

Best Lawyers in America 2018 Names PS&H Providence Attorneys Bernardo, Gamboli, Gilden, Merten and McCarthy “Lawyers of the Year”

Individual attorneys with the highest overall peer review in a specific practice area and geographic location are named “Lawyer of the Year.” Only a single lawyer in each practice area and a specific location is named a “Lawyer of the Year” — enhancing the significance of the recognition.

Eugene G. Bernardo II – Lawyer of the Year: Public Finance Law

Mr. Bernardo has a varied practice where he counsels religious, corporate and governmental entities on a variety of complex matters involving legal, ethical and community relations issues. Last year, in his sophisticated tax-exempt finance practice, Mr. Bernardo was involved in the issuance of over \$1.1 billion in tax-exempt securities in Rhode Island.

Michael A. Gamboli – Lawyer of the Year: Litigation – Labor and Employment

Mr. Gamboli devotes his practice to minimizing the risks arising out of human resource decisions and conflicts, and consults with clients on a daily basis on a wide variety of employment issues. Mr. Gamboli has extensive employment litigation experience and has litigated claims in state and federal courts and administrative agencies involving discrimination, retaliation, wage and hour violations and the enforcement of non-competition and employment agreements. Mr. Gamboli was also voted 2015 Best Lawyers Lawyer of the Year: Employment Law – Management.

David M. Gilden – Lawyer of the Year: Banking and Finance Law

Mr. Gilden represents privately held business organizations involved in manufacturing, distribution, insurance, and a variety of other industries. He has extensive experience providing advice regarding transactions, shareholder agreements, buy and sell agreements, producer and other employment agreements, business valuations, and related issues.

Kimberly I. McCarthy – Lawyer of the Year: Tax Law

Ms. McCarthy assists clients with tax and ERISA/ employee benefits/ executive compensation compliance issues, and provides advice and support to integrate tax and benefits into clients' overall business and compensation strategies. In addition to being named 2018 “Lawyer of the Year” for Tax Law, she received “Best Lawyer” designations in four separate categories: Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Litigation and Controversy – Tax, and Tax Law.

Howard A. Merten, Jr. – Lawyer of the Year: Litigation — Banking and Finance

Mr. Merten is Managing Partner of the Firm. He represents businesses, financial services institutions and individuals in complex civil litigation. His practice focuses on commercial litigation, insurance, products liability, media, and intellectual property matters. Howard was previously named Best Lawyers 2017 Lawyer of the Year in the area of Litigation.

Additionally, 11 attorneys from the firm's Providence and Boston offices were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2018 edition of Best Lawyers and are listed below. These attorneys represent various practice groups including Litigation, Public Finance, Banking and Finance, Real Estate, Corporate, Tax, Antitrust, Commercial Litigation, and Bankruptcy.

Boston, MA

William F. Macauley

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Litigation – Bankruptcy

William R. Moorman, Jr.

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Litigation – Bankruptcy

Providence, RI

Eugene G. Bernardo II

Public Finance Law

Melissa E. Darigan

Litigation – Banking and Finance

Michael A. Gamboli

Employment Law – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

David M. Gilden

Banking and Finance Law

Real Estate Law

Jeffrey H. Gladstone

Land use and Zoning Law

James H. Hahn

Corporate Law

Paul Kessimian

Commercial Litigation

Kimberly I. McCarthy

Corporate Compliance Law

Corporate Governance Law

Litigation and Controversy – Tax

Tax Law

Howard A. Merten, Jr.

Commercial Litigation

Litigation – Banking and Finance

Litigation – First Amendment

Litigation – Intellectual Property

Richard Nadeau

Real Estate Law

John Ottaviani

Copyright Law

Trademark Law

John J. Partridge

Corporate Governance Law

Corporate Law

Steven E. Snow

Antitrust Law

Commercial Litigation

Robert K. Taylor

Commercial Litigation

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