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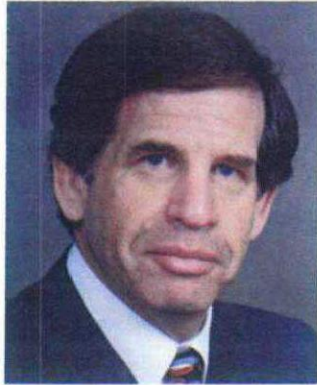
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The attorneys featured in *Super Lawyers* for 2008 were selected by their peers in an extensive nomination and polling process and through independent research conducted by Law & Politics and published in the April 2008 issue of *South Carolina Super Lawyers* magazine. Among the best in their profession, attorneys listed in *Super Lawyers* are limited to 5% of the practicing attorneys in South Carolina.

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Seventeen years in one paragraph.

Super Lawyers was first published in 1991 in *Minnesota Law & Politics* magazine. In 1996, *Law & Politics* was purchased by the former president of West Publishing, Vance Opperman, who remains the owner today. In 2003, we began the national expansion of *Super Lawyers*. Today *Super Lawyers* can be found in all 50 states.

What money can't buy. *Super Lawyers* is a magazine that adheres to strict editorial standards. There's nothing pay-to-play about the list or the features. Every item you see referred to on the table of contents is pure editorial. Nobody pays to be included.

A rigorous process. Beginning on page 13 you will see the names of those who have been selected for inclusion on this year's *Super Lawyers* list. Only 5 percent of the lawyers in the state are named. You'll find the selection process we use on page 12. We won't repeat the details here, but a few points need highlighting: First, this is not a popularity contest (as are many of the "top lawyer" lists you see published these days). We back up our considerable polling and peer evaluation efforts with a detailed research process that evaluates each candidate based on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Second, unlike other lists that rely on a one-dimensional methodology, our process includes checks and balances that produce a diverse listing of top lawyers.

Third, we have a series of safeguards built into our database, and procedures in place to prevent lawyers from campaigning their way onto the list, or engaging in any sort of "cooperative" voting. We also take steps to ensure that the list is not dominated by lawyers from large firms.

The big picture. Our objective with *Super Lawyers* is to create a list that is useful to consumers of legal services—whether they are in-house lawyers looking to retain

local counsel in a distant jurisdiction, or first-time clients looking for help with a basic will. To that end, we include outstanding lawyers from small towns and small firms, as well as lawyers from big cities and the silk stocking firms.

Why no one is a "Super Lawyer." You read that right. *Super Lawyers* is a registered trademark and we take pains to make sure the term is used properly. A lawyer on our list is not a "Super Lawyer." Rather, he or she has been selected for inclusion in *Super Lawyers* 2008. Used properly, the term is not descriptive, comparative or self-aggrandizing (which in some jurisdictions could raise ethical concerns). It is simply a verifiable fact and, as such, is protected speech.

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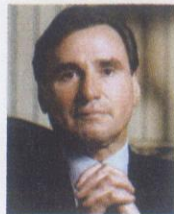


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