



Legal 500 United States – 2015

The 2015 edition of The Legal 500 United States recognized the firm in four practice areas with 11 lawyers receiving recommendation.

Finance - Financial Services: Litigation

Washington DC-based financial services boutique BuckleySandler LLP has quickly become established in the market as a 'go-to-firm' across the spectrum of consumer finance issues affecting clients in the industry including mortgage origination regulations and securitization issues, fair lending and consumer privacy issues. With 25 partners at its disposal, the firm has the critical mass to handle work proceeding across a range of regulatory enforcement/investigation avenues, as well as in private litigation. 'Very accomplished in matters before the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)', the firm has recently settled a case for Flagstar Bank in a CFPB investigation into its default servicing loss mitigation practice; notably this was the first CFPB enforcement action based on the newly promulgated mortgage servicing rules. Name partner **Andrew Sandler** is particularly knowledgeable in issues surrounding fair lending and recently negotiated a settlement for National City Bank in a joint CFPB and DOJ investigation looking into allegations that its discretionary policies in its mortgage lending business disparately impacted African American and Hispanic borrowers. **Benjamin Klubes** is also recommended.

Finance - Financial Services: Regulatory

Financial services boutique BuckleySandler LLP continues to be 'incredibly prolific' in the consumer finance space, where it provides 'clear, concise and practical guidance' to clients engaged in CFPB examinations, investigations and enforcement actions, in addition to discrete advisory work and regulatory mandates pursuant to transactional work. Based in Washington DC and with more than 150 lawyers active in the area, the team covers every major area of retail banking and consumer finance, including mortgage loan origination and servicing, credit cards, auto loans, student loans, payday loans, mobile payments and e-commerce. Founding members **Andrew Sandler** and **Jeremiah Buckley** have tremendous credibility in the industry as a result of their track record for many of the leading banks and financial services companies across the gamut of regulatory issues affecting their consumer finance facing businesses. **Andrea Mitchell** focuses her practice on fair and responsible banking matters.

Litigation - White-Collar Criminal Defense

Considered to be 'on the rise', BuckleySandler LLP is particularly known for its successful defense of individuals in FCPA, financial fraud, and environmental law matters. **David Krakoff**, 'a thorough, capable lawyer who is willing to try cases', leads a team that includes the 'organized and proactive' **Benjamin Klubes** and **Christopher Regan** who is singled out as being 'detail oriented and with very particular knowledge in the environmental area'. As well as currently representing senior executives in international Government enforcement actions relating to LIBOR and Forex manipulation, the team is also defending Aruze in a criminal DOJ inquiry, civil litigation in Nevada state court, and an administrative matter before the Nevada Gaming Control Board. The team's diverse practice extends to international data privacy and **Samuel Buffone** assisted with the acquittal of two Google officers in a criminal data privacy case in Italy. **Andrew Schilling** is the main contact in New York. All other named partners are based in Washington DC.

Media, Technology and Telecoms - Technology: Data Protection and Privacy

Margo Tank and **Elizabeth McGinn** co-head the privacy, cyber risk and data security practice at BuckleySandler LLP. Recent mandates include advising a joint venture between AT&T Mobility LLC, T-Mobile USA and Verizon Wireless in building Softcard, a national mobile commerce and payment venture; Tank led on the matter, with support from associate **James Shreve** who has impressed as an 'excellent financial services privacy counsel member'. McGinn, based in New York, 'exceeds expectations on response turnaround times', has 'strong industry knowledge in data security and privacy', and is 'able to walk the fine line between operational efficiency and regulatory compliance' when developing IT policies. The firm is particularly noted for its strength in developing wireless security policies, media disposal policies and identity theft prevention programs. Individuals mentioned are located in Washington DC unless otherwise stated.

