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**HARTER SECREST & EMERY EARNS HIGH HONORS IN 2019  
U.S. NEWS - BEST LAWYERS “BEST LAW FIRMS” RANKINGS**

***Firm Earns Two National Rankings, Most Tier 1 Metropolitan Rankings in Western New York***

**Rochester, New York, November 1, 2018** – For the ninth consecutive year, Harter Secret & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, has received the most [\*U.S. News - Best Lawyers\*](#)<sup>®</sup> “Best Law Firms” Tier 1 metropolitan rankings in Western New York (Buffalo and Rochester combined) in the annual rankings released today. The firm received a total of 47 practice group rankings, including two national rankings and 35 Tier 1 Metropolitan practice group rankings across an array of practice areas.

Harter Secret & Emery once again received national rankings in the areas of Corporate Law and Land Use & Zoning Law. The rankings are based on an extensive review process, which includes client evaluations as well as peer review from leading attorneys in their field. For this year’s rankings, *U.S. News* and *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> reviewed more than 14,000 law firms across the United States in 122 practice areas.

“The *U.S. News-Best Lawyers* rankings reflect a significant level of detail and feedback from clients and others in the legal community,” said Craig S. Wittlin, Harter Secret & Emery Managing Partner. “The client feedback, in particular, is the ultimate measure by which we view ourselves. Helping clients achieve their goals is the reason our firm was founded nearly 125 years ago, and remains our top priority. The fact that Harter Secret & Emery has maintained a leading position in the ‘Best Law Firms’ rankings for nearly a decade is a reflection of our firm-wide commitment to that founding principle.”

In addition to the firm’s national rankings for Corporate Law and Land Use & Zoning Law, Harter Secret & Emery’s Buffalo and Rochester offices received metropolitan practice group rankings in the following practice areas (*Tier 1 rankings in italics*):

**Buffalo**

Appellate Practice	Insurance Law
Banking & Finance Law	<i>Labor Law – Management</i>
<i>Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law</i>	<i>Litigation – ERISA</i>
<i>Commercial Litigation</i>	<i>Litigation – Labor &amp; Employment</i>
<i>Construction Law</i>	<i>Mergers &amp; Acquisitions Law</i>
<i>Corporate Law</i>	Patent Law
Education Law	<i>Public Finance Law</i>
<i>Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law</i>	Real Estate Law
<i>Employment Law - Management</i>	

**Rochester**

<i>Banking and Finance Law</i>	<i>Litigation – Intellectual Property</i>
<i>Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law</i>	<i>Litigation – Labor &amp; Employment</i>
<i>Commercial Litigation</i>	<i>Litigation – Land Use &amp; Zoning</i>
Construction Law	Litigation – Municipal
<i>Copyright Law</i>	<i>Litigation - Patent</i>
<i>Corporate Governance Law</i>	<i>Litigation – Real Estate</i>
<i>Corporate Law</i>	<i>Mergers &amp; Acquisitions Law</i>
<i>Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law</i>	<i>Patent Law</i>
<i>Environmental Law</i>	<i>Product Liability Litigation - Defendants</i>
<i>Health Care Law</i>	Public Finance Law
<i>Immigration Law</i>	<i>Real Estate Law</i>
<i>Land Use &amp; Zoning Law</i>	Securities/Capital Markets Law
<i>Litigation – Construction</i>	<i>Tax Law</i>
<i>Litigation – Environmental</i>	<i>Trusts &amp; Estates Law</i>

### **U.S. News and Best Lawyers®**

The *U.S. News and Best Lawyers*® “Best Law Firms” rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. To be eligible for a ranking, a law firm must have at least one lawyer listed in the current edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* list for that particular location and specialty. The rankings are posted online at <http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com/>

### **About Harter Secrest & Emery LLP**

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 estates law. Harter Secrest & Emery has 35 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* 2019 “Best Law Firms” top tier metropolitan 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 45 attorneys are recognized as *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2019. For more information visit [www.hselaw.com](http://www.hselaw.com).

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