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Stephen Susman once again named Commercial Litigation Lawyer of the Year

Stephen Susman of Susman Godfrey LLP has been named Commercial Litigation Lawyer of the Year 2007 in the Who's Who Legal Awards. This is the second consecutive time he has been recognized in this way, having also won the award last year.

With the benefit of more than ten years of independent research, Who's Who Legal used the thousands of nominations it has received from clients and private practice professionals to identify the leading individual and firm in 27 practice areas. The winners were formally announced in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2007*, a compendium edition of all the individual Who's Who Legal publications which was released in April.

Editor in chief Callum Campbell said: "It is an outstanding achievement to win the *Who's Who Legal; The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* Commercial Litigation Lawyer of the Year Award for a second time. Stephen Susman's continuing success demonstrates a consistent and unparalleled level of performance and service to clients. We have no hesitation in declaring him the world's leading commercial litigator".

The awards are based on a number of factors, including the feedback received in the ongoing research process, past performance in the research and the overall aggregate number of weighted votes cast in their favor. In addition to identifying the leading firm and individual in each practice area, the awards also recognize the overall leading firm in 48 countries and five US states. Who's Who Legal lists only the leading practitioners in each field, based exclusively on the findings of a six month independent research process.

The book is distributed free of charge to thousands of corporate counsel and private practice lawyers from around the world. The information is also available without charge on www.WhosWhoLegal.com and is updated on a daily basis.

In 2006, Who's Who Legal's parent company Law Business Research was recognized by The Queen's Awards for Enterprise in the area of international trade, having demonstrated significant growth in overseas earnings and commercial success. These awards are the most prestigious a British company can receive, and are made annually by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister, assisted by an advisory committee drawn from government, industry and commerce and the trade unions. In addition, Who's Who Legal is also the official research partner of the International Bar Association.

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