

Firm News

New York Super Lawyers and Rising Stars: 8 Kleinberg Kaplan Attorneys Recognized

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Andrew M. Chonoles, James R. Cohen, Myron Kaplan, James R. Ledley, David Parker, and Bruce D. Steiner have been recognized as 2011 *New York Super Lawyers*, a leading guide to the top attorneys in Manhattan. In addition, Jonathan A. Ain and Marc R. Rosen have been recognized as *Rising Stars* in the 2011 metro New York list – a new category for attorneys under 40.

Andy Chonoles

As managing partner of the firm, Andy Chonoles oversees firmwide strategic planning and growth efforts, and maintains a broad practice in real estate development, finance and private equity. Andy's practice includes complex real estate development, construction, acquisitions and dispositions, financing and leasing. Andy also represents fund managers in the formation of real estate private equity funds. With a broad national practice, Andy represents corporate entities, technology companies, brokerage firms, developers, joint ventures, institutional and high net worth investors, financial services firms, and hedge funds and private equity funds. He also has a particular focus on medical office building development. For this market segment, he evaluates transaction costs, structures

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transactions, drafts and negotiates development documents, and oversees agreements related to management leasing, syndication, and private securities offerings to physician shareholders.

Andy is a member of the real estate committee of the Children's Museum of Manhattan.

Jim Cohen

Jim Cohen, a founding member, has focused his practice on estate planning and tax advice to private clients, hedge funds and other money managers for more than 35 years. Jim's estate planning clients run the gamut from estates of a few million dollars to estates in excess of a billion dollars; estates of hedge fund managers, private investors, entrepreneurs, professionals, senior corporate executives, writers and artists, uncomplicated families, multiple families (three spouses, six children and four dogs) international families, etc.

Jim has dealt extensively with tax issues and estate planning matters involving hedge fund investments and hedge fund managers including fee deferrals and business continuity of the hedge fund management company after the manager's death or disability.

Jim has lectured widely on tax, estate and succession planning, investment fund and hedge fund life insurance issues. He is on the Board and is Secretary of the Abraham Fund. Jim also was named a New York Super Lawyer in 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2010.

Myron Kaplan

Myron Kaplan, a founding member of the firm, has extensive experience representing hedge funds as outside general counsel and special counsel. He is involved in the formation, operation, and continuity of these funds and advises funds and their managers on structural and organizational matters and continuity planning as well as ongoing regulatory, governance and compliance issues.

Myron has experience in all aspects of executive compensation, including the design and implementation of compensation plans and negotiating executive employment contracts. Myron also counsels clients regarding partnership formation as well as partnership dissolution.

Myron represents companies in a broad spectrum of industries and works on financings, mergers and acquisitions, governance issues, distribution and license agreements and joint ventures. He has served as a director of a number of public companies and nonprofit

organizations. Myron also was named a New York Super Lawyer in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, and was included in the 2009 Corporate Counsel national edition of Super Lawyers as one of the top attorneys in corporate and securities law.

Jim Ledley

Jim Ledley chairs Kleinberg Kaplan's Estate Planning and Administration Group. Jim focuses on the firm's estate planning practice, including wealth preservation, asset protection, multi-generational and international estate and succession planning for high net worth individuals and their families, as well as an estate administration practice. Jim also gives advice on the federal and state income tax issues of estate and trusts, a subject that has become important to many clients.

Jim's clients vary in size from mid-size to the very, very large, and include those in a broad spectrum of businesses and professions, including many in the financial services industry, as well as public company CEO's and directors, entrepreneurs and major real estate owners. For some clients, Jim has become their personal "general counsel." Jim also was named a New York Super Lawyer in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

David Parker

David Parker chairs the firm's Litigation, Risk Management and Arbitration department and has a broad range of litigation experience in commercial matters, including contract disputes, securities, tax, executive employment, covenants not-to-compete and intellectual property issues, with a specialty in complex financial instruments. David handles many diverse and complex issues on behalf of hedge funds, both at the litigation and pre-litigation stages. He has significant experience in representing clients with respect to regulatory investigations, including responding to subpoenas and preparing clients for testimony. David has been involved in many high profile cases on behalf of hedge funds and lectures at graduate and law schools on the subject of hedge fund litigation.

David is a trustee of the Brown/RISD Hillel Foundation, Honorary Vice President of the Park Avenue Synagogue and a director of The New York City Justice Project. He was a Trustee of the Horace Mann School from 2001 to 2010 and a director of Legal Services for New York City from 1983 to 2010. David also was named a New York Super Lawyer in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 and in the 2010 Corporate Counsel national edition of Super Lawyers as one of the top attorneys in business litigation.

Bruce Steiner

Bruce Steiner has over 30 years of experience in the areas of taxation, estate planning, business succession planning and estate and trust administration. He is a frequent lecturer at continuing education programs for bar associations, CPAs and other professionals. He is a commentator for Leimberg Information Services, Inc., a member of the editorial advisory board of *Trusts & Estates*, and a technical advisor for Ed Slott's IRA Advisor. He has written numerous articles for *Estate Planning*, *BNA Tax Management's Estates, Gifts & Trusts Journal*, *Trusts & Estates*, the *Journal of Taxation*, *Probate & Property*, *TAXES*, the *CPA Journal*, the *CLU Journal* and other professional journals. Bruce has been quoted in various publications including *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Lawyers Weekly*, *Bloomberg's Wealth Manager*, *Financial Planning*, *Kiplinger's Retirement Report*, *Newsday*, the *New York Post*, the *Naples Daily News*, *Individual Investor*, *TheStreet.com*, and Dow Jones (formerly CBS) Market Watch. Bruce has served on the professional advisory boards of several major charitable organizations. He also was named a New York Super Lawyer in 2010.

Jonathan Ain

Jonathan Ain concentrates his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, public and private offerings (including PIPEs), strategic and troubled company acquisition and disposition transactions, joint ventures and general corporate, securities law and contract matters.

Marc Rosen

Marc Rosen practices corporate and commercial litigation in the state and federal courts as well as before arbitration tribunals and regulatory agencies. Marc frequently represents private investment funds and their advisors and principals with an emphasis on prosecuting and defending complex business disputes; enforcing financial instruments; protecting the rights of stockholders in mergers and acquisitions litigation and corporate control contests; responding to regulatory subpoenas and investigations by the SEC, FINRA and the Department of Justice; advising investment funds owning debt of troubled companies, such as Enron Corporation, Lehman Brothers and Visteon Corporation; representing purchasers of distressed securities in bankruptcy litigation; and advising clients with respect to risk management and litigation avoidance issues.