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Law360 MVP Awards Go To Top Attorneys From 76 Firms

Law360 (October 4, 2020, 9:02 PM EDT) -- The elite slate of attorneys chosen as Law360's 2020 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 900 submissions to determine the winners. Beginning this week, Law360 will profile the 2020 class of MVPs, which includes 189 attorneys from 76 firms spanning 38 practice areas.

Latham & Watkins LLP picked up the most MVP wins in 2020, topping the list with 12. Kirkland & Ellis LLP also had a strong year, scoring nine MVPs, and Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP were close behind with eight apiece.

Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP nabbed seven MVPs each; Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP took home six; O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Dechert LLP and Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz scored five MVPs each; and Mayer Brown LLP, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP and Steptoe & Johnson LLP rounded out the top firms with four.

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

Appellate

Lisa S. Blatt, Williams & Connolly

Paul Clement, Kirkland
Shay Dvoretzky, Jones Day
Jeffrey Fisher, O'Melveny
Ian Gershengorn, Jenner & Block

Banking

Susanna Buergel, Paul Weiss
Mitchell S. Eitel, Sullivan & Cromwell
Adam Hakki, Shearman & Sterling
Jennifer Hobbs, Simpson Thacher
Richard K. Kim, Wachtell

Bankruptcy

Joshua A. Feltman, Wachtell
Nancy Mitchell, O'Melveny
Brian Resnick, Davis Polk
Ray C. Schrock, Weil
Lisa Schweitzer, Cleary
Paul H. Zumbro, Cravath

Benefits

Jeannemarie O'Brien, Wachtell
Nancy Ross, Mayer Brown
Amy Rubin, Weil
Erica Schohn, Skadden

Cannabis

Eric Berlin, Dentons
Martin C. Glass, Jenner & Block
John Goldmark, Davis Wright Tremaine

Capital Markets

Douglas S. Horowitz, Cahill Gordon
Eve Howard, Hogan Lovells
Charlie Kim, Cooley
Josh Korff, Kirkland
Roxane Reardon, Simpson Thacher
Richard Truesdell, Davis Polk

Class Action

Steve W. Berman, Hagens Berman
Melanie Blunski, Latham
Robert J. Giuffra Jr., Sullivan & Cromwell
Michael Kidney, Hogan Lovells
Shon Morgan, Quinn Emanuel
Jonathan K. Youngwood, Simpson Thacher

Competition

Debbie Feinstein, Arnold & Porter
J. Mark Gidley, White & Case
Shari Ross Lahlou, Dechert
David F. Sorensen, Berger Montague
Steven C. Sunshine, Skadden

Compliance

Nikki Reeves, King & Spalding
Neal Sullivan, Sidley Austin
Eric Volkman and Hui Xu, Latham

Cybersecurity & Privacy

Casie D. Collignon, BakerHostetler

Ann Marie Mortimer, Hunton
Gabriel M. Ramsey, Crowell & Moring
Michael Rubin, Latham
John Yanchunis, Morgan & Morgan

Employment

Julia Jordan, Sullivan & Cromwell
Norman Leon, DLA Piper
Gerald L. Maatman, Seyfarth Shaw
Tritia Murata, Morrison & Foerster
Jason C. Schwartz, Gibson Dunn

Energy

Eli G. Hunt, Simpson Thacher
Joanne Katsantonis, McGuireWoods
Ryan Maier, Latham
Lucas Spivey, Kirkland
Sanford I. Weisburst, Quinn Emanuel

Environmental

David Henkin, Earthjustice
Paul J. Napoli, Napoli Shkolnik
Ann D. Navaro, Bracewell
Rene Rocha, Morgan & Morgan
Jimmy Slaughter, Beveridge & Diamond

Fintech

Barbara A. Jones, Greenberg Traurig
David E. Teitelbaum, Sidley
Joel Telpner, Sullivan & Worcester
Jason Weinstein, Steptoe & Johnson

Fund Formation

Richard I. Ansbacher, Fried Frank
Andrew Chizzik, Weil
Shukie Grossman, Gibson Dunn
Liza Lenas, Cleary
Marco Masotti, Paul Weiss

Government Contracts

Jay Carey, Covington & Burling
Justin Chiarodo, Blank Rome
Daniel Forman, Crowell & Moring
James J. McCullough and Michael J. Anstett, Fried Frank
John Prairie, Wiley Rein

Health Care

Jim Boswell, King & Spalding
Alexis S. Gilroy, Jones Day
Martin Goldberg, Lash & Goldberg
Mark Johnson, Hooper Lundy & Bookman
Maura Kathleen Monaghan, Debevoise

Hospitality

Gary Axelrod, Latham
Stacie Andra Goeddel, Holland & Knight
Andrew Lance, Gibson Dunn

Insurance

Todd Freed, Skadden

Bryce L. Friedman, Simpson Thacher
Sarah Gordon, Steptoe & Johnson
Allison Tam, Willkie Farr
John Wilson and Brook Roberts, Latham

Intellectual Property

David H. Bernstein, Debevoise
Dale Cendali, Kirkland
Morgan Chu, Irell
Kevin Johnson, Quinn Emanuel
John W. Schmieding, Arthrex Inc.

