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INTRODUCTION

L.A. SHINES WITH LEGAL TALENT
TAKE YOUR PICK FROM *the Area's Best*

It's no surprise Los Angeles created the celebrity lawyer. This is a town full of legal stars. And whether it's in show business or in the legal world, Los Angeles is not the kind of town where being good enough is ever good enough.

If you're looking for a lawyer in a town full of legal talent, there's no reason to settle for second best. You want to be sure you've done everything within your power to get the best possible lawyer for yourself, your business, and your family.

There's no reason to rely on trial and error to choose an advocate. An awful lot of names appear on the roll of bar-accredited attorneys, and some people will have you believe that choosing one attorney versus another is about the same as selecting a gas station. Nowadays, of course, people tend to pick pumps pretty much on price. But when folks shop for legal services simply according to cost, they usually get what they pay for—and sometimes a great deal less. Don't choose randomly. Asking around is one way to find a lawyer—assuming that the people you ask happen to be experts on the quality of legal advice. Or you could search law journals and law firm marketing materials. But those sources can hide inferior skills,

and they never reveal the most frequent complaint of dissatisfied clients: indifferent client service. Some lawyers take a retainer one day and forget your name the next.

Thankfully, the lawyer-selection process does not have to be such a forbidding task. The finest legal minds are in this directory, The Los Angeles Area's Best Lawyers®, drawn from The Best Lawyers in America®. These first-tier attorneys, listed according to practice area specialty, were nominated by and voted for by their peers. They can't pay to get their names included on the list, and they have to remain at the top of their game to stay on it. Only Best Lawyers and their firms were invited to purchase the firm profiles/advertisements that accompany this guide.

Best Lawyers, the leading referral list in the legal profession, teamed with ALM, the leading provider of legal news and resources for diverse professionals, to provide this invaluable resource. No guide makes hiring a lawyer automatic. But this reliable, useful directory makes it easier to find superior legal representation.

In a town full of stars, talent rules. Choose the best.

—Adam Charles

