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Groom Ranks High in the 2016 US Legal 500

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Groom Law Group continues to be ranked nationally as a #1 tier firm for Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation and a top firm for both ERISA Litigation and Health in the 2016 edition of The US Legal 500. Excerpts from the Guide are below.

Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation At Washington DC-based tax and benefits specialist Groom Law Group, the depth and breadth of expertise is *unparalleled in the niche area it operates in*; the *top-tier* firm has a strong reputation for the finer points of employee health and pension plan management. Lawyers including Gary Ford (*one of the pre-eminent attorneys in his field*), Elizabeth Dold and David Kaleda (*very knowledgeable, responsive and efficient*) advise Fortune 500 companies on de-risking transactions; Lars Golumbic manages the plan funding and restructuring side of the practice; and Jon Breyfogle and Seth Perretta assist with employee healthcare plans. John McGuinness leads the executive compensation team, which also includes Jeff Witt, whose work straddles executive matters and qualified retirement plans.

ERISA Litigation In Washington DC, single-office labor boutique Groom Law Group handles a range of regulatory matters regarding ERISA funds as well as class action litigation. Lars Golumbic and Sarah Adams defended two major religion-affiliated healthcare systems in class action disputes regarding their status as church plans outside the aegis of ERISA. In the multi-employer plans field, Edward Meehan acted for a fund in a \$100m withdrawal liability arbitration brought by an employer, while Mark Nielsen handles issues such as the Affordable Care Acts connection to ERISA. Other clients include the Bert Bell/Pete Rozelle NFL Players Retirement Plan, which of counsel Michael Junk represented in a dispute with players concerning retirement and disability benefits.

Healthcare: Health Insurers Groom Law Group is noted in particular for its expertise in employee benefits and ERISA matters. The team is *very accessible, very conscientious about possible conflicts of interest* and *well connected within the industry*, according to clients. The firm has advised a number of large health insurers and third-party health plan administrators in connection with healthcare reform in the US. Seth Perretta is *very responsive and helpful* and *provides keen insight*; Allison Ullman is *a great attorney, who is well rounded in both the health and retirement fields*.

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Congratulations to the 13 attorneys individually recognized for their outstanding work. Jon Breyfogle, Michael Prame and Mark Lofgren were also highlighted on the elite leading lawyers list.