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2011 Legal ELITE

Our ninth annual listing of Georgia's top attorneys, selected by their peers, includes eight practice areas: business law; personal injury litigation; criminal law; labor and employment; taxes, estates and trusts; bankruptcy and creditors' rights; family law; and general practice/trial law.

To compile the list, we mailed ballots to a sampling of attorneys who are members of the State Bar of Georgia and whose practice areas correspond to those we are featuring. We also put a ballot on our website, georgiatrend.com, which could be downloaded and sent to us or submitted online.

Any attorney who is a member of the state bar and lives and practices in Georgia was eligible to vote and to be voted onto the list. Respondents were not allowed to vote for themselves; they could vote for other members of their firms if they voted for an equal or greater number of attorneys outside their firms.

The names of the top vote recipients appear, in alphabetical order, in the following pages. They appear in the categories into which their peers voted them, although some may practice in more than one area.

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