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**Taylor Porter Achieves Excellent Ratings from
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Taylor Porter is pleased to announce new high rankings in "*Chambers USA – America's Leading Lawyers for Business.*"

The law firm received honors in the areas of **Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Environment, Labor & Employment, Litigation: General Commercial and Litigation: Securities**. Taylor Porter ranked in the top tier for Employment Law in Louisiana. Seven attorneys were recognized as leaders in their field.

Labor & Employment:

Vicki M. Crochet practices all areas of employment law. Her work has included advising clients regarding policies and procedures; representing them before governmental agencies including the EEOC, OFCCP, the Louisiana Human Rights Commission, and the Louisiana Civil Service Commission; and handling all aspects of employment litigation. Ms. Crochet has also conducted employee training and is a frequent lecturer on employment law issues.

Environment:

Anne J. Crochet represents business and industry by providing regulatory compliance advice, securing permits for new and modified facilities, defending enforcement actions, and protecting interests through litigation. She counsels generators, recyclers, transporters and operators of treatment, storage and disposal facilities in the areas of air, water, and especially solid and hazardous waste management and remediation. She also provides advice on environmental issues in commercial transactions and real estate transfers. Ms. Crochet is a contributing author of *Louisiana Environmental Compliance*, a publication in the West Group Practice Series for Louisiana. She is also an associate editor of the *Louisiana Environmental Handbook* (West Group) and authored the chapter on "Solid Waste Management."

Paul O. Dicharry's practice covers a broad range of environmental and administrative law matters, including regulatory and legislative drafting, contracting, compliance and litigation. Issues handled include permitting and compliance under all media (air, water, waste) regulated by federal and state environmental programs, as well as assessment and impact statements, wetlands, endangered species, natural resource damages, OSHA process safety management, and drafting and interpretation of oil and gas documentation. He has led complex remediation and environmental due diligence teams in several multi-million dollar projects and regularly supervises compliance and self-evaluation audits for clients.

Richard B. Easterling practices in the areas of governmental relations and regulatory matters with a focus on the hospitality industry. Mr. Easterling's regulatory work with the ATC encompasses all phases of alcohol beverage licensing and enforcement. He has represented insurers, automobile manufacturers, gaming companies and consumer data companies on legislative or other governmental issues. Mr. Easterling assists insurers with licensing, compliance, ratemaking, complaint matters at the Department of Insurance and litigation involving insurance related bad faith issues. His practice also includes public procurement protests and related litigation.

Bankruptcy/Restructuring:

Brett P. Furr is engaged primarily in a real estate and commercial litigation practice. In the last several years, his work has been related to commercial bank workout and litigation, including foreclosures, bankruptcies, defense of lender liability suits, forgery cases, wrongful seizure cases, and related matters. Mr. Furr is the former chairman of the Banking Law Section of the National Lawyers Association. Recently, he served on a Task Force to update the Local Court Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. Mr. Furr is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy, bank liability, and related matters.

Litigation: General Commercial:

Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr.'s primary areas of practice include state and federal civil trial and appellate litigation, including banking, commercial, insurance, personal injury, insurance coverage and products liability cases. His practice also includes corporate law, in which he serves as general counsel to several non-profit organizations. Mr. Philips is an adjunct professor of law at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, where he teaches the course on Professional Responsibility (Legal Ethics). He is a frequent lecturer on ethics and professionalism at continuing legal education seminars. He is also the author of several law review articles. Mr. Philips is a retired Major General in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was last assigned as Commanding General, 377th Theater Sustainment Command, New Orleans, Louisiana, where he commanded more than 30,000 Army Reserve soldiers in the United States. Mr. Philips currently serves as the Firm's Managing Partner and is a member of the Firm's Executive Committee.

Litigation: Securities

Fredrick R. Tulley's primary areas of practice include Commercial Litigation, Securities Litigation, Professional Malpractice, Construction, Antitrust, RICO, Commercial Bankruptcy and Insurance Insolvency. He received a B.A. from Louisiana State University in 1970 and his J.D. from the University of Virginia in 1973. Mr. Tulley is admitted to practice in all Louisiana state courts, in the federal district courts for the Middle, Eastern and Western Districts of Louisiana, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

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