



## Secret Wardle Recognized As National Top Ranked Firm

U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers® have released the 2011-2012 “Best Law Firms” rankings, marking the second edition of this highly-anticipated annual analysis. Secret Wardle is listed in the Metropolitan Rankings as Tier 1 for Family Law, Litigation – Land Use & Zoning, Litigation – Municipal, and Municipal Law; Tier 2 for litigation – Eminent Domain & Condemnation, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law, and Tier 3 for Commercial Litigation and Construction Law.

In addition to this honor, the firm has also been named by *Fortune* Magazine in the “2012 Top Ranked Law Firm” list. The *Fortune* Magazine list of recognized law firms will also appear on CNNMoney.com.

The Best Lawyers® and U.S. News rankings, which are presented in tiers, showcase 9,633 different law firms ranked nationally in one or more of 75 major legal practice areas and in metropolitan or state rankings in one or more of 119 major legal practice areas. Achieving a high ranking is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise.

The mission of “Best Law Firms” from the start has been to help guide referring lawyers and clients – from the country’s largest companies needing corporate legal advice to individuals needing to get a divorce or write a will – issues that have a bet-the-company implication (in the case of a corporation) or a potentially life-changing result (in the case of an individual).

“U.S News has more than two decades of experience in providing the public with the most accurate and in-depth rankings of a wide range of institutions, including our Best Law Schools rankings,” says Tim Smart, Executive Editor of U.S. News & World Report. “Law firms are an integral part of our rankings and a natural accompaniment to the law schools rankings.”

Steven Naifeh, President of Best Lawyers said “Best Lawyers was very pleased with the reaction from the legal profession and from legal clients to the first edition of the “Best Law Firms” rankings. By combining hard data with peer reviews, and client assessments, we continue to believe that we are providing clients with the most thorough, accurate, and helpful rankings of law firms ever developed.”