

## CORPORATE/M&A & PRIVATE EQUITY PRACTICE RECOGNIZED IN 2023 CHAMBERS USA GUIDE AND FOUR ATTORNEYS NAMED AMONG LEADERS

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Royer Cooper Cohen Braunfeld (RCCB) is delighted to announce that the firm has been ranked for the third consecutive year in the *2023 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for its Corporate/M&A & Private Equity work in Pennsylvania: Philadelphia & Surrounds. In addition, two partners, one senior counsel and one associate return to the guide as leading lawyers in their respective fields. *Chambers USA* is widely known as the leading legal directory, ranking the top lawyers and law firms across the U.S.

According to *Chambers USA*, the firm's **Corporate & Business** practice has an "experienced corporate team that handles domestic and cross-border transactions. It advises on buyouts, divestitures and acquisitions, as well as securities offerings." A corporate client commented, "We have never encountered an issue that it did not have the expertise to address. It has a very strong team of lawyers with deep domain expertise." RCCB's practice serves as lead counsel to clients on merger and acquisition transactions ranging from several hundred thousand dollars to several hundred million dollars representing buyers and sellers (both private and public), investors, boards of directors, management teams, lenders, and investment banks in various M&A and other fundamental transactions.

Managing Partner **John E. Royer, Jr.** is recognized for the third year for his work in Corporate/M&A & Private Equity. *Chambers USA* attested, he has a "strong practice and is noted for advising clients on commercial and venture capital transactions." Royer brings more than 30 years of business and corporate law experience to his clients, for whom he frequently serves as outside general counsel. He focuses his practice primarily on business and corporate law transactions and counseling for emerging growth technology and life science companies, executives, and investors, as well as middle-market and family-owned businesses.

Corporate & Business Chair **David Gitlin** returns to the guide for the 17th year for his work in Corporate/M&A & Private Equity. *Chambers USA* stated, he "frequently handles complex international corporate transactions. He garners praise for his additional expertise in venture capital matters." A corporate client stated, "David is well regarded in the market." Gitlin has handled more than 300 M&A deals in 18 different countries as well as hundreds of venture capital and angel investments. His clients include large multinationals on cross-border deals, multigenerational private companies and venture-backed companies in planning and executing liquidity events, U.S. companies seeking to expand overseas and foreign companies seeking to expand in the U.S., venture capital funds and angel investors, and scores of startups in all phases of their growth and development. Gitlin's international practice encompasses a wide variety of cross-border matters, including foreign companies seeking to conduct business

or engage in transactions in the United States as well as U.S. companies operating and investing abroad. He has particular expertise and experience representing U.S. and foreign companies and funds in cross-border M&A transactions and international joint ventures and licensing and distribution agreements.

Senior Counsel **Nancy Rubner Frandsen** is recognized for the 18th year for her work in intellectual property. Chambers USA stated, Frandsen “*demonstrates notable expertise across a range of contentious and noncontentious copyright and trademark matters, from portfolio management to infringement cases.*” An IP client noted, “*Nancy Frandsen has a long-standing relationship with my company and continues to meet or exceed my expectations.*” For more than 36 years, Frandsen has guided clients not only through the core areas of trademark and copyright strategic counseling and portfolio management, but also through the more complex areas of the practice, including enforcement before federal courts and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. Her in-depth knowledge of her clients’ businesses, from individual entrepreneurs to major corporations, enables her to support and advance their unique objectives and goals and has made her their go-to trademark lawyer.

Cannabis Co-Chair **Neil M. Willner** is recognized for the second year as an “Associate to Watch” for Nationwide Cannabis Law: Eastern United States. Chambers USA commented, he “*is an associate who is successfully leading matters in the cannabis sector. He has considerable experience ... providing regulatory advice.*” Regarding Willner’s strengths, a client commented, “*Neil understands regulations and how to interpret them effectively for his clients.*” Willner focuses his practice on the cannabis industry and effectively provides counsel to hemp and marijuana companies along all parts of the supply chain on regulatory and compliance issues. He also handles regulatory compliance, investigatory due diligence, M&A and litigation matters, and advises buyers and sellers on regulatory considerations in M&A transactions. Willner also serves on many cannabis-related trade association committees, including the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Cannabis Law, the International Cannabis Bar Association and the American Trade Association for Cannabis and Hemp. As regulatory counsel to ATACH, he helps create policy at the state and federal levels.

Chambers and Partners is an independent research company operating across 200 jurisdictions delivering detailed rankings and insights into the world’s leading lawyers. Based in London, the guide ranks leading U.S. firms and lawyers based on in-depth research and interviews with lawyers’ clients and peers. The publication is a leading legal directory, ranking the top lawyers and law firms across the U.S. Rankings are based on in-depth market analysis and independent research. The guide ranks more than 6,000 law firms and 18,000 lawyers across more than 50 practice areas/sectors on state and national levels. Chambers assesses lawyers on attributes most valued by clients, including technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence and commitment. The guide is widely read by industry-leading companies and organizations nationwide.

## **PROFESSIONALS**

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## **CAPABILITIES**

Cannabis

Corporate & Business

Intellectual Property