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CONNER & WINTERS EARNS TOP RANKINGS IN PREMIERE EDITION OF U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'S 'BEST LAW FIRMS'

Conner & Winters received numerous top listings in the premiere edition of "Best Law Firms" rankings by *U.S. News and World Report* and *Best Lawyers*.

Conner & Winters was named in the top-tier rankings in the areas of: General Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Employment Law – Management, Equipment Finance Law, Health Care Law, Insurance Law, Labor Law – Management, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Native American Law, Real Estate Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law, Tax Law, and Trusts & Estates Law.

These rankings showcase 8,782 different law firms ranked in one or more of 81 major practice areas, providing a comprehensive view of the U.S. legal profession that is unprecedented both in the range of firms represented and in the range of qualitative and quantitative data used to develop the rankings.

In national surveys, major clients and leading lawyers were asked to rate the law firms they consider best in their practice area. In the end, 9,514 clients – including every Fortune 100 company and 587 of the Fortune 1000 companies – provided 194,370 firm practice-area evaluations; 6,190 clients provided 11,181 comments about law firm practice areas and individual attorneys; and 8,842 lawyers provided 594,012 firm practice-area evaluations.

These reputational survey responses were combined with more than 3.1 million evaluations of individual lawyers in these firms in the most recent Best Lawyers survey of leading lawyers. Hard numbers were also used to develop the practice area rankings – data about numbers of lawyers and their previous experience, numbers of clients within different billing ranges, numbers of transactions and litigation matters at different dollar levels, pro-bono commitment, diversity and other objective data.

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