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## **Attorneys Choose Top One Percent**

Representing the top one percent of Nevada's attorneys, the 100 lawyers included in the 2009 Legal Elite have earned the trust and endorsement of their peers. These attorneys have been recommended by the people that know them best, the lawyers they work with or see across a courtroom. Who better to determine an attorney's merit than another attorney?

Out of the approximately 10,049 licensed attorneys in Nevada, 100 are being honored as this year's top attorneys. Additionally, lawyers were asked to submit three names for the best up-and-coming attorneys and the best government attorneys in Nevada. This second annual legal Elite list is the result of those recommendations.

**Methodology:** Balloting for Legal Elite began earlier this year when Nevada Business Magazine asked members of the Nevada Bar to nominate their peers. Attorney's were sent email ballots as well as encouraged to nominate through the website. The response was outstanding.

We received hundreds of ballots and began the arduous process of determining this year's Legal Elite. Each attorney was given a score based on the number of votes he or she received and whether the votes came from within their firm (one point) or outside their firm (three points). Only lawyers that are licensed in Nevada were eligible to participate.

After each vote was tabulated, our research team began to review the top 100 scorers and determine their eligibility. They also reviewed each of the top 20 best up-and-coming attorneys and the top 20 best government attorneys. The following pages highlight the top attorneys as chosen by their peers and will be an invaluable resource for anyone looking to retain an attorney.

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