

Cozen O'Connor Earns Client Recognition in 2012 Chambers USA Rankings

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Chambers USA has recognized 28 Cozen O'Connor lawyers as leaders in their fields; five attorneys were recognized nationally and three were ranked in the top band. Additionally, Herman Fala was recognized as a "Star Individual in Real Estate" in Pennsylvania, David Barron was named "Up and Coming" in Labor & Employment in Texas, and Stanley Sher was called a Senior Statesman in the "Transportation: Shipping: Regulatory (outside New York)" industry.

In addition to the individual lawyer rankings, *Chambers USA* recognized nine of Cozen O'Connor's practice areas, including Corporate/M&A & Private Equity, Litigation: General Commercial, Real Estate, Insurance and Labor & Employment.

The annual rankings are based on client and peer references, as well as information gathered from Chambers' own independent research. Awarded both nationally and regionally, the rankings are based on qualities including technical legal ability, professional conduct, and client service.

Clients praised Cozen O'Connor as a "professional group of attorneys that work very well together," and that the firm has a "very respected litigation practice." The firm's lawyers were heralded as "very strong – a good bench with some outstanding lawyers," and that "demonstrate professionalism to the highest degree."

"We are proud of our deep bench of exceptional lawyers," said Tad Decker, Chief Executive Officer of Cozen O'Connor. "We have expanded our capabilities through a number of superb lateral acquisitions over the past year, among which is our Labor & Employment team in Houston. Chambers' recognition of our expanded labor and employment practice capabilities in Houston is a great source of pride for us."

In addition to the new practice areas, a number of individuals moved up a band, including the firm's President and Executive Partner Michael J. Heller, Intellectual Property Co-Chair Camille Miller, and Real Estate lawyer Robert Silverman. Debuting in *Chambers* this year is William Shelley, co-chair of the firm's Global Insurance Group.

PRACTICE GROUPS RECOGNIZED

The full list of practice groups recognized by *Chamber USA* follows:

Nationwide

Transportation: Shipping: Regulatory (outside New York) and Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer.

Pennsylvania

Antitrust, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Corporate/M&A & Private Equity, Labor & Employment, Litigation: General Commercial, and Real Estate.

Texas

Related Practice Areas

- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Restructuring
- Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Restructuring
- Insurance Coverage
- Labor & Employment
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Litigation
- Transportation & Trade

Labor & Employment

RANKED INDIVIDUALS

National recognitions include Stephen Cozen and William Shelley for insurance and Jeffrey Lawrence, Marc Fink, and Stanley Sher (Senior Statesman) in transportation. Herman Fala was included as a Star Individual for real estate, and included as Band 1 lawyers are Mark Fink, Jason Shargel, and Thomas Witt. The entire list of ranked individuals follows:

Nationwide

Stephen A. Cozen - Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer

Marc J. Fink - Transportation: Shipping: Regulatory (outside New York)

Jeffrey F. Lawrence - Transportation: Shipping: Regulatory (outside New York)

William P. Shelley – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer

Stanley O. Sher - Transportation: Shipping: Regulatory (outside New York)

Delaware

Mark E. Felger - Bankruptcy/Restructuring

District of Columbia

Barry Boss - Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

Bernie Grimm - Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

Illinois

Mark A. Rabinowitz - Litigation: General Commercial

Pennsylvania

Richard J. Busis - Corporate/M&A: Securities

Neal Colton - Bankruptcy/Restructuring

Herman C. Fala - Real Estate

H. Robert Fiebach - Litigation: General Commercial

Mark J. Foley - Labor & Employment

Michael Heller - Corporate/M&A & Private Equity

Sarah A. Kelly - Labor & Employment

Raymond Kresge - Labor & Employment

Jeffrey A. Leonard - Real Estate

Camille Miller - Intellectual Property

Francis Patrick Newell - Antitrust

Jeffrey Pasek - Labor & Employment

Jason M. Shargel - Corporate/M&A: Securities

Robert A. Silverman - Real Estate

James R. Williams - Real Estate

William J. Winning, Jr. - Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

Thomas Witt - Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use

Texas

David L. Barron - Labor & Employment

Martin Wickliff, Jr. - Labor & Employment

About Cozen O'Connor

Established in 1970 and ranked among the 100 largest law firms in the United States, Cozen O'Connor has 575 attorneys who help clients manage risk and make better business decisions. The firm counsels clients on their most sophisticated legal matters in all areas of the law, including litigation, corporate, and regulatory law. Representing a broad array of leading global corporations and middle market companies, Cozen O'Connor serves its clients' needs through 21 offices across two continents.