



Al Martin Honored by Best Lawyers in America for its Silver Anniversary

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The lawyer-rating directory *Best Lawyers in America* announced this week that it will honor the career of Partner Alson R. Martin during its 25th Anniversary Event in Atlanta, Georgia, in April. The event will celebrate the distinguished careers of the 1,397 lawyers who have been listed in every edition of the publication since it began rating lawyers in 1983.

Mr. Martin is a recognized national authority in the fields of business law, taxation, health care, and retirement plans and is listed in *Best Lawyers* in three categories. He serves as general counsel for over 300 privately owned businesses. Mr. Martin represents over 300 retirement plans and has represented numerous purchasers and sellers of businesses in negotiating, structuring and closing numerous transactions, including management investors involved in taking companies private; the sale of stock, assets, mergers, acquisitions, spin-offs and split-ups and; multiple joint ventures, creation and representation of ambulatory surgery centers, specialty hospitals, and other health care entities.

"We are so pleased to honor Al Martin as one of the lawyers who have been with us from the start," says Steven Naifeh, President and founder of Best Lawyers. "The Atlanta event provides an extraordinary opportunity to recognize the careers of the 1,397 lawyers who have been listed in *Best Lawyers* from its beginning. They have not only contributed in an exceptional way to the legal profession but most of them have also played important civic roles in their communities."

The silver anniversary event will open with a gala at the Georgia Aquarium on Thursday April 23rd, with remarks by Carolyn Lamm, President-Elect of the American Bar Association. On Friday, April 24th at the St. Regis hotel, attendees will engage in panel-led discussions about changes in the legal profession and legal education over the last 25 years, including a presentation from attorney David Boies. All proceeds generated by the event will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Best Lawyers, which published its first directory in 1983, compiles its listings of outstanding attorneys through peer-review surveys. Every year, thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers and *Best Lawyers* tabulates more than 2.5 million votes.



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