

Bird Marella Top-Ranked in 2014 Chambers & Partners USA

Chambers & Partners USA (Chambers), widely recognized as one of the primary arbitrators of achievement in the legal profession, ranked Bird Marella among the top litigation firms nationwide.

Additionally, Principals <u>Terry Bird</u>, <u>Vince Marella</u> and <u>Gary Lincenberg</u> have been ranked for their trial and litigation work in white-collar crime and government investigations.

Chambers quotes firm clients as saying, "They are extremely thorough, very detailed, and in terms of court presence and effectiveness, they are extremely good."

Mr. Lincenberg is included in the "Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations" list. Commentators gave him a strong endorsement noting Mr. Lincenberg as, "marvelous" and "very quick and very light on his feet – he is quick to adapt to changing circumstances in the courtroom".

Mr. Bird and Mr. Marella are also ranked as Senior Statesmen and Mr. Bird is also listed as a Nationwide Trial Lawyer. Chambers said Mr. Bird "has deep experience in the field and stands as a major figure in the California white-collar market." Chambers also stated Mr. Marella "is regarded as a leading authority in white-collar criminal defense work, with extensive experience practice in the area".

Bird Marella is ranked in Band 1, the highest ranking, in "Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations". Band 1 firms earn the highest evaluations in technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness and diligence. Chambers ranks the leading law firms and lawyers in an extensive range of practice areas throughout America. The research is in-depth as well as client-focused and the guide is read by industry-leading companies and organizations throughout the US and worldwide. It is also widely used by firms in all states for referral purposes.