

NEW JERSEY

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Day Pitney

Dechert

Drinker Biddle & Reath

Gibbons

Lowenstein Sandler

McCarter & English

Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti

Sills Cummis & Gross

Recommended

Cole Schotz Meisel Forman & Leonard

Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis

Greenberg Traurig

Krovatin Klingeman

Latham & Watkins

McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter

Porzio Bromberg & Newman

Walder Hayden & Brogan

Local litigation stars

James Altieri

Drinker Biddle & Reath
Complex Commercial Litigation

Joseph Buckley

Sills Cummis & Gross
Commercial Litigation

Thomas Campion

Drinker Biddle & Reath
Products Liability

Glenn Clark

Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti
Appellate, Insurance, Intellectual Property

Morrill Cole

Cole Schotz Meisel Forman & Leonard
Antitrust, Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property

Douglas Eakley

Lowenstein Sandler
Antitrust, Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability, Securities

John Gibbons

Gibbons
Commercial Litigation

Jeffrey Greenbaum

Sills Cummis & Gross
Complex Commercial Litigation

Michael Griffinger

Gibbons
Commercial Litigation

Benjamin Haglund

Day Pitney
Commercial Litigation, Products Liability

Lauren Handler

Porzio Bromberg & Newman
Products Liability

David Harris

Lowenstein Sandler
Antitrust, Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property

Joseph Hayden

Walder Hayden & Brogan
General Criminal Litigation

Shawn Kelly

Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti
Commercial Litigation, Insurance

Alan Kraus

Latham & Watkins
Products Liability, Securities

Gerald Krovatin

Krovatin Klingeman
White Collar Crime

Dennis LaFiura

Day Pitney
Commercial Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Securities

Joseph LaSala

McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter
Commercial Litigation, Securities

Gerald Liloia

Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti
Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property

Lawrence Lustberg

Gibbons
Appellate, General Criminal Litigation

Anthony Marchetta

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Antitrust, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Products Liability

David McLean

Latham & Watkins
Insurance, Intellectual Property, Securities, White Collar Crime

Michael Meisel

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Commercial Litigation

James Mulvaney

McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter
Construction Litigation

Anne Patterson

Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti
Products Liability

Michael Quinn

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Securities

Lawrence Rolnick

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Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Products Liability

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Appellate, Products Liability

Gita Rothschild

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Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Products Liability

Paul Rowe

Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis
Commercial Litigation



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Greenberg Traurig
Commercial Litigation, Insurance

Diane Sullivan

Dechert
Products Liability

Anthony Sylvester

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Securities

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Products Liability

Kenneth Van Deventer

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Insurance, Intellectual Property, Products Liability,
Securities

Justin Walder

Walder Hayden & Brogan
General Criminal Litigation

Julian Wells

Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti
Securities

Future stars

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Gibbons

Gregory Horowitz
McCarter & English

David Kiefer
Sills Cummis & Gross

James Kim
Cole Schotz Meisel Forman & Leonard

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Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti

Arnold Natali
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Elliot Ostrove
Day Pitney

John Sullivan
Dechert

Sharon Umhoefer
Gibbons

Susan Usatine
Cole Schotz Meisel Forman & Leonard



New Jersey

New Jersey is home to some of the world's largest pharmaceutical and chemical companies. In recent years, the state has also become notorious for some of the country's most newsworthy political corruption scandals. These factors, along with the state's location between litigation hotspots New York and Delaware, will only increase the amount of litigation filed in New Jersey courts.

Highly recommended firms

Day Pitney

Day Pitney was formed in 2007 as a result of a merger between Day, Berry & Howard and Pitney Hardin. The firm now employs 400 attorneys in nine offices across five states reaching from Massachusetts to Washington, D.C. In 2008, the firm represented Warner-Lambert in the prosecution of a federal suit brought under the Warsaw Convention resulting from the destruction of a shipment of pharmaceutical products which was transported by air from Japan to New Jersey on a Federal Express plane, which crashed and burned at an airport. The Court ruled that Federal Express was liable for the full value of the cargo.

Defense lawyer **Benjamin Haglund** practices products liability and commercial litigation. He currently represents Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, former owner of the Deutsche Bank Building which was located across the street from the World Trade Center and which was badly damaged as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11. Thousands of ground zero workers and cleaners have filed claims. The circumstances of this case and the claims which must now be addressed are complex and without precedent.

