Best Lawyers

Methodology

Recognition by Best Lawyers is based entirely on peer review. Our methodology is designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical region and legal practice area. Best Lawyers employs a sophisticated, conscientious, rational and transparent survey process designed to elicit meaningful and substantive evaluations of the quality of legal services. Our belief has always been that the quality of a peer-review survey is directly related to the quality of its voting pool.

1 Nomination

Nominations are open to anyone. Our primary sources for nominations are clients, other lawyers and marketing teams.

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2 Peer-Review Voting

Ballots are generated and distributed to listed lawyers. They are designed based on the voter's practice area(s) and geographic region.

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3 Analysis of Feedback

Best Lawyers asks voters the question: "If you were unable to take a case yourself, how likely would you be to refer it to this nominee?" Nominees are given a 1-5 rating, with room to leave additional comments.

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4 Data Verification

The Best Lawyers research staff are currently in private practice and their contact information is up to date as of the release of the new edition.

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5 Announcement

Recognized lawyers are notified of inclusion and the list is released to the public.

To submit nominations, please visit www.bestlawyers.com/nominate or email nominations@bestlawyers.com. For additional information concerning nominations, please contact us at info@bestlawyers.com.

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International Expanded 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 recognition.

- All lawyers in the previous edition of Best Lawyers are automatically nominated into their recognized practice areas for the next peer-review process and must garner enough positive feedback to be highlighted 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 to voters, which signifies that the voter is not familiar with a particular candidate's work.

- Lawyers are not allowed to vote on themselves. In order to avoid this altogether, we remove a lawyer's name from their own ballot.

Verification Process

- Contact information for all recognized lawyers is confirmed to ensure accurate information and that clients can reach them.

Announcement Process

- Lawyers who are recognized in the new edition are alerted via email and hard-copy letter. Marketing departments at firms also receive a complete list of the lawyers from their firm who will be recognized by Best Lawyers.