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MVA Practices & Attorneys Among Chambers' Finest

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Chambers & Partners has ranked eight Moore & Van Allen practice groups and named 28 Firm attorneys "Leaders in their Field" in its highly respected legal directory *Chambers USA Guide: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

The Firm's Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Corporate/M&A and Real Estate practice groups received Chambers' top-tier recognition in the 2014 directory, which was released on May 23. Moore & Van Allen's Banking & Finance practice group was the only team in North Carolina to receive this level of designation. Additionally, Moore & Van Allen's Employment & Labor, Environmental, Intellectual Property, and Litigation practice groups, along with the finance arm of the Firm's Real Estate group, were ranked in this year's guide.

In addition to the Firm's practice group rankings, Chambers recognized 28 individual MVA attorneys as leaders in their respective practice areas. Neill G. McBryde was again selected for national recognition in Wealth Management: Eastern Region, and 27 others were selected for North Carolina recognition, including:

- Carol Ewald Bowen - Health Care
- Jefferson (Jeff) W. Brown - Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use
- David L. Eades - Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Jeffrey W. Glenney - Real Estate
- Jeremy H. Godwin - Corporate/M&A
- Stephen E. Gruendel - Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- George V. Hanna, III - Litigation: General Commercial
- Charles (Charlie) J. Harris - Banking & Finance
- J. Richard Hazlett - Banking & Finance
- Stephen D. Hope - Corporate/M&A
- James W. Hovis - Banking & Finance
- Dickson M. Lupo - Intellectual Property
- Valecia M. McDowell - Litigation: General Commercial
- Karin M. McGinnis - Employment & Labor

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- Peter J. McGrath, Jr. – Environment
- C. Wayne McKinzie – Banking & Finance
- James P. McLoughlin, Jr. – Litigation: General Commercial
- Thomas L. Mitchell – Banking & Finance
- Thomas (Tom) D. Myrick – Litigation: General Commercial
- J. Christopher Oates – Real Estate
- Alan W. Pope – Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Skottowe W. Smith, Jr. – Real Estate
- David S. Walls – Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Mark Wilson – Intellectual Property

Chambers provided the following remarks about Moore & Van Allen's practice groups and attorneys:

Banking & Finance:

What the team is known for – A respected financial services offering, with expertise in leveraged finance and syndicated deals... Widely recognized by the most systemically important financial institutions for its consistent quality of service.

Sources say:

"I think that lawyers can 'over-engineer' matters sometimes, but Moore & Van Allen never does this."

"The attorneys with whom we deal are very experienced, help us to think creatively to solve problems and are very responsive to our needs."

Bankruptcy/Restructuring:

What the team is known for – Widely recognized for its high-quality representation of creditors in Chapter 11 proceedings, while maintaining a profile in debtor-side representation.

Sources say:

"They understand businesses as well as the law. They rarely make mistakes of judgment."

"The partners and the underlying associates with whom we interact are very knowledgeable and capable."

Corporate/M&A:

What the team is known for – High-level counseling on account of its strong position in the regional market. Offers a comprehensive range of services to business, and has proven skills advising energy, manufacturing and financial services entities.

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Sources say:

"Moore & Van Allen is an essential partner for us in our deal processes and we lean heavily on the firm's broad-ranging and capable abilities."

"They have a great understanding of how to apply the law in a manner that allows us to run a profitable business."

Environment:

What the team is known for – Experienced group of environmental practitioners who regularly act for clients on a statewide and nationwide basis. Broad-based client roster reflective of its varied practice.

Sources say:

"They are experienced in all phases of environmental work in North Carolina and have knowledge of and ties with appropriate government officials who are decision-makers in the area."

Intellectual Property:

What the team is known for – Full-service intellectual property practice with a defined focus on patent work, trademark and copyright issues, IP litigation and related transactional matters. Represents clients in the healthcare, biotechnology and telecommunications industries, among others.

Sources say:

"Experienced, dedicated experts in each area of intellectual property, who anticipate potential issues and communicate very well with clients."

Labor & Employment:

What the team is known for – Sought for skill with employment counseling and litigation. Also recognized for giving good client service.

Sources say:

"The team's approach to providing legal and consultative services is, and always has been, focused on the needs of our business."

"The group is always extremely responsive and thorough. It has always given us sound advice and advises us on 'reality' as opposed to what we want to hear."

Litigation:

What the team is known for – Respected national firm with a good reputation for First Amendment, financial services and IP disputes. Growing cross-border capability.

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Sources say:

"Extremely knowledgeable... turn a deposition into an art form."

"...effectively plots out litigation strategies, and effectively executes them."

Real Estate:

What the team is known for - Leading full-service firm with impressive corporate and transactional capabilities across the real estate arena. Fields an experienced group of real estate financing attorneys who regularly handle work for major institutional clients. Also offers notable strength in development and zoning work.

Sources say:

"They are client-oriented and very sophisticated."

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. Moore & Van Allen's complete list of 2014 rankings can be found [here](#), and additional information on Chambers can be found [here](#).