International Arbitration

Paolo Di Rosa, Arnold & Porter
Rahim Moloo, Gibson Dunn
Meriam Nazih Al-Rashid, Eversheds Sutherland
Paul Reichler, Foley Hoag
Daniel H. Weiner, Hughes Hubbard

International Trade

Robert DeFrancesco, Wiley
J. David Park, Arnold & Porter
Christine Sohar-Henter, Barnes & Thornburg
Eric Solovy, Sidley
Cari Stinebower, Winston & Strawn

Life Sciences

Daniel Brown and Ken Schuler, Latham
Matthew Hurd, Sullivan & Cromwell
Robert Milne, White & Case
Jennifer Plitsch, Covington
Derek Walter, Weil

Media & Entertainment

Peter Anderson, Davis Wright
Scott Edelman, Gibson Dunn
Rose Leda Ehler, Munger Tolles
Daniel Petrocelli, O'Melveny

Mergers & Acquisitions

Michael Aiello, Weil
Scott Barshay, Paul Weiss
Matthew M. Guest, Wachtell
Scott D. Miller, Sullivan & Cromwell
Eric Schiele, Kirkland
Katie Sudol, Simpson Thacher

Private Equity

Matthew W. Abbott, Paul Weiss
Tsuyoshi Imai, Ropes & Gray
Randi Lally, Fried Frank
Marni J. Lerner, Simpson Thacher
Mark Thierfelder, Dechert

Product Liability

Keri Borders, Mayer Brown
Allison M. Brown, Skadden
Mark Cheffo and Sheila Birnbaum, Dechert
Richard Godfrey, Kirkland
R. Brent Wisner, Baum Hedlund

Project Finance

Mona Dajani, Pillsbury Winthrop
Doug Doetsch, Mayer Brown
Richard Filosa, Morgan Lewis
Brian Greene, Kirkland
Matt Henegar, Latham

Real Estate

Amy Carbins, DLA Piper
Harris Freidus, Paul Weiss
Thomas Henry, Willkie
Erik Quarfordt, Simpson Thacher
Vered Rabia and Neil Rock, Skadden

Securities

Sandra C. Goldstein, Kirkland
Brian Lutz, Gibson Dunn
Scott Musoff, Skadden
John Rizio-Hamilton, Bernstein Litowitz
Austin Van, Pomerantz
Debra J. Wyman, Robbins Geller

Sports & Betting

Chuck Baker, O'Melveny
Jeffrey Kessler, Winston & Strawn
Jeremy Kudon, Orrick
Adam Sullins, Latham

Structured Finance

Emil Arca, Hogan Lovells
Amanda Baker, Mayer Brown
Michael A. Hanin, Kasowitz Benson
John Timperio, Dechert
Jordan Yarett, Paul Weiss

Tax

Vivian Hoard, Fox Rothschild
Jessica A. Hough, Skadden
Joseph Pari, Weil
Jodi J. Schwartz, Wachtell
S. Eric Wang, Sullivan & Cromwell

Technology

Elizabeth Deeley, Latham
Karen Dunn, Paul Weiss
Kristin Linsley, Gibson Dunn
Robert Van Nest, Kecker Van Nest

Telecommunications

Kathy Kirby, Wiley
Pantelis Michalopoulos, Steptoe & Johnson
Edward Smith, DLA Piper

Transportation

Michelle Caiola, Disability Rights Advocates
Thomas Dupree, Gibson Dunn
Steven Holley, Sullivan & Cromwell
Robert Siegel, O'Melveny

Trials

Andrew Clubok, Latham
Mike De Vries and Adam Alper, Kirkland
Lisa Glasser and Jason Sheasby, Irell
William Price, Quinn Emanuel
Grace Speights, Morgan Lewis

White Collar

Steve Fagell, Covington
Alice Fisher, Latham
Brian Heberlig, Steptoe & Johnson
Andrew Levander, Dechert
Robert Luskin, Paul Hastings

Correction: An earlier version of this story left off one of the firms that had four wins. The error has been corrected.

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