

Rushton Stakely Receives First Tier Ranking

Rushton, Stakely, Johnston & Garrett, P.A. is pleased to announce that it has earned top metropolitan rankings in the first-ever *U.S. News and Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms" publication. As our firm proudly celebrates its 120th anniversary serving the Montgomery community and the State of Alabama, we would like to thank our many devoted clients who have allowed us to achieve the prestigious Tier 1 ranking. U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers compiled these rankings based on the results of exhaustive surveys of over 9,000 clients and attorneys, including representatives of more than half the Fortune 1000 companies. In these surveys, clients were asked to evaluate law firms on factors such as responsiveness, understanding of legal issues, understanding of client needs, cost-effectiveness, pro-bono commitment, and civility. We are very proud to report that our firm achieved the highest Tier 1 ranking in the following areas: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Communications Law, General Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Media and First Amendment Law, Medical Malpractice – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation–Defendants, Real Estate Law, Tax Law, and Trust and Estates Law. According to *U.S. News and Best Lawyers*, "achieving a high ranking is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise."

In addition to the best firm rankings, the following members of our firm have been recognized as the best lawyers in their fields: Dennis R. Bailey, Jeffrey W. Blitz, L. Peyton Chapman, Ronald G. Davenport, William I. Eskridge, James W. Garrett, Jr., Richard B. Garrett, William S. Haynes, Robert A. Huffaker, James Theodore Jackson, Paul M. James, Thomas H. Keene, Daniel L. Lindsey, Patrick M. Shegon, Christopher S.

Simmons, Frank J. Stakely, Fred W. Tyson, Robert C. Ward, Jr., and Helen Crump Wells. Our mission is to continue to provide this top level of service throughout the State of Alabama in the coming years.