment & Labor Law**, **Private Equity** and **Real Estate**; New Jersey, **Corporate/M&A**; New York, **Communications**; and Virginia, **Corporate/M&A**.

In addition to the firm's strong rankings, 20 attorneys were recognized as leaders in their fields, including: **Antitrust**, James Burling, Michelle Miller; **Corporate/M&A**, Mark Borden, Paul Brountas, Steve Singer, David Sylvester; **Employment & Labor Law**, Neil Jacobs; **Environment**, Robert Kirsch; **Insolvency/Corporate Recovery**, Paul Daley, Mark Polebaum, John Sigel; **Intellectual Property**, William Lee; **Litigation**, William Lee; **Private Equity**, Sarah Rothermel, Robert Schwed; **Real Estate**, John Hamilton, Joel Sirkin, Melvin Shuman; and **Tax**, Roger Ritt.

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