

20 Squire Sanders' Columbus Lawyers Named in *The Best Lawyers in America* *Columbus Office Ranks No. 1 in Four Categories*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (August 24, 2009) – Squire, Sanders is proud to announce that 127 of its attorneys have been named to the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, the oldest peer-review publication in the legal profession. Of those 127, 20 are based in the Columbus office. This year, the Columbus office of Squire, Sanders ranked No. 1 in the following categories:

1. Government Relations Law
2. Insurance Law
3. Mergers & Acquisitions Law
4. Securities Law

In Ohio, the firm also ranked No. 1 in:

1. Education Law
2. Environmental Law
3. Government Relations Law
4. Mergers & Acquisitions Law
5. Public Finance Law
6. Sports Law
7. Tax Law

Nationally, Squire, Sanders ranked No. 1 in Public Finance Law.

First published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* is based on an annual peer-review survey. For the new U.S. edition, more than 24,126 attorneys cast more than 2.8 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in the same and related specialties. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

Steven Naifeh, Managing Editor of *Best Lawyers*, said, “We continue to believe – as we have believed for 26 years – that recognition by one’s peers is the most meaningful form of recognition in the legal profession.”

Columbus’ lawyers named to the list are:

1. David W. Alexander: Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation
2. Philomena M. Dane: Commercial Litigation
3. Susan M. DiMichele: Education Law; Labor and Employment Law
4. Christopher J. Franzmann: Public Finance Law
5. John R. Gall: Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation
6. David W. Grauer: Health Care Law
7. John M. Kirsner: Health Care Law; Insurance Law
8. Daniel M. Maher: Corporate Law
9. Steven F. Mount: Tax Law
10. Richard R. Murphey Jr.: Corporate Law

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11. Richard W. Rubenstein: Corporate Law; Real Estate Law
12. Michael D. Saad: Real Estate Law
13. Alex Shumate: Administrative Law; Corporate Law; Government Relations Law
14. Fredric L. Smith: Tax Law
15. Craig A. Sturtz: Environmental Law
16. Gregory W. Stype: Corporate Law; Public Finance Law; Securities Law
17. Fred A. Summer: Mergers & Acquisitions Law
18. Lee A. Wendel: Tax Law; Trusts and Estates
19. Karen A. Winters: Environmental Law
20. Christopher Craig Woods: Commercial Litigation

About Squire Sanders: Founded in 1890, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. has lawyers in 32 offices and 15 countries around the world. With one of the strongest integrated global platforms and a longstanding one-firm philosophy, Squire Sanders provides seamless legal counsel worldwide.

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