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## **Chambers USA Recognizes Pryor Cashman as One of Top Firms in USA in Fields of Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions and Media & Entertainment**

Pryor Cashman is proud to announce that *Chambers USA* has recognized it as one of the top law firms in the United States in the fields of Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions and Media & Entertainment.

The *Chambers* guides list the top lawyers in 175 countries, providing independent rankings and editorial commentary. Chambers researchers speak with clients, find out which law firms they use and how they rate them for their legal ability and client service.

Below is what Chambers had to say about Pryor Cashman LLP.

### **Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions**

*Chambers USA* has recognized Pryor Cashman as one of the most highly regarded firms in the fields of Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions. As stated in *Chambers USA*:

“Emphasizing mid-market venture capital work, this group is particularly active on behalf of start-ups and entrepreneurial investors, raising funds through private placements and making strategic acquisitions. Industry-wise, the team covers such areas as energy (including coal, oil and drilling rigs), advertising, biotech and manufacturing. Recent work highlights include representing US Coal on a refinancing of its senior secured debt facility, and acting for Chinese meat and food processing company Zhongpin on a \$60 million public offering of 4,600,000 shares of its common stock.”

As a Pryor Cashman client told Chambers USA: “I have been impressed with their ability to accommodate us during the downturn, as well as their tenacity and their dedication to putting the client first.”

Partner Eric Hellige, who heads Pryor Cashman’s Corporate Group, was recognized by *Chambers USA* as a key individual in the practice.

### **Media & Entertainment**

*Chambers USA* has once again rated Pryor Cashman LLP as one of the top firms in the country in the field of Media & Entertainment, encompassing film, music, television and theatre. As stated in *Chambers USA*:

“This well-established entertainment, media and communications team comprises specialists well equipped to assist clients with any type of music, film, TV or theater-related issue. Its broad client base includes production companies, hedge funds and athletes. The group is especially strong in financing, production and distribution-related work. Clients include EMI Music Publishing, Paula Abdul and the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers.

*Chambers USA* quotes one Pryor Cashman client as stating: “The lawyers are incredibly responsive and attentive – you feel like you're their only client.”

The two key individuals in the practice recognized by *Chambers USA* are Howard Siegel and James Janowitz.

Siegel was recognized in the field of Music. As noted by *Chambers USA*: “Howard Siegel has been retained by numerous finalists from American Idol as well as former judge Paula Abdul. Sources agree: ‘He's got buckets of experience and great industry knowledge.’”

Janowitz was recognized in the area of Film & Television. As noted by *Chambers USA*: “James Janowitz is ‘able to navigate difficult situations and get the deal done in a constructive way,’ according to clients. He divides his practice between litigation and transactional entertainment work, primarily involving the film industry.”