

Chambers USA 2010 Profiles HBD Partners Among Its Leading Lawyers In The United States And Rates HBD's Business Reorganization & Bankruptcy Practice Group In The Top Five In California

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

Chambers USA 2010 placed HBD founding partner J. Michael Hennigan in its top group ("Band 1") for Nationwide Trial Attorneys, as well as for California General Commercial Litigators.

Chambers stated that Mr. Hennigan is a "terrific trial lawyer." The publication highlighted Mr. Hennigan's recent "jury trial success for Sempra in its \$6.6 billion contract dispute with the state of California," correctly describing that verdict as a "significant victory."

We are proud of Chambers' conclusion, with respect to HBD's Business Reorganization & Bankruptcy practice, that: "No other firm can provide this level of technical and legal expertise at such competitive prices." Chambers placed HBD's Business Reorganization & Bankruptcy practice in Band 1 for California – a group consisting of only five firms.

Chambers applauded HBD's bankruptcy practice for:

Handl[ing] the full range of insolvency matters for both creditors and debtors, from providing high-level strategic counsel in restructurings to hard-hitting enforcement in bankruptcy litigation. It stands out for its in-house team of technical experts in complex accountancy and finance, and for its nationally well-known litigation team.

Chambers also ranked four HBD bankruptcy partners among the leading California Bankruptcy/Restructuring attorneys. Chambers USA 2010 ranked HBD founding partner Bruce Bennett in the top tier (Band 1), stating:

Bruce Bennett is one of the finest bankruptcy lawyers in the USA. 'Two hours of his time are worth ten of anybody else's.' Major clients call on Bennett's skills as a counselor and as a litigator in their most important cases.

Ranking HBD partner James Johnston in Band 2, Chambers USA 2010 called him “a brilliant intellect, a prodigious worker, and the kind of lawyer who will never milk a case for his own benefit – he knows the aim is to get a deal and spend as little money as possible getting there.”

Chamber USA 2010 ranked HBD partner Bennett Murphy in Band 3, reporting that he is “superb at anticipating the arguments of the opposition and adapting his advice according to the nature of the case.”

Chambers USA 2010 also ranked HBD partner Sidney Levinson as a top bankruptcy lawyer, placing him in Band 4.