

News

Groom Recognized as Top-Tier Firm for Employee Benefits by Chambers USA 2024

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Chambers USA has featured Groom in their 2024 guide, issuing rankings that cover every area of the firms' practices. Groom is ranked in the Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, ERISA Litigation, and Healthcare categories, and many Groom attorneys have received individual rankings and highly favorable accolades from clients. Groom also retained the sole top ranking in Washington, D.C. for Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation for the 19th consecutive year.

Specializing in all aspects of benefits, health and retirement law, Groom was founded in the wake of a landmark regulatory development—the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Today, with over 90 attorneys practicing in the field, Groom has the largest ERISA and benefits practice in the United States, solving complicated legal issues for a variety of clients in finance, retirement, health care, and the public sector. In addition, as informed by decades of experience, Groom's widely-recognized litigation practice maneuvers the complex, dynamic landscape of employer, health, and pension-related litigation to successfully represent clients in federal and state courts, arbitrations, and government investigations across the country.

Clients declare Groom as being “able to provide insight into the industry as well providing analysis of complex questions facing our company,” and that, “Groom has the expertise to handle complex and sophisticated matters.”

Chambers states that “Groom Law Group, Chartered is a boutique employee benefits firm celebrated for its breadth, advising on the full panoply of employee benefits and compensation issues including health and welfare, ERISA Title I fiduciary responsibility matters, multiemployer plans and executive compensation arrangements. The group regularly advises corporate clients on the design and implementation of various executive compensation arrangements, including deferred compensation and equity compensation plans.”

Firm Rankings

- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, DC (Band 1)
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- **ERISA Litigation**, Nationwide (*Band 2*)
- **Healthcare**, DC (*Band 5*)

Individual Lawyers Rankings

- **Jon Breyfogle** – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, DC (*Band 3*)
Sources say: *“He is a very sharp lawyer.”*
- **Lisa Campbell** – Healthcare, DC (*Band 5*)
Sources say: *“Lisa always provides sound legal advice and has a wealth of knowledge”* and *“She is very knowledgeable and helpful with her expertise.”*
- **Elizabeth Drake** – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, DC (*Band 3*)
Sources say: *“She is extraordinarily knowledgeable about defined benefit plans and has deep technical expertise.”*
- **Jennifer Eller** – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, DC (*Band 3*)
Sources say: *“Jennifer gets me to the right people. She is superb and does not leave me waiting around for emails.”*
- **Lars Golumbic** – ERISA Litigation, Nationwide (*Band 1*), Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, DC (*Band 4*)
Sources say: *“Lars is very well regarded,”* and *“Lars is absolutely terrific and is very practical. He has a great deal of institutional knowledge when it comes to ERISA litigation.”*
- **Christine Keller** – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, DC (*Band 1*)
Chambers says: *“Christine Keller is particularly well known for her expertise in health and welfare plans.”*
- **David Levine** – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, DC (*Band 1*)
Sources say: *“David has been excellent – very attentive and responsive.”*
- **Louis Mazawey** – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, DC (*Senior Statesperson*)
Chambers says: *“Louis Mazawey enjoys a great reputation for his wide-ranging expertise in employee benefits and compensation. He provides counsel on the design and administration of a broad array of benefits and compensation plans.”*
- **Seth Perretta** – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation, DC (*Band 3*)
Chambers says: *“Seth Perretta is called upon to advise clients on ERISA and tax issues pertaining to employee benefit plans, including retirement and health and welfare plans.”*
- **Michael Prame** – ERISA Litigation, Nationwide (*Band 3*)
Sources say: *“He’s very knowledgeable in the area and very personable. He has a great advocacy style which invokes a lot of faith.”*

What Clients Say About Groom

- Clients praise Groom as being *“very responsive to our concerns and needs.”*
- One source states that *“The team does a great job of handling complex matters and the attorneys have a wealth of knowledge.”*