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A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO FINDING A LAWYER IN THE WASHINGTON AREA

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It's inevitable—at some point in your life, you're going to need a lawyer. The key is hiring a really good one, an advisor who understands your needs and provides you with the best possible guidance and advice.

Washington DC has more lawyers per capita than any other city in the United States. In an area so rich with legal talent, there's no excuse for not getting the very best for you and your family. But with so many lawyers to choose from, how do you find the right fit for you?

With certain types of legal issues, you have time to shop around. Wills, pre-nuptial agreements, even most real estate issues—typically are not emergencies. On the other hand, you may face a sudden, life-changing event in which you don't have the luxury of time. You'll need a good lawyer quickly. What's the most reliable way to locate a lawyer you can trust?

The Washington DC Area's Best Lawyers® takes the mystery out of a finding a top-tier advocate who can protect you, your family, and your business. The exceptional attorneys listed in *The Best Lawyers in America®* were nominated by and voted in by their peers. Lawyers can not buy their way into this guide—they must earn a spot through exemplary legal work that attracts the notice of their colleagues. To remain on the list, attorneys must remain at the top of their game, year after year. *Best Lawyers®*, the leading referral list in the legal profession, and ALM, the nation's leading legal journalism and information company, have teamed up to provide this invaluable resource for readers, whatever your legal needs may be.

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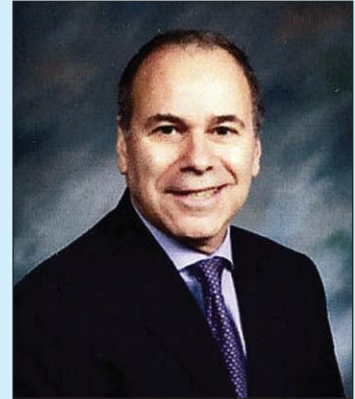
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The method used to compile *Best Lawyers* remains unchanged since the first edition was compiled 25 years ago. Lawyers are chosen for inclusion based solely on a vote of their peers. Listings cannot be bought, and no purchase is required to be included. In this regard, *Best Lawyers* remains the gold standard of reliability and integrity in lawyer ratings.

The nomination pool for the 2008 edition consisted of all lawyers whose names appeared in the previous edition of *Best Lawyers*, lawyers who were nominated since the previous survey, and new nominees solicited from listed attorneys. In general, lawyers were asked to vote only on nominees in their own specialty in their own jurisdiction. Lawyers in closely related specialties were asked to vote across specialties, as were lawyers in smaller jurisdictions. Where specialties are national or international in nature, lawyers were asked to vote nationally as well as locally. Voting lawyers were also given an opportunity to offer more detailed comments on nominees. Each year, half of the voting pool receives fax or email ballots; the other half is polled by phone.

Voting lawyers were provided this general guideline for determining if a nominee should be listed among "the best": "If you had a close friend or relative who needed a real estate lawyer (for example), and you could not handle the case yourself, to whom would you refer them?" All votes and comments were solicited with a guarantee of confidentiality — a critical factor in the viability and validity of *Best Lawyers* surveys. To ensure the rigor of the selection process, lawyers were urged to use only their highest standards when voting, and to evaluate each nominee based only on his or her individual merits. The additional comments were used to make more accurate comparisons between voting patterns and weight votes accordingly. *Best Lawyers* uses various methodological tools to identify and correct for anomalies in both the nomination and voting process.

Ultimately, of course, a lawyer's inclusion is based on the subjective judgments of his or her fellow attorneys. While it is true that the lists may at times disproportionately reward visibility or popularity, the breadth of the survey, the candor of the respondents, and the sophistication of the polling methodology largely correct for any biases.

For all these reasons, *Best Lawyers* lists continue to represent the most reliable, accurate and useful guide to the legal profession in the United States.

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