

Seven Cozen O'Connor Lawyers Named 2019 "Lawyers of the Year" by Best Lawyers in America

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(Philadelphia, August 31, 2018) ...Cozen O'Connor is proud to announce that seven of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as "Lawyers of the Year" in their respective practices by Best Lawyers in America, one of the oldest and most highly regarded peer review publications in the legal profession.

- **Marc J. Fink** – Admiralty & Maritime – Transportation (Washington D.C.)
- **Thomas J. Gallagher, III** – Tax (Philadelphia)
- **Mark H. Gallant** – Health Care (Philadelphia)
- **Jeremiah G. Garvey** – Corporate – Securities/Capital Markets – Mergers & Acquisitions (Pittsburgh)
- **Susan A. Grueneberg** – Franchise (Los Angeles)
- **Mark A. Jacobson** – Antitrust – Intellectual Property (Minneapolis)
- **James R. Williams** – Real Estate (Philadelphia)

To earn this distinction, these seven lawyers received the highest annual ratings from peer attorneys in their respective practices nationwide – for excellence in their legal abilities, professionalism and integrity. They will be featured in various regional and national publications.

In addition, 126 Cozen O'Connor lawyers, including the seven "Lawyers of the Year," have been selected as Best Lawyers and will be included in the 2019 edition of the Best Lawyers in America.

The seven "Lawyers of the Year" are:

Marc J. Fink focuses on representing companies and organizations involved in the transportation industry before the courts, arbitration panels, boards of contract appeals, federal agencies and Congress. He has more than 30 years of experience in transportation matters. Fink has litigated cases in both district and appellate courts in multiple jurisdictions and regularly deals with matters before various regulatory bodies focused on maritime matters. He advises companies on government contract matters. The nature of his work also involves a significant amount of counseling with regard to the application of the antitrust laws to the maritime industry. In addition to many years of litigation, Fink has broad experience in counseling companies and organizations on commercial and corporate issues.

Thomas J. Gallagher focuses on the tax aspects of commercial transactions of all types, including mergers and acquisitions, private and institutional joint venture transactions, real estate and venture capital transactions, projects involving utilization of the rehabilitation tax credit and pension fund investments in real estate and real estate partnerships. He often handles the structuring and review of a variety of collective investment vehicles, including public and private real estate partnerships and public and private REITs. He has also represented institutional clients, including REITs and TEFRA partnerships in connection with ruling requests and controversies with the Internal Revenue Service.

Mark H. Gallant co-chairs the firm's Health Care Practice Group and concentrates his practice in client counseling and litigation involving federal and state regulation of health care providers and third-party payers. He has served as counsel of record in litigation and other matters for health care systems, hospitals, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment manufacturers and suppliers, long-term care providers, and for national and state trade associations. Prior to entering private practice, Gallant served as the deputy chief counsel to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Washington,

Related Practice Areas

- Franchising
- Health Care
- Maritime Regulatory
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Real Estate
- Tax
- Transportation & Trade

Industry Sectors

- Maritime

D.C., where he managed all litigation under the Medicare and Medicaid programs for the federal government nationally.

Jeremiah G. Garvey focuses his practice on securities-related transactions and corporate governance, specifically in connection with private capital financings and public offerings, and the organization, funding, and ongoing representation of emerging growth technology companies and venture firms. He also handles the public offerings of securities, representing both issuers and underwriters, and is experienced in the underwritten offerings of equity securities, as well as 144A private placements of high-yield debt securities. In addition, Garvey works closely with public company issuers on securities law compliance, general corporate guidance, and governance and equity-based compensation issues.

Susan A. Grueneberg advises clients on franchise and distribution law issues, including compliance with federal and state franchise and business opportunity laws. Her clients range from startup franchisors to Fortune 500 companies. Her practice includes structuring franchise programs; preparing, structuring and registering franchise programs. This includes drafting multiple types of franchise and joint venture agreements, counseling on compliance with disclosure and other regulatory requirements, on exemption-based franchising, mergers and acquisitions of franchise companies, on international expansion of U.S. franchise programs, and on the introduction of non-U.S. franchise programs to the United States.

Mark A. Jacobson has over 30 years of experience representing clients in antitrust litigation, investigations and counseling, contract disputes, class action litigation, franchise, dealer and sales representative disputes, appeals, temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, health industry litigation and regulation, trademark, copyright and patent infringement cases, and other business disputes. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants and particularly enjoys tackling complex legal issues that are intertwined with business issues and is often retained by referral or as local counsel to guide litigants through Minnesota courts. He is also experienced in mediation, arbitration, and other alternative dispute resolution techniques as an advocate, mediator, and arbitrator.

James R. Williams represents financial institutions and developers in real estate transactions, with a particular emphasis on transactions involving tax-exempt financial institutions. His practice encompasses a broad range of real estate matters, including financing, acquisitions, sales, leasing, and development in a number of major metropolitan areas.

About Cozen O'Connor

Established in 1970 and ranked among the top 100 law firms in America, Cozen O'Connor has more than 750 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 services its clients' needs through 29 offices across two continents.