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MVA Practice Groups Receive Highest Chambers Recognitions

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Chambers & Partners recognized seven Moore & Van Allen practice groups and 21 Moore & Van Allen attorneys in its highly respected legal directory *Chambers USA Guide: America's Leading Business Lawyers 2012*.

Moore & Van Allen's Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions, and Intellectual Property practice groups received top recognition in the directory, which was released in early June. Moore & Van Allen's Environmental, Litigation and Real Estate practice groups were also ranked.

In addition to Moore & Van Allen's practice group rankings, Chambers recognized 21 individual MVA attorneys as leaders in their respective practice areas. Neill G. McBryde was selected for national recognition in Wealth Management: Eastern Region. The MVA attorneys selected for North Carolina recognition include: J. Richard Hazlett, James W. Hovis and Thomas L. Mitchell in Banking & Finance; David L. Eades, Stephen E. Gruendel, Alan W. Pope and David S. Walls in Bankruptcy/Restructuring; Jeremy H. Godwin and Stephen D. Hope in Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions; Peter J. McGrath, Jr. in Environment; Dickson M. Lupo in Intellectual Property; George V. Hanna, III, Valecia M. McDowell and James P. McLoughlin, Jr. in Litigation: General Commercial; and Jeffrey W. Glenney, J. Christopher Oates and Skottowe W. Smith, Jr. in Real Estate.

Chambers USA annually ranks leading law firms and lawyers in a wide range of practice areas across the nation. The rankings and accompanying editorial commentary are based on in-depth, client-focused research. Chambers' findings are used widely for referral purposes. Chambers provided the following remarks about Moore & Van Allen's practice groups and attorneys:

Banking & Finance: "Highlighted for the quality of its work, the team is also a leader in terms of the volume of deals it handles, and has been particularly active of late in the syndicated debt and private equity spaces. It is trusted by the cream of the local banking community... **Sources say:** 'It is by far the best firm: it has more transaction experience than anyone else; it has unrivaled bench strength; and the lawyers don't bring ego and are very oriented to getting deals done. The approach and culture is very important to us.'"

Bankruptcy/Restructuring: "This dedicated, 15-strong team is noted for its breadth of expertise in bankruptcy, workouts and litigation. **Sources say:** 'It has an extremely talented creditors' rights group and is respected by the banking community.'"

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Corporate/M&A: "The group is prized by high-profile clients who cite a level of business sophistication more commonly seen among the leading New York law firms. **Sources say:** *'The firm has a business mindedness and practicality. It goes above and beyond the call of duty to find what makes sense for my business.'*"

Environment: "The Moore & Van Allen environmental practice provides permitting, regulatory and compliance advice to many of the firm's industrial and energy clients... It has had a recent focus on clean air and water issues. **Sources say:** *Peter McGrath is 'a fine attorney who understands the regulatory bureaucracy of environmental law.'*"

Intellectual Property: "The Moore & Van Allen team has a stellar reputation for its business-oriented approach to IP work. The 30-strong team is spread between the firm's Charlotte and Research Triangle Park offices and is adept at patent portfolio prosecution, litigation, and trademark and copyright work. **Sources say:** *'They have a unique combination of expertise in intellectual property and financial services. A truly excellent IP group.'*"

Litigation: "This firm's litigation practice finds itself in expansion mode, having impressed market observers with a consistently fine performance rooted in its representation of many of the state's major corporate and financial entities. **Sources say:** *'They think outside the box, they are highly professional and they leave no stone unturned. They are very, very thorough.'*"

Real Estate: The team represents institutional investors, REITs and developers alongside its high-profile corporate clients in the full spectrum of real estate matters on a local, state and national level. **Sources say:** *'A very significant real estate practice. Good people and very qualified attorneys.'*"

Moore & Van Allen's complete list of 2012 rankings can be found [here](#), and additional information on Chambers can be found [here](#).