Dechert

Headquartered in Philadelphia, Dechert maintains a formidable international presence with 19 offices throughout the U.S. and Europe, including an office in Moscow which opened in 2009. The firm's Princeton office receives accolades from peers, who call Dechert "a highly recommended group, especially for products liability," as well as from clients, one of whom raves, "I have only good things to say about this firm. They are patient and practical and very thorough."

Peers mention **Ezra Rosenberg** as a "highly recommended products liability litigator" who is "very smart and very intellectual." In August 2009, Rosenberg, acting as co-counsel, negotiated a \$180 million settlement on behalf of Merck with third-party payers in 190 suits involving the painkiller Vioxx. Rosenberg is one of Philip Morris USA's national counsel, and defends the company against putative class actions filed across the United States which allege violations of state consumer protection action statutes. He has

argued numerous motions in those cases, including motions against class certification, and for a motion for summary judgment on federal preemption grounds.

Drinker Biddle & Reath

Formed over 160 years ago in Philadelphia, Drinker Biddle & Reath now houses 700 lawyers in 12 offices across seven states and Washington, D.C. In the firm's New Jersey offices in Florham Park and Princeton, Drinker Biddle counts Garden State mainstays like Gerber Products and Merck among its impressive list of clients.

James Altieri is a senior litigation partner at Drinker Biddle and chair of the firm's nationally recognized insurance coverage practice. He litigates complex commercial cases in courts throughout the country on behalf of clients in the financial services, insurance, pharmaceutical, entertainment, and consumer products industries. Peers call him "a very fine lawyer and a top litigator in New Jersey." **Thomas Campion** focuses on civil litigation, including professional liability claims, particularly on behalf of law firms, and products liability claims. He has acted as national coordinating counsel to pharmaceutical companies in products liability cases, business litigation matters, and employment law cases.

Gibbons

Gibbons has grown to include 230 attorneys throughout its offices in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Practice areas at the firm are divided into four major groups: commercial litigation, the largest group, which includes construction, insurance, and intellectual property; the employment group, which is the busiest group; the products liability group; and the white-collar group. One client's impression of the firm is "very favorable; they are a very professional group."

Within the firm, peers identify **Patrick Dunican** as "a great litigator." Dunican is involved in all of the firm's practice groups. **Brian McMahan's** litigation practice encompasses a wide range of complex corporate and commercial work, including securities litigation, merger and acquisition disputes, partnership disputes, intra-corporate and shareholder derivative disputes and complex contract disputes. Peers call him "fantastic." **Michael Griffinger** is called "the

best 'bet-your-company' litigator in the state" by one competitor. Over the last year, Griffinger successfully defended Amgen against the entry of a preliminary injunction sought by Ortho, a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson, and against claims alleging an unlawful tying arrangement involving Amgen's red and white blood cell growth factor drugs and attempt to monopolize the oncology clinic segment of the red blood cell growth factor market. The court denied the injunction, and the two parties eventually settled. Peers also call **Lawrence Lustberg** "a household name" in the state.

Lowenstein Sandler

With over 250 attorneys in three offices covering the east and west coasts, Lowenstein Sandler enjoys both a national presence and a reputation as a regional powerhouse. The firm made news in August 2009 when it represented billionaire investor Ron Perelman, who, in acting as ex-wife Claudia Cohen's executor, sued Cohen's father and brother for allegedly cheating Cohen's estate out of hundreds of millions of dollars. The case was eventually dismissed.

Douglas Eakeley has extensive trial and appellate experience in complex commercial litigation, including securities fraud, antitrust, consumer fraud, class actions, products liability and derivatives litigation. He represents Schering-Plough Corporation and its current and former officers in a nationwide securities class action in which plaintiffs allege that defendants misled the investing public about the prospects for FDA approval of a new blockbuster drug and also concealed their failure to comply with FDA regulations. He also represented Merck in appeals from two final judgments rendered against the company after jury trials in New Jersey Superior Court involving claims of personal injury and/or economic loss with respect to the purchase or use of Vioxx. The Appellate Division held that the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act was subsumed by the New Jersey Products Liability Act, and dismissed the plaintiffs' consumer fraud claims.

