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No other legal publisher identifies qualified candidates by using a multi-step evaluation process that incorporates peer recognition and professional achievement. Law & Politics uses a system of balloting, peer evaluation and internal research, which acts as a system of checks and balances. The resulting product is a diverse and comprehensive listing of outstanding lawyers.

Law & Politics has been publishing magazines for an attorney audience since 1990.

SELECTION PROCESS

STEP ONE: CREATION OF THE CANDIDATE POOL

Statewide survey of lawyers

- Law & Politics mailed 20,700 ballots to Ohio lawyers who have been in practice for five years or more.
- Lawyers were asked to nominate the best attorneys they've personally observed in action.
- Nominees need not be in private practice. Lawyers were able to nominate legal aid attorneys, prosecutors and in-house counsel.
- Lawyers were able to nominate attorneys in their own firm, but those nominations counted only if each in-firm nomination was matched by at least one out-of-firm nomination.
- Each nomination carried a point value. An out-of-firm vote had substantially greater point value than an in-firm vote.
- Lawyers were not able to vote for themselves.
- Utilizing our database, researchers kept track of who voted for whom, a process that helped detect attempts to manipulate the balloting.

Independent candidate search

- Law & Politics' research department also searched for outstanding Ohio lawyers by:
 - Reviewing national and local periodicals as well as legal trade journals
 - Searching professional databases and online sources
 - Conducting in-person and telephonic meetings with law firms
- This step was designed to identify practitioners who may have been missed in the balloting process, particularly highly talented lawyers in specialty areas or those with low-visibility, yet high-quality, practices.

STEP TWO: EVALUATION OF CANDIDATES

- Law & Politics' research department examined the background and experience of candidates, evaluating indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement.

- Factors considered in evaluating candidates were:

- Verdicts and settlements
- Transactions
- Representative clients
- Experience
- Honors and awards
- Special licenses and certifications
- Position within law firm
- Bar and/or other professional activity
- Pro bono and community service
- Scholarly lectures and writings
- Education and employment background
- Other outstanding achievements

STEP THREE: PEER EVALUATION BY PRACTICE AREA

- Those candidates with high point totals from the balloting and qualitative evaluation steps were asked to be on a blue ribbon panel for their practice area.
- Panels reviewed and evaluated candidates from their practice area.
- Panels added candidates who were then passed along to research for evaluation.

FINAL SELECTION

- Law & Politics divided candidates according to their firm size: large, medium and small (size categories vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction), and selected those with the highest point totals from each category. Only 5 percent of the total lawyers in Ohio are listed in **Super Lawyers**.

BEFORE PUBLISHING

- Law & Politics checked each candidate's standing with the local licensing authority.
- Researchers asked each candidate to aver that they have never been subject to disciplinary or criminal proceedings, and to verify the accuracy of all published information.
- The research team then performed Internet searches on each candidate before publication to ensure there are no outstanding matters that reflected adversely on the lawyer.

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This is the 2007 Ohio Super Lawyers listing, arranged by primary area of practice. Names and page numbers in **RED BOLDFACE** indicate a profile on the specified page.

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—Jeff Melvoin,
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