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**MACKIE SHEA O'BRIEN, PC
RECEIVES ACCOLADES FROM CHAMBERS USA**

The boutique environmental law firm of Mackie Shea O'Brien, PC, has been recognized in the 2013 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. The firm ranked among the top Massachusetts firms for its environmental practice. Chambers commended the MSO team for its "considerable experience with federal and state regulators," which it draws upon "to assist clients with permitting, licensing and enforcement defense." Chambers quotes sources as saying the firm's attorneys "are supportive, attentive and professional." The firm was recognized for its established expertise in solid waste work and an emerging strength in renewable energy.

Each of the firm's shareholders, Thomas A. Mackie, John F. Shea, and Michelle N. O'Brien, was highlighted as a leader in the environmental bar. Chambers noted that Michelle O'Brien "receives nothing but praise from her clients" and quoted sources describing her as a "fearless litigator" and "an excellent and patient attorney." According to Chambers' sources, John Shea is described as a "dean of the environment Bar" who "senses what is appropriate, what [the client's] philosophy and goals are, and then works with [the client] to come to a win-win situation." Tom Mackie is noted for his strong reputation in solid waste work and recent work in renewable energy for which he is "equally adept." Sources commend him for "understanding the technical complexities of the project."

Selection for recognition by Chambers USA is an honor. Chambers conducts independent research that includes interviews with clients, written questionnaires, and interviews with peers. Chambers ranks law firms and attorneys based on specific qualities such as technical legal ability, professional conduct, and client service, among others.

Mackie Shea O'Brien, PC concentrates in environmental, land use, and renewable energy law and related litigation. The firm's office is located in the Back Bay of Boston.

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