

Best Lawyers[®]

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METHODOLOGY

Nomination Process

- All nominees must be in private practice. Best Lawyers does not accept nominations for in-house lawyers.
- Please note that the nominator, or number of nominations received, has no effect on a lawyer's listing.
- All lawyers in the previous edition of Best Lawyers are automatically nominated into their listed practice area(s) for the next peer-review process and must garner enough positive votes to be included in the next edition.
- While there is no limit to the number of lawyers a firm may nominate, we suggest that nominees be in practice for at least 10 years in order to give them time to build a legal presence in their community and practice area(s).
- We ask that a lawyer not nominate himself or herself.

Voting Process

- Previously listed lawyers are invited to participate in voting.
- In some instances, such as a first edition, nominees may also be invited to vote.
- Ballots are personalized to each individual voter's practice area(s) and geographic area.
- All ballots and information submitted are strictly confidential.

Voting Instructions

- "5" is the highest score and indicates that the voter would certainly refer a case to the nominee. "1" is the lowest score and indicates that the voter would definitely not refer a case to the nominee.
- The option to choose "Do Not Know" is also available, which signifies that the voter is not familiar with a particular lawyer's work.
- Lawyers are not allowed to vote on themselves. In order to avoid this altogether, we remove lawyers' names from their own ballots.

Verification Process

- Selected lawyers' contact information is confirmed for accuracy to ensure clients can reach them.

Announcement Process

- Lawyers who receive enough high votes to be listed are alerted, via email. If we have a designated contact for a law firm, those contacts also receive a complete list of the lawyers included from their firm.