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Announcing Northern California's Best Lawyers Publication

AUGUSTA, Ga., Oct. 16, 2020 -- Best Lawyers®, the oldest and most respected guide to the legal profession, released the 2021 Edition of *Northern California's Best Lawyers* today. The stand-alone publication, using information excerpted from the 2021 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, highlights more than 2,200 lawyers recognized for their top legal talent, along with 153 "Lawyer of the Year" recipients from the Northern California area. Additionally, the newly designed publication features notable local news and profiles of firms and individuals across the region.

Northern California's Best Lawyers will be mailed to recognized lawyers from the Northern California area, in addition to subscribers of the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *The Wall Street Journal* (in Northern California). The digital publication is available in full at www.bestlawyers.com.

Also included in the publication is information on the award methodology process, the Best Lawyers metro areas map for Northern California, and a brief company overview.

For research purposes, smaller and more rural cities located within a reasonable distance to larger cities are combined into single geographical regions called "metro areas" to help collect as much feedback and data as possible. "Lawyer of the Year" awards are designated through these metro area distinctions. Northern California, as defined by Best Lawyers, is composed of six metro areas: Fresno, Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, and Santa Rosa.

"Lawyer of the Year" honorees are based on extremely high overall feedback within specific practice areas and metropolitan regions. *Northern California's Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year" section includes a feature on R. Lewis Van Blois, partner at Van Blois Law, who was named the 2021 Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs "Lawyer of the Year" in Oakland.

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