

JOSEPH BABITS RECENTLY SELECTED AS TOP LAWYER OF THE DECADE BY IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) world's prestigious branding organization will honor Joseph Babits at their annual awards gala in NYC

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, January 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Joseph Babits, distinguished attorney, was recently selected as Top Lawyer of the Decade, awarded by the International Association of [Top Professionals](#) (IAOTP).

Inclusion in the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) is a prestigious honor, and each year, only one business leader is selected for this distinction. Joseph Babits is celebrated for his exceptional career in the legal industry, spanning over three decades. His dedication and outstanding contributions to the field have earned him this well-deserved recognition. IAOTP is proud to honor Joseph Babits at their Annual [Awards Gala](#) in December 2026 at the iconic Plaza Hotel in NYC.

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Renowned for his expertise in securities law and regulatory compliance, Mr. Babits is an accomplished legal professional with nearly four decades of experience, including over 30 years dedicated to national securities law. Currently serving as Lead U.S. Securities Counsel and Associate Counsel for Shell USA Inc., he represents Shell plc in engagements with government agencies, ensuring full compliance with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations. He also brings extensive expertise in international securities law, particularly within the European markets of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

Highly knowledgeable in all aspects of U.S. securities law, Mr. Babits has deep experience with 1934 Act reports, public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and investigations. He has represented Shell plc in matters involving the U.S. Department of Justice, the SEC's Division of Enforcement, and the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. In addition to his



legal work, he serves as a trusted advisor to the Shell Disclosure Committee and is an active member of Shell's Financial Controls and Reporting Committee and Carbon Reporting Committee. He has also contributed to the legal community as a faculty member for the Practising Law Institute's seminar on global capital markets and U.S. securities law.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Babits served as Attorney Advisor and Special Counsel within the SEC's Division of Corporation Finance in Washington, D.C., from 1991 to 1997. He then joined Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP as an Associate in its securities group.

Returning to the SEC in 1998, he was appointed Special Counsel in the Office of Chief Counsel before serving as Counsel to Commissioner Isaac C. Hunt from 1999 to 2002.

Subsequently, he rejoined the Division of Corporation Finance in 2002, where he played a key role in negotiating the corporate governance rules for the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ and served as the principal drafter of the SEC's non-GAAP financial measure rules.

Mr. Babits earned his Bachelor's degree and MBA from George Washington University and his Juris Doctorate from George Mason University – Antonoin Scalia Law School.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Babits has received many awards and accolades and has been recognized worldwide for his accomplishments. Mr. Babits earned the prestigious Capital Market Award from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He has been featured in leading publications, including The Wall Street Journal on December 6, 2023, and has been selected for inclusion in Fortune Magazine and Forbes for 2024. Last year he graced the cover of [TIP \(Top Industry Professionals\) Magazine](#). Among his many accolades, he was honored as Top Lawyer of the Year by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) in 2024. Earlier this year, he was recognized for his inclusion in IAOTP's Top 25 Global Impact Leaders publication. He is set to receive his most recent honor, Top Lawyer of the Decade, at IAOTP's Annual Awards Gala at the Plaza Hotel in December 2026.

Looking back, Mr. Babits credits his success to perseverance, a strong work ethic, and the invaluable guidance of his mentors. His latest endeavor is his candidacy for the Republican nomination to represent Florida's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. His campaign priorities include securing the border, implementing term limits in Congress, and safeguarding against coercion by federal agencies. Outside of his professional



and political pursuits, he enjoys spending quality time with his family.

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IAOTP's experts have given thousands of top prestigious professionals around the world, the recognition and credibility that they deserve and have helped in building their branding empires. IAOTP prides itself to be a one-of-a-kind boutique networking organization that handpicks only the best of the best and creates a networking platform that connects and brings these top professionals to one place.

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