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**Environmental Law Network Members  
Achieve Exceptional Rankings by Chambers**

August 17, 2006; CLEVELAND, OH -- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2006* and *Chambers Global* recently recognized **eight North American firms** in the **Environmental Law Network (ELN.)** The Environmental Law Network is the only network of environmental law firms sharing expertise and resources across North America, making local environmental representation available through a network of practitioners nationwide. Through ELN, more than 200 environmental attorneys across the country share ideas, information, expertise, and contacts to increase the value and effectiveness of legal representation for their respective clients. Leaders in each of the member firms average more than 20 years of experience in the field.

ELN members use the Network for client matters in three principal ways:

- An attorney in a member firm contacts an attorney in another member firm for informal consultation on a local environmental issue. No confidential information is exchanged, and the consulted attorney is not told the name of the client and does not bill for time.
- One member firm engages another for a discrete portion of a specific environmental matter. The consulted firm provides guidance on the laws of the jurisdiction in which it practices, or contacts within local environmental agencies.
- The consulted firm is asked to handle the entire matter in a typical referral fashion.

Each firm in the network maintains its independent status and sole responsibility for professional services and fees, consistent with all applicable ethical standards.

London-based Chambers & Partners publishes *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as well as a U.K. edition and several other legal directories and publications. To determine the rankings of individual firms and attorneys, a team of 40 researchers conducted more than 10,000 interviews with clients and attorneys during a six-month period in late 2005. The interviews assessed technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.

*Chambers* gave **26 ELN member lawyers individual recognition**. Recognized firms include:

**Bergeson & Campbell, PC**  
1203 19th Street NW, Suite 300  
**Washington, DC 20036 USA**  
**Individual attorney recognition:**  
**Lynne Bergeson**

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**Cascadia Law Group, PLLC (firm recognition)**

1201 Third Avenue, Suite 320  
Seattle, Washington 98101 USA  
Individual attorney recognition:  
**Rodney L. Brown**

**Chisenhall, Nestrud & Julian, PA**

400 West Capitol, Suite 2840  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 USA  
Individual attorney recognition:  
**Charles Nestrud**

**Guida, Slavich & Flores, PC (firm recognition)**

750 North St. Paul Street, Suite 200  
Dallas, Texas 75201 USA  
Individual attorney recognition:  
**John Slavich**  
**Gregg Cooke**  
**Jean Flores**

**Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP**

1675 Broadway, Suite 2300  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
Individual attorney recognition:  
**Sarah M Rockwell**  
**Stephen H Kaplan**

**Karaganis, White & Magel, LTD (firm recognition)**

414 North Orleans Street, Suite 810  
Chicago, Illinois 60610 USA  
Individual attorney recognition:  
**Bruce White**  
**Joseph Karaganis**

**Lewis, Longman & Walker, PA (firm recognition)**

1700 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Suite 1000  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 USA  
Individual attorney recognition:  
**Terry Lewis**  
**Steve Walker**  
**Steve Lewis**

**Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (firm recognition)**

401 City Avenue, Suite 500  
Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004 USA  
Individual attorney recognition:  
**Joseph M. Manko**  
**Bart E. Cassidy**  
**Robert D. Fox**  
**Marc E. Gold**  
**Michael M. Meloy**  
**Jonathan H. Spergel**

**McMahon DeGulis, LLP (firm recognition)**

812 Huron Rd. #650

**Cleveland, Ohio 44115 USA**

**Individual attorney recognition:**

**Michael McMahon**

**David Nash**

**Sive, Paget & Riesel, PC (firm recognition)**

460 Park Avenue

**New York, NY 10022 USA**

**Individual attorney recognition:**

**Daniel Riesel**

**Mark Chertok**

**Dave Paget**

**Stikeman Elliott, LLP (firm recognition)**

5300 Commerce Court West, 199 Bay Street

**Toronto, Ontario M5L 1B9 Canada**

**Individual attorney recognition in Energy:**

**C Kemm Yates QC**

**David A. Holgate**

Three ELN firms were rated as Band One, Chambers' highest ranking: **Sive, Paget & Riesel** (New York), **Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox** (Pennsylvania), and the **Cascadia Law Group** (Washington).

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