



Litigation Group Named 2004 USA Litigation Law Firm of the Year

“A ‘PHENOMENAL’ FIRM, THE GROUP HAS BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH ‘BIG NATIONAL CASES FOR BIG CORPORATE CLIENTS.’”

—*Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers, 2004*

“ALL OF ITS LAWYERS ARE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, EXTREMELY TALENTED STRATEGISTS CULMINATING IN THE FIRM'S ‘UNIQUE EXPERTISE’ TO ‘RUN LARGE, COMPLEX LITIGATION EFFICIENTLY AND RESPONSIBLY.’”

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“IT (KIRKLAND) IS REGULARLY IDENTIFIED BY INDUSTRY EXPERTS AS ONE OF THE BEST LITIGATION PRACTICES IN THE COUNTRY.”

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Kirkland & Ellis LLP has been named by *Chambers & Partners* as the “2004 USA Litigation Law Firm of the Year.” Kirkland was recognized for its ability to run large, complex litigation efficiently and responsibly.

The Award was presented at the 2004 Chambers Awards ceremony in London on May 6, 2004. Runners-up were Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

In addition to being named the 2004 USA Litigation Law Firm of the Year, Kirkland was short-listed in several categories including Bankruptcy, Intellectual Property, and Private Equity.

The Chambers Global Awards short-listed firms by its own research carried out during the past 12 months compiling the Chambers Global, USA and UK legal directories. The winning firms were decided by a distinguished panel of judges made up of international corporate buyers of legal services.

The Chambers Global Awards Program is intended to honor the finest performers in the various disciplines of international commercial law. The awards are based on research undertaken for *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers*, for which Chambers contacts lawyers and businesspeople throughout the world. *Chambers & Partners*, the international legal publisher and research company, publishes guides to lawyers and law firms that are relied upon by businesspeople worldwide.

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

In surveys conducted by various publications and organizations, Kirkland & Ellis LLP is consistently recognized by its clients as one of the top law firms in the world. Kirkland is appreciative of the survey results and grateful to its clients for their confidence and trust.

Kirkland provides complex legal services in the areas of Litigation, Corporate, Intellectual Property, Restructuring, Insolvency, Workout & Bankruptcy, and Tax to a sophisticated national and international client base. In all areas, Kirkland is dedicated to ongoing enhancement and expansion of its services.

FIRMWIDE ACCOLADES

- ♦ #1 “Best Reputation” as ranked by Fortune 250 Companies
The American Lawyer, December 2003
“Playing Favorites”
- ♦ Top 10 National Law Firm
Corporate Counsel, December 2003
“America’s Best Corporate Lawyers”
- ♦ #1 Primary Outside Counsel for *Forbes’* List of Largest Private Companies
Corporate Counsel, December 2003
“Who Counsels the Largest Private Companies”

LITIGATION ACCOLADES

- ♦ #1 Litigation Department as Ranked by Fortune 250 Companies
Corporate Counsel, November 2003
“Who Represents America’s Biggest Companies”
- ♦ Top Five Finalist for the Litigation Department of the Year
The American Lawyer, January 2004
“Litigation Department of the Year”

CORPORATE ACCOLADES

- ♦ Named “2003 USA Private Equity Law Firm of the Year”
Chambers & Partners, May 2003
- ♦ Named “2002 Private Equity International Law Firm of the Year”
Chambers & Partners, June 2002

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACCOLADES

- ♦ Ranked at the “Top of the Heap” for Patent Litigation Powerhouses
IP Law & Business, May 2003
“Swords & Shields”
- ♦ Top Three Finalist for the Intellectual Property Litigation Department of the Year
The American Lawyer, January 2004
“IP Litigation Department of the Year”
- ♦ #1 Intellectual Property Department as ranked by Fortune 250 Companies
Corporate Counsel, November 2003
“Who Represents America’s Biggest Companies”

RESTRUCTURING, INSOLVENCY, WORKOUT & BANKRUPTCY ACCOLADES

- ♦ Ranked as the “Top Debtor Law Firm”
The Deal’s Bankruptcy Insider, April 2004
- ♦ “Led Two of the Country’s Largest, Most Complex Bankruptcies—United Airlines and Conoco”
The American Lawyer, February 2003 and March 2003
“Big Suits”