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Southern California
**Super
Lawyers[®]
2004**



TOP 50* ORANGE COUNTY SUPER LAWYERS

The following is an alphabetical listing of the lawyers within the Orange County area who received the highest point totals in the 2004 Southern California Super Lawyers balloting

Aitken, Wylie A. • Aitken, Aitken & Cohn • Santa Ana
Allen, Russell G. • JP Morgan Chase & Co • Newport Beach
Barnett, John Drummond • Law Office of John D Barnett • Orange
Batchelor, James K. • Attorney At Law • Orange
Bosko, David M. • Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP • Costa Mesa
Briggs, Steven Ernest • Attorney At Law • Newport Beach
Bush, William Merritt • Attorney At Law • Fullerton
Callahan, Daniel Jerome • Callahan & Blaine • Santa Ana
Callahan, Peter Michael • Attorney At Law • Tustin
Currie, Robert Emil • Latham & Watkins LLP • Costa Mesa
Curtin, Judith Anne • Attorney At Law • Santa Ana
DesJardins, Robert Phillip • Attorney At Law • Orange
Earley Jack M. • Attorney At Law • Irvine
Fears, Daniel F. • Payne & Fears LLP • Irvine
Frobes, Patricia • O'Melveny & Myers LLP • Newport Beach
Gamble, John Charles • Allen, Matkins, Leck, Gamble & Mallory, LLP • Irvine
Geiger, Roy Stephen • Irell & Manella LLP • Newport Beach
Geriak, James W. • Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP • Irvine
Hagen, Catherine Burcham • O'melveny & Myers LLP • Newport Beach
Keller, Jennifer Lynn • Attorney At Law • Irvine
Kopeny, William James • Kopeny & Associates • Irvine
Livingston, Daniel McKean • Payne & Fears LLP • Irvine
Malcolm, Thomas Reed • Jones Day • Irvine
Martens, Don W. • Knobb Martens Olson & Bear, LLP • Irvine
Meyer, Paul Seth • Attorney At Law • Costa Mesa
Minyard, Mark Edward • Minyard & Morris LLP • Orange

Morrow, Donald Lee • Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP • Costa Mesa
Paparelli, Angelo A. • Paparelli & Partners LLP • Irvine
Payne, James Lucian • Payne & Fears LLP • Irvine
Phelps, Thmoas Dean • Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP • Costa Mesa
Price, David Leonard • Attorney At Law • Orange
Rasmussen, Daniel Lloyd • Payne & Fears LLP • Irvine
Riddet, James D. • Stokke & Riddet • Santa Ana
Ruck, Charles K. • Latham & Watkins LLP • Costa Mesa
Schaaf, Douglas A. • Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP • Costa Mesa
Schilling, John Russell • Attorney At Law • Newport Beach
Seastrom, Philip Glenn • Attorney At Law • Orange
Silberberg, Kenneth Marchall • Lafollette Johnson De Haas Fesler Silberberg & Ames • Santa Ana
Simpson, William John • Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP • Costa Mesa
Stabile, Thomas Pierce • Schwamb & Stabile • Orange
Stegmeier, Eleanor Ann • Stegmeier & Gelbart LLP • Costa Mesa
Stokke, Allan H. • Stokke & Riddet • Santa Ana
Tennyson, Peter Joseph • Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP • Costa Mesa
Theodora, Todd C. • Stephan, Oringer, Rishman & Theodora • Costa Mesa
Thornton, Robert Donnelly • Nossaman Guthner Knox & Elliot LLP • Irvine
Tovstein, Marc Steven • Tovstein & Kraetzer • Irvine
Tyler, Dennis Grant • Palmieri, Tyler Wiener, Wilhelm & Walkdron, LLP • Irvine
Vollmer, Michael Verner • Attorney At Law • Newport Beach
Whisnant, Jacqueline A. • Phillips & Whisnant LLP • Newport Beach
Woodhouse, Violet P. • Violet P. Woodhouse, APC • Newport Beach
Yocca, Nick Edward • Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth • Newport Beach

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HOW SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUPER LAWYERS® WERE SELECTED

Southern California
**Super
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2004**

The General Survey

In May of 2003, we mailed more than 65,000 ballots to attorneys in Los Angeles and Orange counties. We asked attorneys to vote for the best lawyers they have personally observed in action. Our intent was to discourage lawyers from voting for others based purely on reputation.

Each ballot had the name of the addressee-attorney on it. Only ballots properly verified by that attorney (with signature and attorney registration number filled in) were counted.

Each lawyer was given a score based on the number of votes received. Votes received from lawyers in other firms were awarded significantly more points than votes received from lawyers in the same firm.

The Screening Process

Lawyers who received only same-firm votes were eliminated from the list of candidates.

We also kept track of who voted for whom. We did this to watch for what we call “back-scratch voting”; that is, two lawyers voting for each other. Indications of back-scratch votes eliminated that lawyer from our list of candidates.

In addition to the general survey, our research staff reviewed the credentials of Southern California attorneys and assigned points based upon defined evaluation criteria.

Our staff also conducted research on candidates to ensure that the lawyer is properly licensed, is in good standing with the Bar, and has no history of disciplinary actions.

The Blue-Ribbon Panel Review

The lawyers on the list were then divided according to nearly 60 areas of practice. A blue ribbon panel consisting of the top vote-getters from our general survey was assembled for each area of practice. We also asked managing partners of law firms to nominate members of their firms to serve on the panel. Those who met a minimum point threshold were also added to the panel.

These panels reviewed the list of nominees in their areas of practice. The blue ribbon review process yielded a positive or negative point total for each nominee. This point total was then added to the lawyers’ scores.

The Final Selection Process

The point totals from the General Survey, Screening Process and Blue Ribbon Panel were added to arrive at a final point total.

The final point totals were then segregated by firm size (small, medium, and large). Top vote getters from each of the three firm size categories were selected to identify the top attorneys in Southern California, “Super Lawyers”, generally consisting of the top 5% of the attorneys in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

The list of Super Lawyers includes attorneys in private practice, as well as

attorneys in non-private practice, such as prosecutors, in-house counsel and public service lawyers.

In the pages that follow, you will see all Southern California Super Lawyers listed in two ways: first, alphabetically by last name, then by primary area of practice. All Super Lawyers are also listed on www.superlawyers.com. The Web site includes listings for lawyers in up to five areas of practice. Lawyers on the Web site can also be searched by name, practice area and/or geographic location.