

“Best Law Firms”

PUBLICATION GUIDELINES



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- *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*[®]
- 2019 “Best Law Firms” or Ninth Edition of “Best Law Firms”
- Tier designation
- Metropolitan or National classification
- Practice Area(s) in which the award is given

EXAMPLES OF CORRECT LANGUAGE:

- Smith & McClean has been named a Tier 1 firm in Los Angeles for Appellate Practice by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*[®] “Best Law Firms” in 2019.
- Smith & McClean has received a First Tier ranking in L.A. in Appellate Practice by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*[®] for the Ninth Edition of “Best Law Firms.”

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EXAMPLE:

- Smith & McClean has been named a Tier 1 National “Best Law Firm” in three practice areas by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*[®] in 2019.

NOTE: The correct name of the publication is: *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*[®] “Best Law Firms” and should be formatted exactly as written, retaining the italics, the spaces on either side of the en-dash, the registration mark, and the quotation marks.

EXAMPLES OF INSUFFICIENT AND / OR INCORRECT LANGUAGE:

- Smith & McClean is a Best Law Firm.
- Smith & McClean is a Tier 1 Firm.
- Smith & McClean has been named a Best Law Firm by *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Smith & McClean has been named a Top Tier Firm by *Best Lawyers*.
- Smith & McClean is a nationally-ranked firm in *The Best Law Firms in America*.
- *U.S. News* named Smith & McClean a top-listed firm.
- Smith & McClean is Top-Listed in *Best Law Firms*.

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