

# WHO'S WHO LEGAL

*The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*

## **Harvey Kaplan named Product Liability Lawyer of the Year**

Harvey Kaplan of Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP has been named Product Liability Lawyer of the Year 2008 in the Who's Who Legal Awards.

With the benefit of over ten years of independent research, Who's Who Legal used the thousands of nominations it has received from clients and private practice professionals to identify the leading firms in 50 countries and five US states. The winners were formally announced in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2008*, a compendium edition of all the individual Who's Who Legal publications, which was released in May, covering 29 practice areas and nearly 100 countries.

Editor in chief Callum Campbell said "This is the first time Harvey Kaplan has won this award. He received votes from interviewees across the US, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Switzerland and Latin America, and was described as "an outstanding legal mind" and "the leading authority in the field" in the course of the research. He received more votes than any other individual worldwide and is without doubt the leading lawyer for product liability defence work".

Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP was also recognised as the world's leading firm in this area for the fourth consecutive year.

The awards are based on a number of factors, including the feedback received in the ongoing research process, past performance in the research and the overall aggregate number of weighted votes cast in their favour. In addition to identifying the overall leading firm in 50 countries and five US states, the awards also recognise the leading firm and individual in each practice area. The compendium edition is distributed free of charge to thousands of corporate counsel and private practice lawyers from around the world. The information is also available on [www.WhosWhoLegal.com](http://www.WhosWhoLegal.com) and is updated daily.

This year, Who's Who Legal was named the Strategic Research Partner of the ABA Section of International Law in addition to its position as Official Research Partner of the International Bar Association. In 2006, Who's Who Legal's parent company Law Business Research was recognised by The Queen's Award for Enterprise in the area of international trade. These awards are the most prestigious a British company can receive.

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#### Notes to Editors:

- Research for each practice area publication is conducted through conversations with private practice lawyers of repute in the practice area in question and in related fields, as well as with general counsel
- Subsequent telephone and face-to-face interviews are conducted internationally to permit the refining of the listing to a selection of between 100 and 500 lawyers who, by general agreement, are considered the pre-eminent lawyers in the field
- It is impossible to buy entry into this publication, only lawyers who have met independent international research criteria are listed
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2008 acts as a reference source for purchasers of legal services seeking to corroborate the reputations of expert lawyers recommended to them by another party
- Who's Who Legal aims to reduce the short-term costs incurred in finding a lawyer, but more significantly, to minimise the transactional expense and risk of receiving poor counsel

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