

Harvey Kaplan wins Global Product Liability Lawyer of the Year award for third time

Harvey Kaplan of Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP has been named 'Global Product Liability Lawyer of the Year 2010' in the Who's Who Legal Awards for the third consecutive year.

With the benefit of over 12 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 and individuals in 31 practice areas, as well as the top firm in over 50 countries and five US states. The winners are to be formally announced in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2010*, a compendium edition of all the individual Who's Who Legal publications, which is released in May and covers 31 practice areas and over 100 countries.

Editor in chief Callum Campbell said, "In a highly competitive field, retaining the *Who's Who Legal* Product Liability Lawyer of the Year Award is an outstanding achievement. Harvey Kaplan received more votes from clients and peers worldwide than any other lawyer in our research. This is the third time he has won the award, and the consistently positive feedback we received from our sources across the globe reflect his exceptional talent and pre-eminence in the field. We have no hesitation in declaring him the leading lawyer in the world for Product Liability expertise once more."

The awards are based on a number of factors, including general 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 more than 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 and is updated daily.

In 2008, 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:

- 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 600 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 2010 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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