



Signature Bank Ranks Number One in Three Categories of the New York Law Journal’s Ninth Annual “Best Of” Survey

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Bank Named Best Business Bank, Best Private Bank and Best Attorney Escrow Services Provider; Ranks in Top Three of Best Business Bank Category for Ninth Consecutive Year

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep. 24, 2018-- [Signature Bank](#) (Nasdaq: SBNY), a New York-based full-service commercial bank, announced today it has been named Best Business Bank, Best Private Bank and Best Attorney Escrow Services provider by the [New York Law Journal](#) in its [ninth annual survey](#) of the New York legal community. The rankings are part of the publication’s “Best of” survey supplement (formerly Reader Rankings). Furthermore, 2018 also marks the ninth straight year that Signature Bank has earned a top three position in one or more of those same categories, thereby earning the institution a place in *New York Law Journal*’s Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is awarded to companies that have placed in “Best of” for at least three of the past four years.

Since 2010 when the *New York Law Journal* began its Reader Rankings, Signature Bank has consistently secured the top spot or ranked in the top three in the Best Business Bank, Best Private Bank and Best Attorney Escrow Services provider categories. For the past nine consecutive years, Signature Bank has been voted the Best Business Bank four times. It is also the eighth consecutive year Signature Bank was named in the top three of the Best Private Bank category (number one twice), and the seventh consecutive year it appeared in the top three in the Best Attorney Escrow Services provider category, including ranking number one for the fourth time.

CATEGORY	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Best Business Bank	#1	#2	#1	#1	#1	#2	#3	#3	#2
Best Private Bank	#1	#1	#2	#2	#2	#2	#3	#2	--
Best Attorney Escrow Services provider	#1	#1	#2	#1	#2	#1	#2	--	--

The rankings, which were revealed in the September 24, 2018 edition of the New York-area’s leading legal trade publication, reflect the votes of 9,500+ attorneys and other legal professionals, who were presented an opportunity to vote in more than 80 legal-related categories. The voting process is purely democratic, and results represent the candid opinions of *New York Law Journal* readers and members of the New York legal community.

“To be recognized as number one in all three categories is extremely rewarding for all our colleagues. Signature Bank’s single-point-of-contact, client-centric model has enabled us to stand out, particularly in the legal arena, where we serve many loyal clients. The trust and confidence Signature Bank earned from the legal professionals with whom we work are the reasons we received top placement in all three categories, and also why we continually secured top billing over the past nine years since the *New York Law Journal*’s survey began,” said Signature Bank President and Chief Executive Officer Joseph J. DePaolo.

“We thank our clients for their ongoing commitment to Signature Bank, and our colleagues for their unrelenting dedication. We very much appreciate the opportunity to serve the legal community, and remain dedicated to catering to its needs. We are gratified by the time our clients took to cast their votes and for the trust they put in our institution each and every day. We also thank the *New York Law Journal* for this forum and the chance to be recognized across the New York area’s legal sector,” DePaolo explained.

The *New York Law Journal* is a reliable news source for attorneys, designed to keep the fast-paced New York-area legal community up-to-date on industry trends and developments. The publication is owned by [ALM](#), a global leader in specialized business news and information serving the legal, real estate, consulting, insurance and investment advisory industries.

About Signature Bank

Signature Bank, member FDIC, is a New York-based full-service commercial bank with [30 private client offices](#) throughout the New York metropolitan area, including those in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Westchester, Long Island, Queens, the Bronx, Staten Island and Connecticut. In 2018, the Bank expanded its footprint on the West Coast with the opening of its first full-service private client banking office in San Francisco. The Bank’s growing network of private client banking teams serves the needs of privately owned businesses, their owners and senior managers.

Signature Bank’s specialty finance subsidiary, Signature Financial, LLC, provides equipment finance and leasing. Signature Securities Group Corporation, a wholly owned Bank subsidiary, is a licensed broker-dealer, investment adviser and member FINRA/SIPC, offering investment, brokerage, asset management and insurance products and services.

Since commencing operations in May 2001, the Bank has grown to \$45.22 billion in assets, \$34.15 billion in loans, \$34.99 billion in deposits, \$4.15 billion in equity capital and \$3.49 billion in other assets under management as of June 30, 2018. Signature Bank’s Tier 1 and risk-based capital ratios are significantly above the levels required to be considered well capitalized.

Signature Bank is ranked the 40th largest bank in the U.S. from nearly 6,000, based on deposits (*SNL Financial*). The Bank recently earned several third-party recognitions, including: appeared on [Forbes’ Best Banks in America](#) list for the eighth consecutive year in 2018; named Best Business

Bank, Best Private Bank and Best Attorney Escrow Services provider by the [New York Law Journal](#) in the publication's [annual "Best of" survey for 2018](#), earning it a place in the *New York Law Journal's* Hall of Fame, awarded to companies that have ranked in the "Best of" Survey for at least three of the past four years.

For more information, please visit www.signatureny.com.

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