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Peckar & Abramson, P.C. Once Again Honored by Chambers' USA and Legal 500

- Firm's National Practice Recognized by Chambers; Maintains Top Position in Legal 500 Ranking -

New York, NY, June 22, 2011- *Chambers USA: Americas Leading Lawyers for Business* has for the eighth-straight year selected Peckar & Abramson, P.C. as one of the nation's top construction law firms. Peckar & Abramson has now consistently placed among the Chambers USA elite list of construction law firms in the country, both nationally and regionally, every year since 2003.

Peckar & Abramson is widely recognized as a leading construction law firm, handling clients' needs throughout the United States and the world. P&A represents many of the construction industry's most successful contractors and other construction professionals, as well as serving as counsel to many industry organizations.

Peckar & Abramson also secured top billing in the Legal 500's latest annual survey of the leading construction litigation practices. The Legal 500 series of peer-reviewed surveys ranks the strengths and strategies of law firms in more than 90 countries throughout the world.

The editors of the Legal 500 survey interview thousands of legal clients and rival law firms each year. The annual survey provides an independently-produced and qualitative assessment of the country's finest legal practices. The Chambers USA rankings weigh technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.

According to Chambers USA: "This leading boutique firm maintains an outstanding reputation in the construction arena. The New York office...act(s) on behalf of some of the most prominent contractors and construction managers locally and overseas. The group has lately been busy with a number of high-profile infrastructure projects and litigation cases."

Accolades also were directed at both Peckar & Abramson Founding Partner Robert Peckar and Firm Chairman Steven Charney: "...Peckar...is renowned for his expertise in alternative dispute resolution. 'He has a gift for understanding complex issues,' say clients." Describing Charney: "Clients hail [Charney] as a 'great strategist who figures out the best way to avoid leaving the company exposed.'"

The New York, Miami and Washington, DC offices were all singled out by Chambers USA as leading practices within their respective cities. Attorneys from the firm's thriving Washington, DC office also received numerous compliments on the Chambers website. Of Adrian Bastianelli, who works in the firm's mediation practice: "[Adrian] is highly regarded as a mediator and arbitrator, and sources consider him....an outstanding lawyer who is undoubtedly a market

leader." Similar praise also was directed at Michael Branca, who was described as "a very intelligent practitioner who is in command of the issues." William (Tom) Thompson was also once again recognized by Chambers in the area of Government Contracts and described as someone who "...is very much in tune with our business interests and gets the job done."

Of the Florida office, Chambers labeled the firm as "a first-rate, nationally recognized firm [that] excels in its representation of general contractors and construction managers, and has particular prominence in southeast Florida. A substantial part of the practice involves helping clients negotiate the substantial risks and problems inherent in the construction industry. It has recently seen an increased focus on public work, especially concerning infrastructure projects, and dispute resolution relating to failed condominium and hotel projects."

In addition to Peckar & Abramson being again recognized by Chambers USA, the firm was featured as a top firm in this year's Legal 500 survey of construction litigation practices. According to the Legal 500: "Peckar & Abramson is 'undoubtedly one of the finest and biggest' construction law firms in the US. It is a 'first-rate' group headquartered in New York, with nine offices nationwide."

Additional testimony from the Legal 500 website reinforced the depth and range of Peckar & Abramson's practice on a national basis: 'There are not many firms in the US that offer more in-depth expertise in construction litigation' than Peckar & Abramson, which has '*top-level knowledge in the field and vast national coverage*'... [and] continues to reap involvement on high-value transactions and disputes."

"Peckar & Abramson is unquestionably one of the strongest and most resourceful construction law practices in the nation," said Robert S. Peckar. "Being recognized once again by both Chambers USA and Legal 500 further validates our position. With the nation's best team of construction lawyers at our disposal, we are actively expanding into new practice areas and markets where our skills are increasingly needed."

About Peckar & Abramson (P&A)

With offices around the country and affiliations with other law firms around the world, Peckar & Abramson offers a full range of legal services to its domestic and international construction industry clientele from basic construction law counsel to environmental, corporate and real estate, government contracting, labor and employment law and corporate compliance. Since its formation in 1978, Peckar & Abramson has been helping clients find solutions to complex project problems, settle disputes, and when necessary, win legal battles. P&A specializes in finding solutions for its clients on complicated issues, while often helping them to avoid costly and time-consuming litigation. It is also active in industry groups and serves as general counsel for the New York Building Trade Employers' Association, the Building Contractors Association of New Jersey, and the Construction Financial Management Association.

The U.K. - based international publisher Chambers and Partners based its report on in-depth interviews with 7,000 leading private practice attorneys and key in-house counsel. A team of 40 full-time researchers conducted the survey over an eight-month period, with law firms and attorney's chosen strictly on merit alone.

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