



Gray Plant Mooty, 11 Attorneys Recognized in 2012 Edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business

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MINNEAPOLIS (June 11, 2012) — The Minneapolis-based law firm of Gray Plant Mooty is pleased to announce that the firm and 11 of its attorneys are recognized in the 2012 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

The Chambers rankings are based on extensive research conducted by Chambers and Partners Legal Publishers, a highly respected English research firm that publishes directories assessing and ranking the world's leading lawyers.

Gray Plant Mooty is ranked in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA in:

- Franchising, nationally

- Corporate/M&A, Minnesota

- Labor & Employment, Minnesota

- Litigation: General Commercial, Minnesota

The firm's Franchise & Distribution practice continues to be one of the most respected such practices in the nation, with sources telling Chambers: "They are an outstanding group of attorneys." "They are always focused on what is best for the client." "They have a very good understanding of their clients' businesses."

Gray Plant Mooty attorneys recognized in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA, along with the regions and areas of law for which they were selected, include:



NATIONAL

- Elizabeth Dillon, Franchising
- Peter Klarfeld, Franchising
- Gaylen Knack, Franchising
- Max Schott, Franchising
- Eric Yaffe, Franchising
- Carl Zwisler, Franchising

MINNESOTA

- John Brower, Corporate/M&A
- Laura Hein, Litigation: Intellectual Property
- Judith Bevis Langevin, Labor & Employment
- James Simonson, Litigation: General Commercial
- John Thiel, Real Estate



Gray Plant Mooty's John Brower and Laura Hein continue to be rated in "Band 1," meaning that Chambers believes they are among the very best attorneys in their respective practices and regions. Chambers' sources say Brower is "excellent: an experienced senior M&A lawyer, user-friendly and business-oriented, who is able to get to the heart of an issue quickly." On Hein, sources tell Chambers she "splits her time between IP litigation and counseling, focusing heavily on trademark and copyright work, acting for a broad range of clients."

About GPM:

Gray Plant Mooty is recognized as one of the leading corporate law firms in Minnesota and one of the top franchise firms in the world. Our roots go back to 1866. Today, we are a 170-attorney, full-service firm with offices in Minneapolis and St. Cloud, Minnesota, and Washington, DC. Our attorneys and staff provide exceptional client service and value to our clients, and directly or with our global affiliations, we provide comprehensive legal services on a regional, national, and global basis.