

The latest edition of *Chambers USA* says:

The Firm:

Baach Robinson & Lewis is acknowledged by the market to be one of Washington, DC's "high-quality and sophisticated" law firms with specialist insurance knowledge. The 35-strong niche outfit fields 18 lawyers with a deep understanding of the London and Lloyd's insurance markets. Sources agree that this compact firm is "extremely prominent in its field," with particular strength in asbestos and environmental-related matters. The team handles the full gamut of work, from coverage disputes and counseling to reinsurance and insurance legislative matters.

Clients conceded: "Diplomacy and the ability to communicate effectively run throughout the firm." Lawyers are described as "gentlemanly, courteous, and able to conduct everything with style. They know what we want and we know what they can produce."

Highlights for the group include obtaining a summary judgment dismissing all claims on behalf of a domestic US managing general underwriter and a London market company. The firm also filed suit on behalf of certain underwriters at Lloyd's and London market insurance companies in a Missouri state court. It sought rescission of four insurance policies covering excess worker's compensation claims of General Dynamics; after trial before a special master it was granted rescission of two of the policies and limited damages on the other two.

The Lawyers:

"First-class" lawyer **Marty Baach** is "the go-to guy for Lloyd's work." Instilled with "a wonderful sense of what's realistic and practical," he is also blessed with "excellent judgment and strategic wisdom of how to address a problem." He acts mostly in a counseling capacity, in addition to going to court on an appellate and trial court basis.

Trial lawyer **Joe Ruby** appears in *Chambers* after attracting attention as a "skilled and thoughtful litigator who has done some creative thinking on how to address bankruptcy cases." Peers were full of praise for work on a particular bankruptcy case, noting that Ruby was "definitely a diligent and thorough individual - when you go to court with him, you just know he'll be prepared."