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Law360 Names Practice Groups Of The Year

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Law360, Chicago (January 9, 2017, 6:06 PM EST) -- Law360 congratulates the winners of its 2016 Practice Group of the Year awards, the law firms that racked up victories in litigation and closed the big deals to make their mark among clients and throughout the legal industry.

With an eye toward landmark matters and general excellence, Law360 selected 157 winning groups across 34 practice areas. In the awards program's seventh year, the Practice Groups of the Year hailed from 80 law firms and rose to the top of 619 submissions.

Three law firms secured the most practice group wins to unseat last year's three champions and nab the coveted title of Firms of the Year. Mayer Brown LLP and Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP each garnered seven wins, while King & Spalding LLP won accolades in six practice areas.

They weren't the only firms to earn multiple Practice Group of the Year honors. With five wins apiece are Gibson Dunn, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

And earning honors in four practice areas are Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Covington & Burling LLP, Jones Day, O'Melveny & Myers LLP and Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP.

Profiles of the winning practice groups will begin running in the Law360 newsletters on Jan. 17.

Congratulations to this year's Practice Group of the Year winners:

Appellate

Gibson Dunn
Jones Day
Mayer Brown LLP
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
WilmerHale

Automotive

Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP
McGuireWoods LLP

Banking

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman LLP
Mayer Brown
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP
Sullivan & Cromwell

Bankruptcy

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Jones Day
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP

Capital Markets

Cleary Gottlieb
Davis Polk
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
Skadden
Sullivan & Cromwell

Class Action

Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC
Gibson Dunn
Labaton Sucharow LLP
Mayer Brown
Susman Godfrey LLP

Competition

Cleary Gottlieb
Cohen Milstein
Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP
White & Case LLP
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC

Consumer Protection

Greene Broillet & Wheeler LLP
Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP
Troutman Sanders LLP

Employment

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Gibson Dunn
Outten & Golden LLP
Sanford Heisler LLP
Seyfarth Shaw LLP

Energy

Baker Botts LLP
Kirkland & Ellis

Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP
Sullivan & Cromwell
Vinson & Elkins LLP

Environmental

Beveridge & Diamond PC
Hunton & Williams LLP
Nossaman LLP
Squire Patton Boggs LLP

Food & Beverage

Jenner & Block LLP
Mayer Brown
Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP

Government Contracts

Crowell & Moring LLP
Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP
Jenner & Block
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
Wiley Rein LLP

Health

Akin Gump
Bass Berry & Sims LLP
Hogan Lovells
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

Hospitality

DLA Piper
O'Melveny & Myers LLP
Paul Hastings LLP

Insurance

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
Hogan Lovells
McKool Smith PC
Pillsbury
Steptoe & Johnson LLP

International Arbitration

Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP
Cleary Gottlieb
King & Spalding LLP
Skadden
White & Case

International Trade

Covington & Burling LLP

Crowell & Moring
Kelley Drye & Warren LLP
King & Spalding
Wiley Rein

IP

Fish & Richardson PC
Goodwin Procter LLP
Irell & Manella LLP
Keker & Van Nest LLP
Quinn Emanuel

Life Sciences

Covington & Burling
Goodwin Procter
King & Spalding
Mayer Brown
White & Case

Mergers & Acquisitions

Davis Polk
Morrison & Foerster LLP
Simpson Thacher
Skadden
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

Media & Entertainment

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Irell & Manella
Jenner & Block
Latham & Watkins LLP
O'Melveny & Myers

Privacy

Cooley LLP
King & Spalding
Lieff Cabraser
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
Ropes & Gray LLP

Private Equity

Debevoise & Plimpton
Kirkland & Ellis
Latham & Watkins
Simpson Thacher
Weil Gotshal

Product Liability

Bowman and Brooke LLP

Covington & Burling
Faegre Baker Daniels LLP
King & Spalding
Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP

Project Finance

Akin Gump
Chadbourne & Parke LLP
Nossaman
O'Melveny & Myers
Orrick

Real Estate

Fried Frank
Gibson Dunn
Simpson Thacher
Skadden

Securities

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP
Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP
Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP
Weil Gotshal
Williams & Connolly LLP

Sports

Akin Gump
Covington & Burling
Orrick
Skadden

Tax

Baker & McKenzie LLP
Kirkland & Ellis
Reed Smith LLP
Skadden
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP

Technology

Fenwick & West LLP
Mayer Brown
Simpson Thacher
WilmerHale

Transportation

Mayer Brown
Nossaman
O'Melveny & Myers
Steptoe & Johnson

Trials

Gibson Dunn
Jones Day
Kirkland & Ellis
Latham & Watkins
Weil Gotshal

White Collar

Jones Day
King & Spalding
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello PC
Quinn Emanuel