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## Law360 MVP Awards Go To Legal Aces From 78 Firms

*Law360, New York (November 18, 2014, 9:10 PM ET)* -- Beginning this week, Law360 will profile those elite attorneys whose successes in high-stakes litigation, record-breaking deals and complex global matters earned them a spot on this year's list of MVP award winners.

Competition for the MVP distinction was fiercer than ever this year, with editors reviewing more than 800 MVP submissions to arrive at the winners. The 2014 class of Law360 MVPs includes 171 attorneys from 78 firms spanning 29 practice areas. Law360 recognized MVPs in four new categories this year — Aerospace & Defense, Capital Markets, Food & Beverage and Retail & E-Commerce.

A new group of firms rose to lead this year's MVP pack. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP and Gibson Dunn each picked up seven MVP awards, while Jones Day and Latham & Watkins LLP each landed six MVPs. Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, King & Spalding LLP, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Mayer Brown LLP and Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP followed with five MVPs each.

Law360 would like to extend a special congratulations to superstar MVPs Bill Lee from WilmerHale and Michael Rhodes from Cooley LLP for winning in their respective categories for four straight years.

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

### **Aerospace & Defense**

Lawrence Gotts, Latham & Watkins  
Thomas McGovern, Hogan Lovells

### **Appellate**

Neal Katyal, Hogan Lovells  
Peter Keisler, Sidley Austin  
Mark Perry, Gibson Dunn  
Paul Smith, Jenner & Block  
Aaron Streett, Baker Botts  
Seth Waxman, WilmerHale

### **Banking**

Morgan Bale, Weil Gotshal  
Derek Bush, Cleary Gottlieb  
Greg Cross, Venable  
Randall Guynn, Davis Polk  
Matthew Ingber, Mayer Brown

Barney Reynolds, Shearman & Sterling  
Margaret Tahyar, Davis Polk  
David Woll, Simpson Thacher

### **Bankruptcy**

Richard Cooper, Cleary Gottlieb  
George Davis, O'Melveny & Myers  
Kenneth Eckstein, Kramer Levin  
Matthew Feldman, Willkie Farr  
Kristopher Hansen, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP  
David Heiman, Jones Day  
Brett Miller, Morrison & Foerster  
Catherine Steege, Jenner & Block

### **Capital Markets**

Leiming Chen, Simpson Thacher  
Corey Chivers, Weil Gotshal  
Joshua Davidson, Baker Botts  
Michael Fitzgerald, Paul Hastings  
Bill Hinman, Simpson Thacher  
Jeffrey Karpf, Cleary Gottlieb  
Joshua Korff, Kirkland & Ellis  
Katharine Martin, Wilson Sonsini  
John Meade, Davis Polk  
Jeffrey Vetter, Fenwick & West

### **Class Action**

John Browne, Bernstein Litowitz  
Dale Giali, Mayer Brown  
Stuart Grant, Grant & Eisenhofer  
David Stickney, Bernstein Litowitz

### **Competition**

George Cary, Cleary Gottlieb  
Michael Hausfeld, Hausfeld LLP  
William Isaacson, Boies Schiller  
Kit Pierson, Cohen Milstein  
Robert Wick, Covington & Burling  
Peggy Zwisler, Latham & Watkins

### **Employment**

Ron Chapman, Ogletree Deakins  
Kelly Dermody, Lieff Cabraser  
Michael Johnston, King & Spalding  
Gerald Maatman, Seyfarth Shaw  
David Sanford, Sanford Heisler  
Steven Swirsky, Epstein Becker

### **Energy**

Peter Fitzgerald, Chadbourne & Parke  
Keith Fullenweider, Vinson & Elkins  
Ryan Maierson, Latham & Watkins  
Jeff Schlegel, Jones Day  
Richard Tyler, Hogan Lovells

### **Environmental**

F. William Brownell, Hunton & Williams  
Brendan Collins and Robert McKinstry, Ballard Spahr  
Robert Meadows, King & Spalding  
Lawrence Riff, Steptoe & Johnson LLP  
Hugh Tanner, Morgan Lewis

### **Food & Beverage**

James Brandt, Latham & Watkins  
Michael Ciresi, Robins Kaplan  
Marc Sorini, McDermott Will  
Richard Wyatt, Hunton & Williams

### **Government Contracts**

Scott Arnold, Dickstein Shapiro  
Marcia Madsen, Mayer Brown  
Michael Mason, Hogan Lovells  
Scott McCaleb, Wiley Rein  
Robert Tompkins, Holland & Knight

### **Health**

Leon DeJulius Jr., Jones Day  
Michael E. Paulhus, King & Spalding  
Geoffrey Sigler, Gibson Dunn  
Phyllis Sumner, King & Spalding  
Stephanie Webster, Akin Gump

