

Shook Partner Earns Lexology Client Choice Award For Second Year in a Row

Client Choice Awards survey senior corporate counsel about attorney value.

MIAMI (February 12, 2018) Shook, Hardy & Bacon Partner Al Saikali has earned Lexology's Client Choice Award for 2018. This will be Saikali's second time receiving this award. Saikali chairs Shook's Privacy and Data Security Practice, and serves clients in the retail, technology and communications, and food, beverage and agribusiness industries.

The winners of the 2018 Client Choice Awards were announced on February 8, 2018, in London. Established in 2005, the Client Choice Awards recognize those partners around the world who stand apart for the excellent client service they provide. The criteria for the awards focus on the ability to add real value to clients' business above and beyond other players in the market. Uniquely, these awards survey senior corporate counsel only, with this year's winners chosen from a pool of more than 2,000 individual client assessments. This year, Client Choice recognized only 384 winners across 66 jurisdictions worldwide.

"It's humbling to be recognized by senior corporate counsel for the value we provide," Al Saikali said. "Advocating for our clients and serving as a trusted partner is the foundation of what we do at Shook."

Partner Al Saikali has gained the trust of clients challenged by data breach response, crisis management, and compliance with laws governing the collection, storage, use and disposal of sensitive information. In addition to his recent Client Choice Award, *Chambers USA* selected Saikali as a "Nationwide Recognized Practitioner in Privacy and Data Security in 2017," and *The National Law Journal* named him a "Cybersecurity Trailblazer in 2015."

Shook represents many of the world's leading companies in the pharmaceutical and medical device, software and telecommunications, and food and beverage industries,

among others. In addition, Shook earned a Perfect Score for the 10th year in a row on the Corporate Equality Index which gauges an inclusive work environment.

Saikali speaks and writes frequently about his area of law. *The Wall Street Journal* recently interviewed Saikali about privacy issues. **He is an excellent source for reporters working on stories about these topics:**

- Data Breaches
- Data Privacy
- Biometrics Information Privacy Act (BIPA) wave of class actions hitting Illinois.

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About Shook, Hardy & Bacon

Founded in 1889, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. has 12 offices in the United States and London, with attorneys and professional staff serving clients in the health, science and technology sectors in areas ranging from product liability defense and commercial litigation to intellectual property prosecution and litigation, environmental and toxic tort, privacy and data security, and regulatory counseling.

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