



## 2022 Chambers USA Guide Recognizes Four IPB Partners Individually, As Well As Tax And Benefits Practices

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*Chambers and Partners* has released its 2022 *Chambers USA* guide to top US lawyers and firms, recognizing IPB attorneys Les Schneider, Kevin O'Brien, Jodi Epstein, and Steve Witmer.

Les Schneider, co-head of the IPB Tax practice, (also ranked by the *Chambers Global Guide*) has been recognized as among the premier US tax attorneys since the inception of the *Chambers* guides. The editors note that Les "is held in high regard for his vast knowledge of tax accounting." Les is recognized as, "a leading practitioner in the space" and "one of the best in tax accounting."

Kevin O'Brien, head of our Benefits & Compensation practice, has also been recognized by *Chambers* for many years. Clients call Kevin "a real thought leader," and note that he is an expert they rely on for "his deep knowledge, especially in the context of strategy and design, as well as understanding potential risk."

*Chambers* reports that our Benefits & Compensation partner Jodi Epstein "offers particular expertise advising on qualified benefit plans." Clients call her, "a terrific lawyer who provides great client service," and comment that she is "very well versed in defined benefits plans."

Steve Witmer, also a partner in our Benefits & Compensation practice, is singled out as "a go-to adviser for preeminent clients on a range of employee benefits and executive compensation matters, including those arising out of corporate transactions." Clients call Steve "a very strong lawyer," and note that he is "very smart, detail-oriented, very attentive and focused on clients."

In addition to these individual accolades, *Chambers USA* also recognized IPB's Tax practice, praising a team that, "Demonstrates strength across a number of sub-practice areas, including tax controversy and accounting methods," and a client notes, "Ivins, Phillips & Barker always deliver. They are strong due to the quality and timeliness of their advice."

Our Benefits & Compensation practice was also highlighted as, "Highly respected for its provision of robust assistance on issues such as executive compensation, pension plan derisking, cash balance design and qualified plans." One client calls us, "the most responsive firm I have worked with."

Our Estate Planning practice is also recognized by *Chambers*, in the most recent (2021) edition of its *High Net Worth Guide*, released last summer.

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Congratulations to all!