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Groom Practices and Attorneys Receive High Rankings in The Legal 500 US 2023

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Groom Law Group, Chartered continues to receive recognition by [*The Legal 500 US*](#) as a Tier 1 firm for ‘Employee Benefits, Executive Compensation, and Retirement Plans: Design.’ Groom was also recognized in its ‘ERISA Litigation’ and ‘Healthcare: Health Insurers’ categories.

Many Groom attorneys earned individual recognition in *The Legal 500 US* for their work:

- [Sarah Adams](#) (Leading Lawyers)
- [Jon Breyfogle](#) (Hall of Fame)
- [Lisa Campbell](#) (Leading Lawyers)
- [Lars Golumbic](#) (Leading Lawyers)
- [David Levine](#) (Leading Lawyers)
- [Mark Lofgren](#) (Hall of Fame)
- [Michael Prame](#) (Hall of Fame)
- [Ryan Temme](#) (Next Generation Partners)

Excerpts from the guide are below.

[Labor and Employment: Employee Benefits, Executive Compensation, and Retirement Plans: Design:](#) Washington DC-based boutique firm Groom Law Group, Chartered’s experienced team handles the provision of the full spectrum of benefits, health and retirement matters, advising a range of plan sponsors on plan design, compliance and addressing new legal developments, alongside providing counsel to a number of financial institutions that provide products and services in the benefits area. Standout partner [David Levine](#) advises an array of clients on employee benefits matters, including both retirement and executive compensation to health and welfare plan matters, while [Jon Breyfogle](#) is experienced in fiduciary and health matters. [Jennifer Eller](#) advises large corporate and public plan sponsors on all aspects of ERISA fiduciary compliance, and [Brigen Winters](#) counsels a range of clients on a variety of matters, with a notable legislative focus. [Michael Kreps](#) has expertise in benefit plan recordkeeping and the development of financial and insurance

products. [Daniel Hogans](#) advises clients on a wide range of employee benefits and executive compensation matters, with [Christine Keller](#) focusing on the administration of welfare benefit plans, cafeteria plans, health savings accounts, and other employee benefit

arrangements. Bolstering the team is [Mark Lofgren](#), who specializes in the handling of tax-qualified and nonqualified retirement plan arrangements.

Labor and Employment: ERISA Litigation: Groom Law Group, Chartered focuses its attention on the defense of ERISA class actions, including those relating to breach of fiduciary duties, 401(k) excessive fee and investment strategy, employer stock, defined pension plans, actuarial equivalence. The practice is led by [Lars Golumbic](#) and [William Delany](#): Golumbic is well-regarded for his involvement in class actions involving plan sponsors and fiduciaries and service providers as well as DOL investigations and enforcement matters, while Delany shares this focus along with [Michael Prame](#), advising on ERISA class actions regarding plan administration, stock drops and fiduciary duties. [Mark Nielsen](#) has represented insurance companies and health plan sponsors in cases relating to fiduciary duties and defective COBRA notices and [Sarah Adams](#) concentrates on class actions and government investigations, litigating on behalf of plan sponsors, fiduciaries facing allegations of ERISA violations, focusing on ESOPs, imprudent investment, actuarial malpractice and church plan putative class actions. [Samuel Levin](#) and [Edward Meehan](#) are also key contacts within the practice. All named lawyers are based in Washington DC.

Healthcare: Health Insurers: In the healthcare insurer space, Groom Law Group, Chartered stands out for its focus on providing expert regulatory advice, advising its clients on all aspects of federal and state regulations concerning healthcare delivery services and insurers. In particular, the firm regularly advises major health insurance companies on Medicare coverage rules, HIPAA privacy requirements, and insurer responsibilities under the Mental Health Parity Act. Additionally, 2022 has seen the firm advising employers, insurers, and health plan administrators on the full range of legal implications arising from federal and state law changes in the wake of the Dobbs decision. Jointly led by [Jon Breyfogle](#) and [Lisa Campbell](#), who both have significant government experience, the team is based in Washington DC. They are supported by ACA specialists [Seth Perretta](#) and [Ryan Temme](#), whose work focuses on the requirements of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, as well as ACA compliance.