

THE NEW YORK AREA'S BEST LAWYERS®

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION
IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND CONNECTICUT



■ Methodology ■

The New York Area's Best Lawyers® is excerpted from the upcoming 2006 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America®", the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States. Published since 1983, Best Lawyers lists attorneys in 52 specialties, representing all 50 states, who have been chosen through an exhaustive survey in which thousands of the nation's top lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The upcoming (12th) edition of Best Lawyers is based on more than 900,000 detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

The new edition (to be published in November 2005) will mark the first annual publication of Best Lawyers, which has previously been published biennially. Changes in the legal marketplace, which grows bigger, more complex, and more fluid every year, have made this transition inevitable; while advances in technology, such as online voting, have made it possible.

Nevertheless, the method used to compile the latest edition of Best Lawyers is fundamentally the same as it was when the first edition was compiled more than 20 years ago. Lawyers are chosen for inclusion based solely on a vote of their peers. Listings cannot be bought, and no purchase is required to be included. In this regard, Best Lawyers remains the gold standard of reliability and integrity in lawyer ratings.

The survey for the 2006 edition began with a nomination pool consisting of all lawyers whose names appeared in the previous edition of Best Lawyers, lawyers who were nominated since the previous survey, and new nominees solicited from the 18,500 listed attorneys. Half of the voting pool (lawyers listed in the previous edition) were sent fax or email ballots; the other half were asked to vote by phone. (All of the voters for New York's

Best Lawyers List were polled by phone.) Some lawyers were asked to vote only on nominees in their own specialty in their own jurisdiction. Lawyers in closely related specialties were asked to vote across specialties, as were lawyers in smaller jurisdictions. In a few instances, where specialties are national or international in nature, lawyers were asked to vote nationally as well as locally. Voting lawyers were also given an opportunity to offer more detailed comments on nominees.

Voting lawyers were provided this general guideline for determining if a nominee should be listed among "the best": "If you had a close friend or relative who needed a real estate lawyer (for example), and you could not handle the case yourself, to whom would you refer them?" All votes and comments were solicited with a guarantee of confidentiality – a critical factor in the viability and validity of Best Lawyers surveys. To ensure the rigor of the selection process, lawyers were urged to use only their highest standards when voting, and to evaluate each nominee based only on his or her individual merits. The additional comments were used to make more accurate comparisons between voting patterns and weigh votes accordingly. Best Lawyers uses various methodological tools to identify and correct for anomalies in both the nomination and voting process.

Ultimately, of course, a lawyer's inclusion is based on the subjective judgments of his or her fellow attorneys. While it is true that the lists may at times disproportionately reward visibility or popularity, the breadth of the survey, the candor of the respondents, and the sophistication of the polling methodology largely correct for any biases.

For all these reasons, Best Lawyers lists continue to represent the most reliable, accurate and useful guide to the best lawyers in the United States available anywhere.

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FOR PERRY WEITZ AND THE ATTORNEYS WHO WORK WITH HIM, intuition is everything.

“The most important part of being a successful trial attorney is perception,” says Mr. Weitz, a founding partner of the Manhattan-based plaintiffs’ personal injury firm Weitz & Luxenberg.

“Perception is looking into a juror’s eyes and knowing whether they’re with you or against you.” But razor-sharp instinct is only part of what has helped propel his firm to the top of the mass tort game.

THE FIRM HAS THE TRACK RECORD TO PROVE that Mr. Weitz isn’t all talk. He and the attorneys in his firm have won billions of dollars for victims of asbestos, pharmaceutical and other mass tort cases since its founding in 1986 – and the total keeps

growing. “We pride ourselves in our ability to command the highest settlements in the country,” says Mr. Weitz.

AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF GROUNDWORK – AND MONEY – goes into each case the firm takes on. For one, it routinely holds mock trials to test what works and what doesn’t before opening statements are delivered in front of a jury. “These are the kinds of things that prevent us from being caught off-guard,” says Mr. Weitz, who has been named one of “The Best Lawyers in America®,” New York region, along with Weitz & Luxenberg attorneys Jerry Kristal, Paul J. Pennock and Robert J. Gordon. American Lawyer magazine has also named Mr. Weitz and Mr. Gordon as two of the best lawyers under the age of 45. This is arguably the most dynamic team of lawyers under one roof in the entire nation.



Jerry Kristal

Paul Pennock

Robert Gordon

Perry Weitz

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MR. WEITZ, WHO IS INVOLVED IN EVERY LITIGATION as either trial lawyer or lead negotiator, sparkles when Mr. Gordon or Mr. Kristal try the cases. “These are without question two of the best and most experienced trial lawyers in the country,” he says. Mr. Pennock, who also is an excellent trial lawyer, heads the pharmaceutical and medical devices departments at the firm, and he has litigated and resolved numerous pharmaceutical and medical device litigation cases for billions of dollars.

THE WEITZ & LUXENBERG OF TODAY BEGAN as a two-man operation nearly two decades ago. Mr. Weitz was a young trial attorney and Arthur Luxenberg was his law man. These days, its 65 attorneys take on a range of drug, underground water contamination, asbestos, and serious personal injury cases for thousands of clients from each state in the country. “We’re presently leading the charge in the Vioxx and Bextra litigation,” Mr. Weitz says.

IT ALMOST GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT MR. WEITZ, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kristal and Mr. Pennock, like all attorneys at Weitz & Luxenberg, find satisfaction in getting successful results for their clients – while at the same time holding guilty parties accountable for their actions. “The most worthwhile thing is seeing people who have been lied to by large corporations being compensated for the devastating injuries that destroyed their lives,” Weitz says. “We get great pleasure in helping our clients take care of their families and children.”

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A Nationally Recognized Practice

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Your Best Defense is a Great Offense

Weitz & Luxenberg's attorneys have decades of experience defending victims' rights in accident, injury, drug & medical devices and pollutant lawsuits. If you've been hurt and need a great lawyer on your team, visit our website, fill out a form and get your free case evaluation. Your information will be reviewed within 24 hours.

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Drugs & Medical Devices

Accutane
Baycol
Bextra
Celebrex
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DES
Infusion Pumps
Ortho Evra
Vioxx

Pollutants

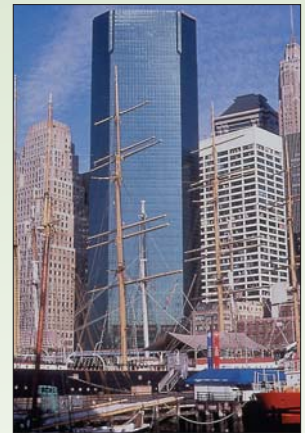
Asbestos
Arsenic
Benzene
Chromium
Dioxin
Mercury
Mesothelioma
MTBE
PAH
PCB
PCE/TCE
Perchlorate
Pesticide/Herbicide
PVC Plastic
Radiation
Soil Gas Vapor
Teflon
Toluene
Welding Rods

Accidents

Aviation
Car/Auto
Construction
Escalator/Elevator
Marine
Municipal
Sidewalk
Slip & Fall
Workplace

Personal Injury

Birth Defects
Brain Injury
Dangerous Product
Death Cases
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