

Becker's Construction Practice Group Receives Top Recognition in 2018 Chambers USA Guide

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Dear Clients and Friends,

We are proud to announce that our Construction Law & Litigation practice group today received a Band I ranking from the 2018 Chambers USA Guide, one of the legal profession's most prestigious rankings directories. This ranking puts Becker's Construction team in elite legal company among AmLaw 100 firms and large regional firms. While we are honored to be one of four Florida-headquartered firms ranked in the preeminent Band I position, we are most proud of the work we do every day on behalf of our clients. [See complete 2018 rankings.](#)

In fact, it was our clients who recognized the success of our work, with Chambers' sources praising the Construction team's commitment to client service. One interviewee noted: *"They are a great team; quick, responsive and results-oriented."* Another interviewee said: *"They are very end product-focused."*

In addition to the Construction group's Band I ranking, practice chair **Steven Lesser** (*"a nationally known great trial lawyer" who is "top notch" and "very savvy"*) and shareholder **Lee Weintraub** (*"very intelligent" and "a leader in public-private partnership work"*) were ranked in Band I among individual lawyers. Shareholder **Sanjay Kurian** (*"highlighted by the market for his condominium-related litigation work on behalf of plaintiffs"*) also received a high ranking for 2018.

Becker's Construction Law & Litigation practice group has long been recognized as a premier construction practice. We have one of the state's largest, dedicated teams of *Board Certified construction attorneys*, with 16 Board Certified construction litigators.

In a year of victories, the highlight was the collaborative effort among attorneys from the New York, New Jersey and Florida construction team that won a \$20 million construction defect verdict against the developer and general contractor of a condominium in West New York, NJ. The award included treble (punitive) damages under the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act and a determination that the developer's parent company (a publicly traded developer of large, multi-family housing units) was responsible for its subsidiary's actions. This "piercing the corporate veil" finding is very rare in construction defect cases and is exemplary of our trial team's strength and experience.

Chambers selects attorneys and practices for inclusion in their highly recognized guide based on extensive research including interviews with practicing lawyers and clients. Attorneys, practice areas, and firms are ranked by placement in "bands," with Band 1 being the highest ranking. Chambers has recognized the firm's Construction group every year it has published its global law firm ranking guide.

Please join us in congratulating our team.

We remain *Fearlessly Yours*,

Your Friends and Colleagues at Becker