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**HARTER SECREST & EMERY STANDS OUT IN THE 2018  
U.S. NEWS - BEST LAWYERS “BEST LAW FIRMS” RANKINGS**

***Firm Earns Two National Rankings, Most Top Tier Metropolitan Rankings in Western New York***

**Rochester, New York, November 1, 2017** – For the eighth consecutive year, Harter Secret & Emery LLP has received the most “Best Law Firms” top tier metropolitan rankings in Western New York (Buffalo and Rochester combined) in the annual rankings released today by [U.S. News - Best Lawyers®](#). The firm received a total of 43 practice group rankings, including two national rankings and 31 top tier metropolitan practice group rankings across an array of practice areas.

Harter Secret & Emery received national rankings in the areas of Corporate Law and Land Use & Zoning Law. The rankings are based on an extensive review process, which includes client evaluations as well as peer review from leading attorneys in their field. For this year’s rankings, *U.S. News and Best Lawyers®* reviewed 13,745 law firms across the United States in 122 practice areas.

“The *U.S. News-Best Lawyers* rankings are among the most in-depth evaluations of law firms, incorporating significant detail and feedback from both clients and others in the legal community,” said Craig S. Wittlin, Harter Secret & Emery Managing Partner. “We are proud of the work we do on behalf of our clients every day. For our clients and colleagues to recognize Harter Secret & Emery in this way is a powerful and meaningful reflection of the commitment every person in our firm brings to helping our clients succeed.”

In addition to the firm’s national rankings for Corporate Law and Land Use & Zoning Law, Harter Secret & Emery’s Buffalo and Rochester offices received metropolitan practice group rankings in the following practice areas (*Tier 1 rankings in italics*):

**Buffalo**

Appellate Practice

Banking & Finance Law

*Closely Held Companies and  
Family Businesses Law*

*Commercial Litigation*

*Construction Law*

*Employment Law - Management*

*Labor Law – Management*

*Litigation – ERISA*

*Litigation – Labor & Employment*

*Mergers & Acquisitions Law*

<i>Corporate Law</i>	Patent Law
Education Law	<i>Public Finance Law</i>
<i>Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law</i>	Real Estate Law

### **Rochester**

<i>Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law</i>	<i>Litigation – Land Use &amp; Zoning</i>
<i>Commercial Litigation</i>	Litigation – Municipal
Construction Law	<i>Litigation – Patent</i>
<i>Corporate Law</i>	Litigation – Real Estate
<i>Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law</i>	<i>Mergers &amp; Acquisitions Law</i>
<i>Environmental Law</i>	<i>Patent Law</i>
<i>Health Care Law</i>	<i>Product Liability Litigation – Defendants</i>
<i>Immigration Law</i>	Public Finance Law
<i>Land Use &amp; Zoning Law</i>	<i>Real Estate Law</i>
<i>Litigation – Construction</i>	Securities/Capital Markets Law
<i>Litigation – Environmental</i>	<i>Tax Law</i>
<i>Litigation – Intellectual Property</i>	<i>Trusts &amp; Estates Law</i>
<i>Litigation – Labor &amp; Employment</i>	

### **U.S. News and Best Lawyers®**

The *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*® "Best Law Firms" rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. To be eligible for a ranking, a law firm must have at least one lawyer listed in the 23rd Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* list for that particular location and specialty. The rankings are posted online at <http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com/>

### **About Harter Secrest & Emery LLP**

Harter Secrest & Emery LLP is a full-service business law firm providing legal services to clients ranging from individuals and family-owned businesses to Fortune 100 companies and major regional institutions. With offices in Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, Corning, and New York City, New York, the firm is a recognized leader in litigation, corporate, employee benefits, environmental and land use, health care, higher education, immigration, intellectual property, labor and employment, real estate,

and trusts and estates law. Harter Secrest & Emery has 31 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* 2018 “Best Law Firms” top tier metropolitan practice group rankings – more Western New York rankings than any other law firm. The firm has been top ranked in *Chambers USA* for Corporate/M&A, Litigation, Immigration and Real Estate law and 42 attorneys are recognized as *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2018. For more information visit [www.hselaw.com](http://www.hselaw.com).

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