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HARTER SECREST & EMERY ATTORNEYS NAMED 'LAWYER OF THE YEAR' BY BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA[®] 2018

Rochester, New York, August 15, 2017 – Harter Secret & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that seven of the firm's attorneys in Rochester and Buffalo have been named “Lawyer of the Year” in their practice area by [The Best Lawyers in America[®] 2018](#).

[Joshua E. Gewolb](#) was honored as the Rochester “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of Tax Law. A member of the firm's [Tax Law](#) practice group, Gewolb has experience with a wide range of federal and state tax matters, and assists both closely-held and publicly traded businesses with corporate transactions, including asset and stock acquisitions, reorganizations, and spin-offs. He maintains an active practice advising [not-for-profit entities](#), including colleges and universities, foundations, and trade associations, on tax and corporate matters. He is a frequent speaker on topics related to taxation.

[Paul W. Holloway](#) was honored as the Rochester “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law. Practice group leader of Harter Secret & Emery's [Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation](#) practice, Holloway has extensive experience designing and drafting employee benefit programs and administrative packages for both business corporations and not-for-profit organizations. He was previously honored by *Best Lawyers[®]* as “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law in 2013, and has been selected to the Upstate New York Super Lawyers list each year since 2007. Holloway is AV Preeminent[®] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

[William A. Hoy IV](#) was honored as the Rochester “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of Corporate Law. Hoy leads Harter Secret & Emery's [Private Equity and Venture Capital](#) practice group. He focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital and general corporate matters, with particular emphasis on the representation of private equity and venture capital funds. He has been recognized in *Chambers USA 2017 America's Leading*

Lawyers in Business, and has been selected to the Upstate New York Super Lawyers list each year since 2012.

[James M. Jenkins](#) was honored as the Rochester “Lawyer of the Year: in the area of Corporate Governance Law. He is the leader of Harter Secrest & Emery’s [Securities](#) practice area. Jenkins represents clients in corporate governance and general [corporate law](#) and securities law matters, including initial and secondary public offerings, private placements, mergers and acquisitions, and securities law compliance. Jenkins continues to serve as general counsel to a number of publicly traded and private equity-backed companies. He was previously honored by *Best Lawyers*[®] as “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of Corporate Law in 2016, and has been has been recognized in *Chambers USA 2017 America’s Leading Lawyers in Business*. Jenkins has also been selected to the Upstate New York Super Lawyers list each year since 2011.

[Anthony D. Mancinelli](#) was honored as the Buffalo “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of Banking and Finance Law. He has practiced for more than 30 years, concentrating in all areas of [corporate law](#), [mergers and acquisitions](#), and [private](#) and [public finance](#). *Best Lawyers*[®] previously honored Mancinelli as “Lawyer of the Year” in the areas of Corporate Law (2017), Banking and Finance Law (2016) and Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2013). He has been recognized in *Chambers USA 2017 America’s Leading Lawyers in Business*, and is AV Preeminent[®] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

[Edward F. Premo, II](#) was honored as the Rochester “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of Litigation – Real Estate. He has extensive experience in [litigation](#) at all levels of state and federal courts, and in challenging federal, state and local statutes and regulations. Premo, who focuses his practice on [environmental](#) and business litigation, was previously honored by *Best Lawyers*[®] as “Lawyer of the Year” in the areas of Litigation – Municipal (2017), Litigation – Real Estate (2016), Land Use and Zoning (2013), and Litigation – Land Use and Zoning (2012). He is AV Preeminent[®] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

[Robert C. Weissflach](#) was honored as the Buffalo “Lawyer of the Year” in the area of Labor Law - Management. A member of Harter Secrest & Emery’s [Labor and Employment](#) practice group, Weissflach has extensive experience in federal and state court litigation, as well as administrative proceedings, involving labor and employment matters on behalf of public and private employers. He also provides day-to-day advice to employers concerning their employment policies, procedures, and practices. Weissflach was previously honored by *Best Lawyers*[®] as “Lawyer of the Year” in the areas of Litigation – Labor and Employment (2015 and 2017) and Labor Law – Management (2013). He is AV Preeminent[®] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

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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 estate law. Harter Secrest & Emery has 33 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* 2017 “Best Law Firms” top tier 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*[®] in 2018. For more information visit www.hselaw.com.

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