McCarter & English

McCarter & English currently houses over 400 lawyers throughout offices in Boston, Hartford, Stamford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia and Wilmington. Partners in New Jersey practice intellectual property, securities and insurance law, but the products liability group is this office's greatest strength. Peers rate them as "a strong group for products liability and mass tort litigation." The firm continues to grow, and in July 2009 added **Jamieson Karson** to its New York office as special counsel in the corporate, securities, and financial institutions practice group.

The firm suffered a tragic loss in July 2009 when **Andrew Berry**, who had successfully represented Fortune 500 clients in the

financial, life sciences, consumer, industrial products and sports industries, died while vacationing.

Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti

Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti serves the northern and central portions of New Jersey with offices in its home base of Morristown as well as Trenton, and it has also established outposts in New York and London. The firm's practices encompass commercial law, trial and appellate litigation and bankruptcy. It also has highly respected practices in insurance and reinsurance disputes, banking law, environmental law, employment law, governmental affairs, public finance, public utilities, and real estate.

“[Lawyers at Latham & Watkins] are on familiar terms with many New Jersey judges, and the Latham brand goes a long way,” states a peer.”

Glenn Clark practices commercial litigation, and peers remark that he is “aggressive and determined.” Clark represents hospitals, construction companies, insurance carriers and chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturers. Specific clients include Johnson & Johnson, McNeil Consumer and Specialty Pharmaceuticals, The Harleysville Insurance Company, The Hertz Corporation, National Starch and Chemical Company, Saint Clare's Health System, Valley Health System and Unilever Corp. Shawn Kelly focuses on complex insurance coverage disputes and reinsurance cases. Some of his largest cases have involved sorting out insurance issues stemming from major insolvencies. Anne Patterson is recognized for her products liability acumen.

Sills Cummis & Gross

Sills Cummis & Gross makes its debut as a highly recommended firm this year. One client states “they're great, cost-effective and produced a very satisfactory result.” Formed in 1971, the firm now has offices in the key New Jersey markets of Newark and Princeton, as well as a satellite office in New York. The firm has seen an influx of bankruptcy cases, and peers state that it is “a go-to bankruptcy firm.” Over the last year, Sills Cummis litigated through 50 days of trial on behalf of NJ Transit Corporation against a consortium of Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation and Bombardier, Inc. on claims totaling over \$250 million arising from the design and construction of a light rail project. The firm achieved a settlement for a fraction of the amount claimed. Other notable clients include Russ Berrie, who the firm has represented for 20 years, and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

Joseph Buckley serves as lead counsel to major national banks and their subsidiaries in

the defense of putative class action lawsuits in state and federal courts in New Jersey and elsewhere, relating to subjects as diverse as equipment leasing, credit insurance, information security, credit cards and conspiracy to fix interest rates.

Recommended firms

Cole Schotz Meisel Forman & Leonard

Founded in 1928, Cole Schotz Meisel Forman & Leonard serves clients with 120 attorneys throughout the mid-Atlantic region of the United States, and offices in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. In the firm's New Jersey outpost in Hackensack, Morrill Cole focuses primarily in commercial

and business litigation. His cases involve antitrust claims, trademark and unfair competition claims, disputed control of closely held corporations, securities fraud and a broad range of business litigation.

Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis

With offices in Iselin and Roseland, Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis serves north-central New Jersey with a comprehensive array of legal services. Litigator Marc Gross boasts an impressive record of victories in 2009 alone. In April, he successfully defended Nightingale & Associates against claims of breach of contract, fraud, age discrimination, retaliation and minority shareholder oppression, with plaintiffs seeking more than \$3 million in damages. In August, Gross successfully defended the Director of Security for Nu-World Corporation against claims of defamation and malicious prosecution from plaintiffs seeking more than \$930,000 in compensatory damages, as well as unspecified punitive damages. In both cases, the court dismissed the claims.

Greenberg Traurig

National firm Greenberg Traurig has expanded its presence in the Northeast with a venture into the New Jersey market via its outpost in Florham Park, an area with active pharmaceutical, telecommunications and gaming industries. The area also serves as headquarters for some of the world's most prestigious research facilities. Phillip Sellinger practices general commercial litigation, and he has been selected to serve as Chair of the Lawyers Advisory Committee to the New Jersey federal judiciary.

