

### Eighteen Sheppard Mullin Attorneys Receive Chambers Recognition; Up From 14 Last Year, 2006

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Chambers & Partners' 2006 annual guide to America's leading business lawyers ranked Sheppard Mullin lawyers who were lauded by their peers and clients. On a national level, the firm's Government Contracts practice group was recognized with John Chierichella singled out as one of the country's top attorneys in that area of law. In California, the following attorneys were recognized as the state's top attorneys for achievements in their respective practice group: Michael Ahrens -- Bankruptcy/Restructuring, John Berchild -- Banking & Finance, Gary Bostwick -- Media & Entertainment: Litigation, Larry Braun -- Corporate/M&A, James Chadwick -- Media & Entertainment: Litigation, Guylyn Cummins -- Media & Entertainment: Litigation, Bob Darwell -- Media & Entertainment: Transactional, Gary Halling -- Antitrust, Tom Leo -- Media & Entertainment: Transactional, Jim Lonergan -- Real Estate, Lou Meisinger -- Media & Entertainment: Litigation, Bill Scott -- Banking & Finance, Richard Simmons -- Employment: Mainly Defendant, Neil Smith -- IP, Carlton Varner -- Antitrust, and Bob Thompson -- Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use. California practice areas ranked as among the top in the state were: Antitrust, Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy & Restructuring, Corporate/M&A, Employment: Mainly Defendant, Media & Entertainment: Litigation, Media & Entertainment: Transactional and Real Estate. In New York, the firm's Media & Entertainment: Litigation practice group was recognized with Kevin Goering singled out as one of the state's top attorneys in that area of law.

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