

## Attorneys Choose Top One Percent

**R**epresenting 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?

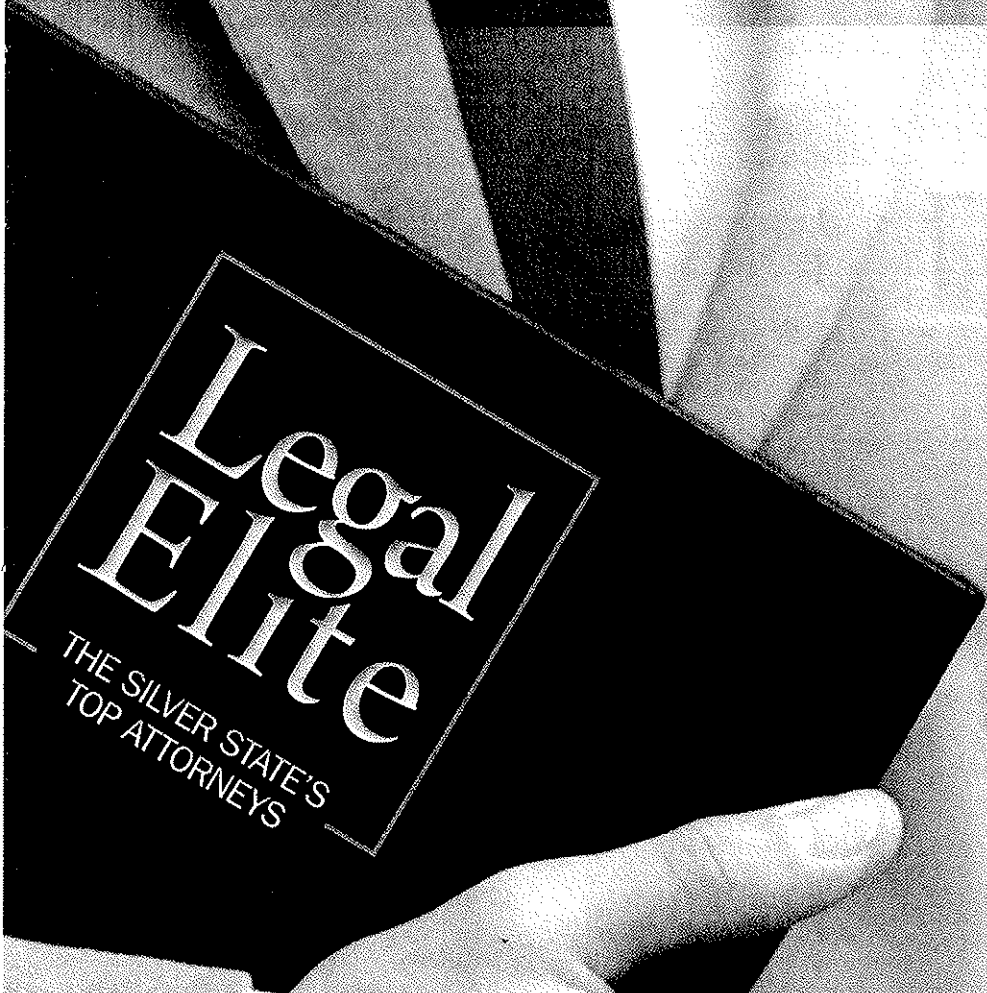
Out of the approximately 10,049 licensed attorneys in Nevada, 100 are being honored as this year's top attorneys. Additionally, lawyers were asked to submit three names for the best up-and-coming attorneys and the best government attorneys in Nevada. This second annual Legal Elite list is the result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



## Top 100 Attorneys

Name	Company	Location	Practice Emphasis	Number of Years Practicing in Nevada
Jefferey D. Patterson	Goold Patterson Ales & Day	Las Vegas	Commercial Real Estate	28
J. Stephen Peek	Holland & Hart	Las Vegas	Trial Lawyer specializing in Commercial Litigation	37
James Pisanelli	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck	Las Vegas	Litigation	18
Daniel F. Polsenberg	Lewis & Roca	Las Vegas & Reno	Appellate Practice and Complex Litigation	27
Zachary Redman	Snell & Wilmer	Las Vegas	Real Estate and Commercial Finance	DND
Brandon E. Roos	Greenberg Traurig	Las Vegas	Litigation	8
Micaela Rustia	Greenberg Traurig	Las Vegas	Bankruptcy	4
Frank Schreck	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck	Las Vegas	Gaming Law, Corporate and Business Department	40
Ellen Schulhofer	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck	Las Vegas	Corporate and Business Law	14
Thomas Sheets	McDonald Carano Wilson	Las Vegas	Energy and Administrative Law	27
Ambrish Sidhu	Sidhu Law Office	Las Vegas	Bankruptcy Law and Commercial Litigation	9
Alan Sklar	Sklar Williams	Las Vegas	Commercial Transactions including Real Estate, Healthcare and Securities	18
James Smyth II	Kaempfer Crowell Renshaw Gronauer & Fiorentino	Las Vegas	Construction, Real Estate and Litigation	12
Daniel Stewart	Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll	Las Vegas	Litigation	1
William Stoddard Jr.	Albright Stoddard	Las Vegas	Commercial Transactions	3
Craig Stone	Fox Rothschild	Las Vegas	Tax and Estates	DND
Scott Swain	McDonald Carano Wilson	Las Vegas	Trust and Estates	16
Mark G. Tratos	Greenberg Traurig	Las Vegas	Intellectual Property, Entertainment, Media and Art Law	30
William R. Urga	Jolley Urga Wirth Woodbury & Standish	Las Vegas	Business & Real Estate Litigation, Transaction & Commercial Law and Gaming & Administrative Law	39
Gregg Vermeys	Greenberg Traurig	Las Vegas	Real Estate	17
Dan R. Waite	Lewis & Roca	Las Vegas	Commercial and Business Litigation	19
Justin L. Watkins	Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald	Las Vegas	Civil and Construction Litigation	5
James E. Whitmire	Santoro, Driggs, Walsh, Keamey, Holley & Thompson	Las Vegas	Business Litigation	11
Ryan Works	McDonald Carano Wilson	Las Vegas	Commercial and Business Litigation	5
William Wray	Greenberg Traurig	Las Vegas	Litigation	14
Richard A. Wright	Wright Stanish & Winckler	Las Vegas	Criminal Defense and Government Investigations	35
Jay Young	Marquis & Aurbach	Las Vegas	Arbitrator of Business Disputes, Litigation of Business Disputes, all Civil Litigation and Real Estate Litigation	15
Carol Zucker	Kamer Zucker & Abbott	Las Vegas	Labor and Employment Law	25
Jeffrey Zucker	Lionel Sawyer & Collins	Las Vegas	Real Estate and Corporate Law	28