Krovatin Klingeman

Newark-based boutique firm Krovatin

Klingeman, formerly Krovatin & Associates, earns respect from several figures within the Garden State legal community, including members of much larger firms who view Krovatin as “a real contender.” Though the firm consists of only four attorneys, peers specifically point to lead attorney Gerald Krovatin as being “a real player in the white-collar area.”

Latham & Watkins

Although mostly a satellite office for its master location in New York, the New Jersey office of Latham & Watkins has nonetheless established itself as one of the state's major players. “They are on familiar terms with many New Jersey judges, and the Latham brand name goes a long way,” states one peer. David McLean is the Managing Partner of the New Jersey office and a senior litigator with broad experience in complex commercial litigation and domestic and international arbitration. His substantive expertise includes litigating securities, professional liability, and complex business disputes.

McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter

Formed in 2004, McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter is the result of a merger between McElroy, Deutsch & Mulvaney and Carpenter, Bennett & Morrissey. Today, the firm offers a full range of litigation practices with over 200 lawyers in locations in Morristown, Ridgewood and Newark, as well as in New York and Denver. Joseph LaSala handles complex litigation including products liability actions, multi-party toxic tort litigation, asbestos litigation, benzene litigation, corporate dissolutions, environmental coverage matters, securities, patent cases, and defense of professional liability actions against attorneys, accountants, architects, and engineers.

Porzio Bromberg & Newman

Morristown-based Porzio Bromberg & Newman was formed in 1962 and has since established offices in Princeton and New York City. In March 2009, the firm further expanded its client base and bench depth when it forged a strategic alliance with Love and Long, a boutique minority- and woman-owned law firm with offices in Newark and Philadelphia. Lauren Handler is the chief strategist behind many of the firm's complex products liability cases, representing major pharmaceutical and manufacturing clients.

Walder Hayden & Brogan

Roseland-based boutique Walder Hayden & Brogan concentrates specifically on criminal defense in the areas of complex commercial litigation, environmental law, white-collar crime, and employment litigation. Joseph Hayden served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Organized Crime and Special Prosecution Section of the Division of Criminal Justice, where he tried the first wiretap case brought by the State in 1970.

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Chairman of the firm and chair of the firm's litigation department, Paul Rowe concentrates his practice primarily on major and complex litigation in a variety of fields focusing heavily on sophisticated corporate and business matters and high profile matrimonial matters.

Throughout his career, he has tried to conclusion some of the most heavily publicized litigation in the region. Mr Rowe has been lead trial counsel in many major cases in different areas of business litigation. He was lead trial counsel for all defendants in a massive anti-trust breach of contract case involving Atlantic City casino real estate and successfully defeated plaintiffs' \$2 billion anti-trust claim after a ten month trial. Mr Rowe was lead trial counsel for the general creditors in the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company liquidation, the largest life insurance company liquidation in US history. Other litigations have included stock fraud cases, real estate brokers commission cases, partnership dissolution cases, and patent license termination cases, among others.

Mr Rowe is one of 490 lawyers worldwide listed in the 2008 *International Who's Who of Commercial Litigation* and is also listed in the 2008 *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*. He is one of 500 United States Fellows of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Mr Rowe is the author of two legal treatises: *New Jersey Business Litigation*, the primary source book describing how New Jersey courts have dealt with business issues in litigation, and he is the co-author of the standard textbook utilized by judges and lawyers throughout the state entitled, *Guidebook to Chancery Practice in New Jersey*.

For his accomplishments, he has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the bet-the-company litigation, business litigation, appellate and family law categories. Significantly, Mr Rowe was among the original 146 lawyers selected for the bet-the-company category listed in 2006, a category that today includes only 368 lawyers nationally. Rowe is listed in *Chambers USA - America's Leading Lawyers for Business* guide as a leader in the Litigation practice area since the initial 2003 publication. He is listed as one of the Top 10 Attorneys in New Jersey in *Super Lawyers - New Jersey Edition*, as well as being selected in the business litigation category. He's listed in the *Law Dragon 3000 Directory of Leading Lawyers* in the category of commercial litigation. In 1993, Rowe received the Trial Bar Award of the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey.

Mr Rowe is a graduate of Tufts College and Columbia Law School.

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