

Six Cozen O'Connor Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Chambers Global Rankings

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Philadelphia, February 22, 2023 — *Chambers Global* has recognized six Cozen O'Connor attorneys: **Susan Eisenberg** (Miami – Labor & Employment), **Geoffrey Ferrer** (New York – Transportation & Trade), **Shane Hardy** (Toronto – Intellectual Property), **Michael Osborne** (Toronto – Antitrust & Competition), **Joseph Tilson** (Chicago – Labor & Employment), and **Steven Weisz** (Toronto – Bankruptcy & Restructuring) as worldwide leaders in their respective practices. In addition, Eisenberg, Ferrer, and Tilson are ranked in the *Chambers USA Guide* and Hardy, Osborne, and Weisz are ranked in *Chambers Canada*.

The annual *Chambers Global* rankings are based on client and peer references from around the world as well as information gathered from Chambers' own independent research. Attorneys are ranked in their practice areas based on their legal knowledge and experience, ability, effectiveness, and client service.

"Recognized by Chambers for their global perspective, Susan, Geoffrey, Shane, Michael, Joe, and Steven continue to exemplify our firm's significant global reach and achievement," said Cozen O'Connor Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Michael Heller. "We are thrilled to be so acknowledged by *Chambers Global*, and by extension, our clients, in the areas of Labor & Employment, Intellectual Property, Transportation & Trade, Bankruptcy & Restructuring, and Antitrust & Competition."

Susan Eisenberg, the office managing partner of Cozen O'Connor's Miami office, has been ranked in the *Chambers USA Guide* since 2004. She is described in the global rankings as a preeminent labor and employment lawyer. Chambers quoted clients stating she is "very responsive and provides exceptional and pragmatic advice," and "she is incredibly talented, practical and responsive." Nationally known for her proficiency in wage and hour class action cases, she is board certified by The Florida Bar in Labor and Employment law, a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, and is a certified mediator and arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. Eisenberg is also a founding member and past president of the Wage and Hour Defense Institute. She was recognized in 2020 by Best Lawyers as Miami's "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation – Labor and Employment and in 2016 for Employment Law – Management. This is the eighth year she has been recognized by Chambers Global.

Geoffrey Ferrer, co-office managing partner of the New York office and co-vice chair of Cozen O'Connor's Transportation & Trade Practice, has been ranked in the *Chambers USA Guide* since 2014. He has been described in *Chambers Global* as "an extremely efficient worker and capable of narrowing complicated issues down very quickly." Ferrer focuses his finance practice on the representation of vessel owners and operators and financial institutions in high-value U.S. and non-U.S. flag regulatory and transactional shipping matters. He is the author of the "Judicial Sales and Priority of Liens – United States," chapter in the Maritime Law Handbook. Best Lawyers named Ferrer New York's Transportation Law "Lawyer of the Year" in 2023. This is the fifth year Ferrer has been recognized by *Chambers Global*. He has also been ranked for the third year in the *Chambers Asia-Pacific* guide.

Shane Hardy, chair of Cozen O'Connor's Canadian Intellectual Property Practice Group and co-office managing partner of the Toronto office, has an extensive trademark practice and is one of the

Related Practice Areas

- Antitrust & Competition
- Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Restructuring
- Intellectual Property
- Labor & Employment
- Transportation & Trade

few Canadian practitioners recognized for his experience in both contentious proceedings and commercial transactions relating to intellectual property. Stated one client in the global rankings, he "stands out for his in-depth knowledge of IP law and willingness to understand our business." Equally adept at dispute and transactional matters, Hardy frequently represents well-known brands needing advice in acquiring branded businesses, licensing, enforcement, and trademark protection. Major international corporations and successful domestic businesses rely on his counsel for all aspects of their intellectual property needs. He has been recognized similarly by *Managing Intellectual Property*, *World Intellectual Property Review*, and the *World Trademark Review Top 1000*. This is the fourth year he has been ranked by *Chambers Global* and the fifth year he has been recognized by *Chambers Canada*.

Michael Osborne, chair of Cozen O'Connor's Canadian Competition Practice, has been ranked in the *Chambers Canada Guide* since 2016. He focuses his practice on competition, regulatory, corruption, complex commercial litigation, and arbitration. He advises and represents clients involved in competition and regulatory inquiries, criminal and administrative prosecutions, class actions, and other competition litigation and disputes. He has acted as trial and appellate counsel before all levels of court across the country, including the Supreme Court of Canada. He has tried several cases before the Competition Tribunal and appeared as counsel before arbitral tribunals in international and domestic arbitrations, both institutional and ad hoc. A client, quoted by Chambers in the global rankings, shared that "Michael is a very diligent and hard-working lawyer." This is the 10th year he has been ranked by *Chambers Global*.

Joseph Tilson has been ranked in the *Chambers USA Guide* since 2004. He is described in the global rankings as "a go-to lawyer for both private and public employers on matters such as wage/hour class actions," while a client offered, "He is a premier expert." Nationally known for his knowledge and success in handling large class action cases, Tilson also has vast experience in collective bargaining involving large, complex bargaining units. He is a past chair of the American Bar Association's Labor and Employment Section, one of its largest sections with over 12,000 members and a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. *Best Lawyers* has named Tilson Chicago's Employment Law "Lawyer of the Year" in six of the past 12 years. In 2021, he was named to the Lawdragon Hall of Fame, after being recognized for the 12th year as one of their Top 500 Leading U.S. Corporate Employment Lawyers. This is the eighth year he has been recognized by *Chambers Global*.

Steven Weisz concentrates his practice on commercial litigation and insolvency law. Bringing over three decades of experience, he guides his clients through all aspects of complex domestic and multinational insolvencies. He regularly represents purchasers of distressed debt and assets, debtors, directors, court-appointed officers, and major stakeholders of insolvent businesses — often, on an urgent basis. Weisz is a member of the Insolvency Institute of Canada, an editor of the *National Creditor Debtor Review*, and past president of the Toronto Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association. Noted by Chambers sources for his litigation focus and deep experience in creditor-side work, Chambers quoted clients stating, "He is very knowledgeable and talented," and "a consummate professional." Weisz has been ranked in *Chambers Global* since 2009 and in *Chambers Canada* since 2016.

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