

Press Release

Chambers USA Award Recipients

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Munsch Hardt, a law firm with over 100 attorneys and offices in Dallas, Houston and Austin, Texas, announced that William (Chip) T. Cavanaugh, Michael A. Krywucki and Russell L. Munsch have been named among the "Leaders in Their Field" by Chambers USA. Munsch Hardt also received awards nominations in both the Bankruptcy/Restructuring and Real Estate practice groups. Published since 1999, Chambers USA is a guide that is published each annum by "researching the United States legal profession, identifying the leading lawyers and law firms through interviews with thousands of lawyers and their clients," said Chambers USA. "Firms and individuals must be recommended to merit inclusion. Our researchers conduct interviews with clients and other lawyers to build up a picture of the sector and of the leading players within it. We use this research to compile our ranking tables. Position in the tables is determined solely by reputation in the market and the knowledge of the profession accumulated by our editorial staff."

William (Chip) T. Cavanaugh

Chip is the Section Head of the firm's Real Estate group, which consists of over 30 attorneys in Dallas, Houston and Austin, Texas. His practice focuses on real estate, hospitality and health care companies with respect to a variety of real estate, corporate/securities and general business matters. In his career, Chip has represented investors, developers, private equity funds, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT's), management companies, lenders and corporations in the acquisition, financing, development, leasing, management and sale of office, retail, multifamily, industrial, hospitality, health care, seniors' housing and residential properties. Chip has particular experience in the formation of partnerships, joint ventures and funds for the investment of capital in real estate opportunities. Chip received his Juris Doctor from the University of Notre Dame Law School and his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business Administration, graduating cum laude, from Southern Methodist University.

Michael A. Krywucki

Michael has a broad base of experience in real estate including development, acquisition/disposition, leasing (landlord/tenant), financing, liquidation, recapitalization and joint ventures. Michael's practice spans all major types of real estate such as office, industrial, retail, multifamily, condominiums (office and residential), hospitality and medical facilities (specialty hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and medical office buildings). Michael also represents investment funds that acquire or take an equity position in real estate or real estate based companies. His representation of funds often requires the coordination and supervision of large teams of personnel to perform due diligence on the target company and/or assets, the documentation and negotiation of investment, acquisition and financing documents and ultimately serving as an outside General Counsel in most cases. Additionally, he has developed expertise in the hospitality industry through the representation of developers and investors in hotels and restaurants. Over the past several years, he has also represented owners and operators of entertainment based facilities, National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) style racing schools and concert venues. Michael received his Juris Doctor, graduating magna cum laude, from Oklahoma City University School of Law and Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Oklahoma.

Russell L. Munsch

Russ is one of the firm's founding partners and serves as Section Head of the Insolvency, Restructuring & Creditors' Rights group, which consists of over 20 attorneys in Dallas, Houston and Austin, Texas. He has also served as the firm's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of the firm's Management

Committee. His experience relates to all phases of creditor rights, insolvency, bankruptcy and commercial law. His primary emphasis during the last several years has been in the representation of major creditors, bank groups and financial institutions in large loan workouts, restructure and bankruptcies. Russ represents trustees and creditors committees in cases throughout the country and has also served as trustee and examiner in cases in Texas. Russ received his Juris Doctor, graduating cum laude, from the University of Houston Law Center and Bachelor of Arts, graduating magna cum laude, from The University of Texas at Austin.

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