

Winstead Ranks High in Chambers USA 2016 (Chambers & Partners Publishing)

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Dallas, May 27, 2016 — Winstead's reputation for providing quality legal services to clients has once again been recognized in *Chambers USA* (Chambers & Partners Publishing). This year's annual *Chambers USA Guide 2016* publication ranked seven of Winstead's practice areas in bands 1-4 in Texas with real estate and construction ranked in band 1. Winstead's other practice areas listed by Chambers in 2016 were banking and finance, energy, environment, insurance, and bankruptcy/restructuring in Texas; and banking and finance, and real estate: finance in North Carolina. *Chambers USA* is published by Chambers and Partners, a premier guide to the legal profession. Each year, Chambers conducts in-depth research and interviews with clients and attorneys throughout the United States to identify the top lawyers in various practice areas. Law firms and individual lawyers are ranked in bands from 1-6, with 1 being the best. A 'Star' ranking is given to lawyers with exceptional recommendations in their field. Inclusion in *Chambers USA* is based completely on the research and peer interviews conducted and cannot be initiated by a firm or attorney.

The Winstead attorneys and their practice areas listed in the *Chambers USA Guide 2016* publication are:

Mike Alessio - real estate

Albert Axe - environment

Robert Bass - construction (star individual)

Cathryn Berryman - intellectual property; trademark & copyright

Jay Brown - insurance

Brent Clifton - tax

Keith Courtney - environment

Andy Dow - real estate

Joe Epstein - bankruptcy/restructuring

Greg Erwin - real estate

Alex Gonzales - insurance: regulation

Mark Guthrie - construction

Tom Helfand - tax

Mike Hilliard - banking & finance

Phil Lamberson - bankruptcy/restructuring

Jeff Lee - real estate: finance (North Carolina)

Richard Leucht - banking & finance

Jim Littlejohn - banking and finance

Ron Moss - energy: state regulatory & litigation (electricity)

John Nolan - real estate

Peter Nolan - insurance

Ed Peterson - real estate

Michelle Rieger - construction

Derek Seal - environment

Melissa Ruman Stewart - banking & finance

Kevin Sullivan - real estate

Stewart Whitehead - construction

Kirk Williams - real estate: zoning/land use

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include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment and other qualities most valued by clients. Chambers selects their sources based on submissions put forward by legal practices, interviews during the course of research, as well as from their own database resources.