

## FIVE LAWYERS AT LOCAL FIRM NAMED CREAM OF THE CROP

### **Shulman Rogers Attorneys listed in the Washingtonian's Top Lawyers Issue**

**POTOMAC, Md. – December 8, 2009** – *The Washingtonian's* December issue named five lawyers at Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy, & Ecker, P.A., as some of the top legal minds in several categories. The firm continues to be recognized for its outstanding attorneys who serve the Washington, DC Metropolitan area.

The article lists Morton Faller and Michael Lichtenstein as top bankruptcy lawyers, Hadrian Hatfield and Scott Strickler as top family lawyers, and Jay Eisenberg as a top trust and estate lawyer.

“The firm’s bankruptcy, domestic relations, and trusts and estates practice areas have grown or held steady in 2009, despite the downward economy,” said David Pordy, managing shareholder of Shulman Rogers. “The fact that our attorneys were acknowledged reflects the diversity of Shulman Rogers and our firm’s ability to assist clients in virtually every area of their professional and personal lives.”

“Shulman Rogers only hires the most talented attorneys, and it’s an honor to see five of them recognized among Washington’s legal elite,” added Pordy.

Morton Faller is co-chair of the Firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group and Title Dispute Resolution Group. He has represented debtors in numerous successful reorganizations, including real estate developers, multi-store retailers, and restaurants. Faller has also represented lenders and landlords in complex reorganization cases.

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Michael Lichtenstein is a shareholder in the Litigation and Corporate Department and co-chair of the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Group. He practices in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Lichtenstein represents a wide array of clients in Chapter 11 proceedings in more than ten states, and in commercial litigation in state and federal courts.

Hadrian Hatfield works on complex family law matters. He is trained and certified in Collaborative Law Practice, a new method of handling family law matters in which the parties agree to work together to resolve their disputes out of court. Hatfield is also a former Assistant Attorney General for the District of Columbia, working on child support enforcement.

Scott Strickler is a shareholder in the firm's Commercial Litigation Department Domestic Relations Practice Group. He represents individuals in the negotiation and preparation of property settlement agreements, along with pre- and post-nuptial agreements. Strickler focuses on issues involving business valuations and the use of the tax code to create settlement solutions.

Jay Eisenberg is chairman of Shulman Rogers' Trusts and Estates department, focusing his practice on sophisticated estate and business succession planning, trust and estate administration, and the use of charitable entities to minimize income and estate taxes. Eisenberg is also chair of the Estates and Trusts section of the Montgomery County Bar Association.