

Law firms' practices ranked on Chambers & Partners lists

By WILL ASTOR - 5/27/2015 4:50:59 PM

Practices at Rochester-based Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, Buffalo's Hodgson Russ LLP and Phillips Lytle LLP earned band 1 designations on the Chambers & Partners 2015 [law-firm lists \(http://www.rbj.net/store.asp?djoPage=product_details&djoPid=27760&djoTry=1432820993\)](http://www.rbj.net/store.asp?djoPage=product_details&djoPid=27760&djoTry=1432820993).

The three firms' merger and acquisitions and litigation practices earned them the designation.

Harter Secrest maintains a Buffalo office, while the Buffalo firms have Rochester offices.

Chambers & Partners 2015 law-firm lists give several area law firms' litigation and M&A practices highest rankings.

Found by International In-House Counsel to be the most widely used by clients among a welter of [law-firm rating companies \(http://www.rbj.net/store.asp?djoPage=product_details&djoPid=27760&djoTry=1432820993\)](http://www.rbj.net/store.asp?djoPage=product_details&djoPid=27760&djoTry=1432820993), Chambers & Partners annually publishes lists that rely heavily on client reviews as well as exhaustive research to rank firms in up to six so-called bands.

In the Chambers & Partners rankings, band 1 firms earn the highest marks, band 2 are next highest and so on. The firm rankings are broken down by geography into national, state, regional U.S. and international categories.

Area firms whose M&A practices earned band 2 ratings were Nixon Peabody LLP's Rochester office; Syracuse-based Bond, Schoeneck & King LLP and Buffalo-based Hiscock & Barclay LLP.

Bond, Schoeneck and Hiscock & Barclay both have Rochester offices.

Rated as band three M&A firms were Harris Beach PLLC of Perinton and Buffalo-based Damon Morey LLP.

Earning band 2 slots for litigation were Harris Beach; Bond, Schoeneck & King, Hiscock & Barclay LLP, Nixon Peabody and Goldberg Segalla LLP.

Based in Buffalo, Hiscock & Barclay maintains a Rochester office. Goldberg Segalla is a Buffalo-based firm with several upstate and downstate New York offices.

Chambers & Partners lists no area firms' litigation groups as band 3 but does name Leclair Korona Giordano Cole LLP of Rochester and Damon Morey as worthy of mention.

(c) 2015 Rochester Business Journal. To obtain permission to reprint this article, call 585-546-8303 or e-mail service@rbj.net.