

Morris, Manning & Martin Recognized for Excellence by Chambers USA, Legal 500

Broad Range of Practice Groups Earn Praise from Publications and Clients

Atlanta (June 2008) — Two prestigious and well known legal publications that rank the quality of legal services gave high marks to Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, including more than a dozen of the firm's partners. The firm's Real Estate group scored particularly well in both legal guides: *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500*. Two attorneys — Gerald Pouncey (Environmental) and Jeanna Brannon (Real Estate) — received praise from both publications.

Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business ranks Mr. Pouncey, who heads the firm's Environmental Law and Land Use group, in the top tier of Georgia environmental lawyers. It describes the nationally-known brownfield attorney as "precise, disciplined and diligent" and "able to do the work of five lawyers." It also hails his skill in creatively determining solutions for clients while resolving government concerns.

The *Chambers* guide describes real estate lawyer Ms. Brannon as "resolute, deal-oriented and persistent" and not afraid to fight on behalf of a client. It also praises tax attorneys Charles "Chuck" Beaudrot and Cass Brewer, describing Mr. Beaudrot as "hands-on and client-oriented," while Mr. Brewer "knows how to simplify very complex matters so that the ordinary businessman can evaluate them." It calls bankruptcy lawyer David Cranshaw a seasoned litigator who is "patient, persistent and flexible" with an excellent grasp of business.

The *Chambers* researchers also count MMM's Tax, Real Estate, Environment, Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions and Bankruptcy/Restructuring groups among the best in the state.

The Legal 500 — another influential legal publication, places MMM's Real Estate Group in the top tier of recommended firms for the state of Georgia. Other ranked firms included King & Spalding and Sutherland.

Impartial researchers used words such as "efficient," "deal-oriented," "excellent" and "outstanding" to describe the group. They also quoted clients as saying:

- "What sets the firm's lawyers apart is their practical approach to achieving real-world objectives."
- "They go above and beyond the call of duty to get things done."

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- “I do not receive better service from any other firm we use.”
- The firm produces “absolutely the finest legal work I have seen.”
- The group has “a tireless willingness to work through issues to reach an effective solution.”
- The firm offers “better service with a much better price” than other firms.

The researchers also names several MMM partners “Recommended Lawyers.” Attorneys Tom Gryboski and Brian Butler from the firm’s Hospitality Group top the list. The guide hails them for their business sense, attention to detail and work ethic. *The Legal 500* also calls environmental attorney Gerald Pouncey “remarkable,” and praises several other members of the real estate group, including Jeanna Brannon, who is described as “very dedicated.” It recommends founding partner John “Sonny” Morris’ for his excellent legal skills and recognizes Bruce Wobeck, who also chairs the Green Business Technology Group, for his sense of practicality. Nicholas Sears is described as having “a keen mind for analyzing problems,” said the researchers, who also strongly recommend Bob Reardon and Andrew Williams, as well as Corporate attorney Jeff Schulte.

Both *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500* are known for their independent, impartial research. Teams of independent researchers interview clients and competing attorneys, then base their rankings on merit alone. For more information on *Chambers USA*, visit www.chambersandpartners.com. For more on *The Legal 500*, visit www.Legal500.com.

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