



## **Chambers USA 2009 Profiles HBD Partners Among Its Leading Lawyers In The United States And Rates HBD's Business Reorganization & Bankruptcy Practice Group In The Top Ten In California**

Chambers USA profiles leading lawyers and law firms in the United States.

Chambers USA 2009 places HBD founding partner J. Michael Hennigan in its top group for Nationwide Trial Attorneys ("Band 1"), as well as Band 1 for California General Commercial Litigators. Chambers USA 2009 notes that Mr. Hennigan:

...has a practice that ranges from antitrust to securities litigation, leading him through more than 45 jury trials in state and federal court. This year, he represented investment funds Oaktree Capital Management, TCW and Pacholder as plaintiffs in both trial and appellate stages of their securities fraud action against CIBC World Markets.

Chambers USA 2009's interviewees laud Mr. Hennigan for his ability to: *"relate to anyone - he knows what to say and when to say it, and is down-to-earth and easy to deal with."*

Rating HBD's Business Reorganization & Bankruptcy practice among the top ten in California, Chambers USA 2009 reports:

*"I know we have the best lawyers in the room when we have Hennigan, Bennett & Dorman on our side,"* enthused one client, highlighting a distinguishing feature of the firm: its *"ability to staff jobs smartly to get the most intellectual firepower possible in a team."* This is facilitated by the high ratio of partners and consultants to juniors in the group.

In placing HBD founding partner Bruce Bennett in “Band 1” for California Bankruptcy/Restructuring attorneys, Chambers USA 2009 states:

Clients highly recommend co-head of the group Bruce Bennett for his dexterity in complex cases. *“Intellectually, he's one of the best lawyers we have ever worked with. He's extremely articulate and always on top of his game.”*

Chambers USA 2009 also profiles HBD partners Bennett Murphy, James Johnston and Sidney Levinson. Chambers USA 2009 writes of Mr. Levinson working with Mr. Bennett, “[they] represented Hawaiian Airlines in a civil action against Mesa Air Group, which was settled in 2008 for over \$50 million, and [they] continue[ ] to represent the company in matters arising from its Chapter 11 filing prior to the airline’s emergence from bankruptcy.” Of Mr. Murphy, Chambers USA 2009 notes: “The group’s joint head is Bennett Murphy, whose recent engagements include advising a Chapter 7 trustee for Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison in one of the country’s largest law firm bankruptcies.” Chambers USA 2009 reports that Mr. Johnston is “[a]dmired for his tenacity” and “represents Franklin Resources and UMB Bank.”