



Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP Recognized for Excellence by Chambers USA

**Broad Range of Practice Groups and Attorneys Earn Praise
from Publication and Clients**



Atlanta (June 17, 2009) – Nine Morris, Manning & Martin practice groups and 16 of its attorneys were recently ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. The independent Chambers researchers ranked the following MMM practice groups as among the best in Georgia: Environmental Law, Real Estate, Tax, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Healthcare, Banking & Finance, Corporate, Intellectual Property and Labor & Employment.

Partner John C. Yates received a national ranking for his work in the Investment Funds/Venture Capital category. Mr. Yates leads the firm's Technology practice, which includes the Corporate/M&A and Venture Capital groups. Those groups received praise for their strength, while Mr. Yates was recognized by the publication as "a household name in the technology and venture capital world."

In addition, 15 other MMM attorneys were ranked in *Chambers USA* for the State of Georgia:

- Charles "Chuck" R. Beaudrot – Tax
- Fredrick C.C. Boyd, III – Banking & Finance
- Jeanna A. Brannon – Real Estate
- Cassady V. Brewer – Tax
- David W. Cranshaw – Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Jason D'Cruz – Labor & Employment
- Frank W. DeBorde – Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- John Fry – Intellectual Property
- Thomas Gryboski – Real Estate
- Gerald L. Pouncey, Jr. – Environment
- William "Bill" J. Sheppard – Environment
- Jack D. Todd – Intellectual Property
- Robert C. Threlkeld – Healthcare
- Stacey D. Turner – Environment
- John C. Yates – Corporate/M&A
- Tim Tingkang Xia – Intellectual Property

The publication gave high marks to partner Gerald Pouncey, head of the firm's Environmental Practice, who was placed in the top tier of Georgia environmental attorneys. Mr. Pouncey is one of the most well-respected brownfield attorneys in the country and the principal author of Georgia's brownfield legislation. "Clients unanimously appreciate the persuasiveness that preeminent redevelopment environment lawyer Gerald Pouncey brings to negotiations, which is backed by his superb grasp of the technical and regulatory aspects of the law," the Chambers researchers wrote. "The man performs miracles – when we need a big gun, his is the one we go to," researchers quoted one client as saying.

The publication also gave high marks to partners David Cranshaw and Jeanna A. Brannon. It describes Mr. Cranshaw, a partner in the firm's Creditor's Rights & Bankruptcy Practice, as having "a proactive approach," and being a lawyer who "always finds a way to reach a satisfactory resolution for his clients." Praised for his affability, accessibility and responsiveness, Mr. Cranshaw is "one of the finest negotiators in his field." Chambers also praises partner Jeanna Brannon as a preeminent real estate attorney known for "her strong defense of clients' interests and her intelligent handling of complex negotiations."

Chambers USA is known for its independent, impartial research. Teams of researchers base their rankings on interviews with clients, comments made by competing attorneys and the magnitude and scope of deals handled by the individual lawyers and practice groups. The result is a truly unbiased ranking of the top attorneys and law firms in the country.

For more information on *Chambers USA*, visit www.chambersandpartners.com.

About Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP

Morris, Manning & Martin (www.mmmlaw.com) is a full-service commercial law firm representing domestic and international clients throughout the United States. Our mission is to be the firm of choice for clients seeking the most creative, comprehensive and effective legal services available. Our legal solutions are delivered by industry-focused, diverse, involved lawyers who are dedicated to our clients' success, whether in a transaction, in court or in the everyday course of business.

Morris, Manning & Martin enjoys national prominence for its healthcare, intellectual property, capital markets, environmental, green industry, insurance, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, real estate and technology practices. The firm has offices in Atlanta, Savannah, Raleigh-Durham, Taipei, Beijing and Washington, D.C.

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