

Steve Berman Named One of 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America

SEATTLE – Attorney Steve W. Berman, managing partner and co-founder of Seattle-based Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP, was today named one of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America by *The National Law Journal*.

This is the third time Berman has received this honor, landing on the last two iterations of this prestigious list, in 2000 and 2006. The publication made its selections based on nominees' political clout, legal results, media presence, and business and thought leadership. *The National Law Journal* cited Berman's impressive track record of getting results for his clients as the area in which he particularly excels.

"Landmark consumer cases are business as usual for Steve Berman," writes *The National Law Journal* in the feature, highlighting Berman's recent work as co-lead counsel in negotiating a \$1.3 billion settlement for consumers from Toyota Motor Corp. following claims of sudden, unexplained acceleration in many of its vehicles.

"Whether it is a massive case like Toyota, which affects thousands of motorists across the country, or representing a single patent-holder seeking to uphold their intellectual property rights against a Fortune 50 company, we've built a firm that delivers top-notch results through legal innovation and our aggressive, thoughtful approach to cases," said Berman.

"We work hard to achieve successful outcomes for our clients, and it's a great honor to see this work recognized," he added.

The National Law Journal chose attorneys it feels are shaping the legal world through their work, and made note of some of Berman's current cases, including antitrust litigation involving e-book pricing.

In the lawsuit, filed against Apple Inc. and five of the nation's top publishers, HBSS alleges that collusion between the parties has led to a fix on e-book pricing that has kept other retailers, including Amazon.com, from offering discounts to customers.

"Recognition is also due to my more than 50 attorney colleagues at our 10 offices across the country who have helped build the HBSS brand, driving success in all we do," said Berman.

More information on Berman, the firm and its cases is available at www.hbsslw.com