

The Business of Our Firm

Dickstein Shapiro is an innovative firm, passionate in its commitment to clients and attorneys. I invite you to explore our firm and see what makes us one of the nation's best.

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OUR FIRM

Dickstein Shapiro LLP is an innovative multiservice law firm dedicated to providing the highest-quality representation to its clients in an environment that is professionally and personally rewarding. Founded in 1953, the Firm employs more than 400 attorneys in Washington, DC, New York, and Los Angeles. Clients include *Fortune* 500 companies, start-up ventures and entrepreneurs, multinational corporations, leading financial institutions, major motion picture studios, charitable organizations, and government officials.

OUR ATTORNEYS

The Firm's greatest asset is its attorneys. With unique perspectives and broad experiences, they deliver the highest-quality legal services in a variety of practice areas. Two attorneys are former U.S. Attorneys, and several others have held significant positions in a U.S. Attorney's office. Dickstein Shapiro attorneys also are former U.S. District and Appellate Court clerks, as well as former members of Congress and White House staff. Former government attorneys hail from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of Justice, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Federal Election Commission. Firm attorneys regularly are recognized as industry leaders by their peers and other independent sources, such as:

- **Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2008):** 23 attorneys and 12 practice areas were recognized.
- **Chambers Global Guide (2008):** The Firm's Energy Practice and two attorneys were featured.
- **Chambers USA Award for Excellence (2008):** The Firm's Insurance Coverage Practice was recognized as the outstanding U.S. Insurance Coverage (Policy Holder) practice.
- **Lawdragon's "Leading Lawyers" (2007):** 22 attorneys were selected as "Leading Lawyers," and four partners were named among the "500 Leading Lawyers in America."

Dickstein Shapiro attorneys are recognized as leaders in their fields by many legal and trade publications and associations, including: *Black Enterprise*, *Business Insurance*, *IP Law & Business*, *Legal Times*, the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, *National Law Journal*, *Washingtonian*, and the Women's Bar Association.

OUR PRACTICE AREAS

The Firm represents clients in diverse industries with a wide variety of requirements. Its core practices involve Dickstein Shapiro in virtually every major form of counseling, litigation, and advocacy.

- **Antitrust & Dispute Resolution**
- **Business & Securities Law**
- **Corporate & Finance**
- **Energy**
- **Government Law & Strategy**
- **Insurance Coverage**
- **Intellectual Property**

OUR RECOGNITIONS

The Firm consistently is ranked as an innovator in the legal industry and recently has been honored by:

- **Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms (2008)**: Ranked as the number one law firm for diversity, as one of the top 20 law firms to work for, and among the 100 most prestigious law firms
- **DC Bar Pro Bono Program's "Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year" (2008)**
- **Washington Business Journal's "Best Places to Work in Greater Washington" (2008)**: Recognized for the third year
- **Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index (2008)**: Named one of the best places to work for LGBT employees
- **The American Lawyer's Midlevel Associates Survey (2007)**: Ranked as the number one firm overall, as well as the number one firm in Washington, DC and New York City, and has ranked among the top five law firms overall since 2005
- **The American Lawyer's "A-List" (2006)**: Named the top law firm in Washington, DC and among the top 10 nationally on the "A-List," which identifies the best U.S. law firms based on revenue per lawyer, pro bono work, associate satisfaction, and diversity

OUR EXPERIENCE

The Firm represents and partners with organizations in diverse industries across the United States and throughout the world. Below is a sampling of the Firm's experience:

- Has partnered with **Bread for the City** since 1977 to provide legal assistance and services to low-income residents of Washington, DC. Attorneys volunteer at Bread for the City's two legal clinics and represent clients in landlord-tenant disputes, Social Security disability benefits disputes, family law, and other matters.
- Represented **Stan Lee**, the renowned creator of such legendary comic book characters as Spider-Man, Daredevil, the Hulk, and X-Men, in his action in New York federal court against Marvel Enterprises to recover under the profit participation provision in his employment agreement with Marvel.
- Achieved \$500-plus million victory on behalf of **Dr. Bruce Saffran** in litigation to protect his patent on a drug-eluting stent system from infringement by Boston Scientific.
- Represented **Loews Corporation** in the \$1.1 billion acquisition of Gulf South Pipeline Company, L.P., which owns an 8,000-mile interstate gas pipeline system.
- Resolved the California electricity crisis for **Duke Energy**, reaching settlements with state Attorneys General, U.S. Attorneys, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and in private class actions.
- Represented clients who assist with **homeland security matters**, including the cleanup of anthrax in U.S. Senate and postal offices, government attempts to isolate biological contaminants in the U.S. mail system, and the nuclear industry's response to possible terrorist attacks.
- Represented a **group of more than 100 plaintiffs** in an action to recover treble damages and attorneys fees for overcharges resulting from price-fixing by manufacturers of bulk vitamins.
- Represented the CEO of **Sunbeam** in connection with a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation and subsequent injunctive proceeding, as well as a parallel grand jury proceeding.
- Represented **Trident Global Water Partners** in connection with the refinancing of a portfolio of Mexican wastewater treatment projects (named a "Deal of the Year" by *Project Finance* magazine).
- Partnered with **Trial Lawyers Care** and **Cantor Fitzgerald** to represent families and individuals who lost loved ones or suffered significant injuries in the September 11th terrorist attacks.
- Devised and executed a strategy to respond to a lead paint lawsuit filed by the Rhode Island Attorney General. The Attorney General voluntarily dismissed the state's claims against our client, **DuPont**, while still pursuing its claims against other defendants to a jury verdict in favor of the state.
- Represents **major motion picture studios, television networks, record companies, and theme parks** in a wide range of insurance coverage litigation, intellectual property disputes, and entertainment transactions.
- Represented **Helmsley-Spear, Inc.**, the real estate management company whose portfolio included the Empire State Building, and its principal owner in multifaceted litigation concerning the management of certain New York City commercial properties.
- Represented the **Federated Family of Mutual Funds** and its Boards of Trustees in connection with civil litigation, state and federal regulatory investigations, and an internal investigation arising from allegations of market timing and late trading in the mutual fund industry.
- The Firm's premier **insurance coverage** practice represents significant corporate, public, and individual insureds in a diverse range of matters, including products liability, asbestos, environmental, complex financial statement misrepresentation and stock option backdating, some of the largest private sector losses from Hurricane Katrina, money laundering and other criminal schemes, and other complex trial and appellate matters.