

Winstead Attorneys Rank High in Chambers USA: 22 Attorneys and Seven Practice Areas Ranked in 2011

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Dallas, June 14, 2011 — Winstead's reputation for providing quality legal service to clients once again is confirmed by the 2011 Chambers USA publication. This year's annual publication ranked Winstead's real estate and construction practices in band 1 (top level ranking) for Texas law firms, and Winstead's banking and finance, environment, insurance, intellectual property (IP) and tax practices were highly ranked as well. The 2011 Chambers USA edition features 22 Winstead attorneys from 11 different practice areas, ranked among the top attorneys of their field.

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. Inclusion in Chambers USA is based completely on the research and peer interviews conducted and cannot be initiated by a firm or attorney.

Individual attorneys who ranked in Band 1 this year included Winstead Shareholder and Co-chair of the Real Estate Development and Investments Practice Group, [Greg Erwin](#), for real estate, and Austin Shareholder [Mary Keller](#) for insurance: regulation. Shareholder [Robert Bass](#) received a 'Star' ranking for construction. A 'Star' ranking is given to lawyers with exceptional recommendations in their field.

Other Winstead shareholders who once again ranked high in Chambers USA this year included: Business and Transactions Department Head [Edward Peterson](#), and Shareholders [Michael Alessio](#) and [T. Andrew Dow](#) in real estate; Chair of Winstead's Finance and Banking Practice Group [Michael Hilliard](#), and Shareholder [Jim Littlejohn](#) in banking and finance; Executive Committee Member and Shareholder [Michelle Rieger](#), Chair of Winstead's Construction Practice Group [Stewart Whitehead](#), and Shareholder [Mark Guthrie](#) in construction; Shareholders [Albert Axe](#), [Keith Courtney](#), and [Daniel Vineyard](#) in environment; Shareholder [Joe Epstein](#) in bankruptcy/restructuring; Austin Managing Shareholder [Alex Gonzales](#) and Shareholder [Peter Nolan](#) ranked in insurance categories along with Keller; Shareholder [Thomas Helfand](#) in tax; and Shareholder [Cathryn Berryman](#) in IP.

Winstead attorneys newly ranked this year for their excellent work included: Chairman and CEO [Kevin Sullivan](#), and Shareholder [John Nolan](#) in real estate.

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