### **Hospitality**

Meghan Cocci, Dentons  
Rick Ross, Dentons  
Audrey Sokoloff, Skadden

### **Insurance**

Robin Cohen, Kasowitz  
Charles Lemley, Wiley Rein

### **Intellectual Property**

Daralyn Durie, Durie Tangri  
William Gaede, McDermott Will  
Nick Groombridge, Paul Weiss  
Rachel Krevans, Morrison & Foerster  
Bill Lee, WilmerHale  
Jason Mudd, Erise IP

Catherine Nyarady, Paul Weiss  
Joseph Re, Knobbe Martens  
Rudy Telscher, Harness Dickey

### **International Trade**

Timothy Brightbill, Wiley Rein  
David Fagan, Covington & Burling  
Theodore Posner, Weil Gotshal

### **Life Sciences**

Dimitrios Drivas, White & Case  
Reuben Guttman, Grant & Eisenhofer  
Matt Hurd, Sullivan & Cromwell  
Jay Lefkowitz, Kirkland & Ellis  
Joseph O'Malley, Paul Hastings  
Rob Milne, White & Case  
David Shine, Fried Frank  
Randy Sunberg, Morgan Lewis

### **Media & Entertainment**

Bob Baradaran, Greenberg Glusker  
Doug Gibson, Covington & Burling  
Pierce O'Donnell, Greenberg Glusker  
Orin Snyder, Gibson Dunn  
Jonathan Zavin, Loeb & Loeb

### **Mergers & Acquisitions**

Gar Bason, Davis Polk  
Andy Brownstein, Wachtell Lipton  
David Caplan, Davis Polk  
David Feirstein and William Sorabella, Kirkland & Ellis  
Keith Flaum, Weil Gotshal  
Ethan Klingsberg, Cleary Gottlieb  
Randi Lesnick, Jones Day  
Alison Ressler, Sullivan & Cromwell  
Philip Richter, Fried Frank  
Rob Spatt, Simpson Thacher

### **Privacy**

Craig Cardon, Sheppard Mullin  
Paul Karlsgodt, BakerHostetler  
Doug Meal, Ropes & Gray  
Tyler Newby, Fenwick & West  
Michael Rhodes, Cooley

### **Private Equity**

Leo Greenberg, Kirkland & Ellis  
Marni Lerner, Simpson Thacher  
Amanda Morrison, Ropes & Gray

Anthony Vernace, Simpson Thacher

**Product Liability**

Hank Bullock, Mayer Brown  
Sherry Knutson, Sidley Austin  
Stephanie Parker, Jones Day  
Paul Schmidt, Covington & Burling  
Pamela Yates, Kaye Scholer  
Chilton Davis Varner, King & Spalding

**Project Finance**

Pascal Agboyibor, Orrick Herrington  
Gianluca Bacchiocchi, DLA Piper  
Christopher Erckert, Mayer Brown  
Patrick Harder, Nossaman  
Paul Kraske, Skadden  
Cynthia Urda Kassis, Shearman & Sterling

**Real Estate**

Mark Edelstein, Morrison & Foerster  
Drew Flowers, Gibson Dunn  
Thomas Henry, Willkie Farr  
Ross Moskowitz, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP  
Lauren Prevost, Morris Manning  
Ross Silver, Fried Frank  
Brian Stadler, Simpson Thacher

**Retail & E-Commerce**

Theodore Grossman, Jones Day  
Anthony Lupo, Arent Fox  
Gregory Parks, Morgan Lewis

**Securities**

Thad Davis and Michael Li-Ming Wong, Gibson Dunn  
Patrick Gibbs, Latham & Watkins  
Brad Karp, Paul Weiss  
Tom Melsheimer, Fish & Richardson  
Susan Muck, Fenwick & West  
James Rouhandeh, Davis Polk

**Tax**

Marty Dakessian, Reed Smith  
Jeffrey Friedman and Carley Roberts, Sutherland Asbill  
Leslie Loffman, Proskauer Rose  
Michael Mollerus, Davis Polk  
David Polster, Skadden  
Jeffrey Samuels, Paul Weiss  
Marc Silberberg, Weil Gotshal  
Richard Soble, Honigman Miller

Laurence Stein, Latham & Watkins  
Todd Welty, Dentons

**White Collar**

Ross Albert, Morris Manning  
Joel Cohen, Gibson Dunn  
Howard Heiss, O'Melveny & Myers  
Stephen Hill, Dentons  
Marc Mukasey, Bracewell & Giuliani  
Thomas Zaccaro, Paul Hastings

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