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Best Lawyers announces – Georgia's Best Lawyers publication

AIKEN, S.C., Mar. 9, 2018 -- *Best Lawyers*, the oldest and most respected guide to the legal profession, released the 2018 Edition of *Georgia's Best Lawyers* today. The stand-alone publication highlights 1,588 lawyers recognized for their top legal talent, along with 104 "Lawyer of the Year" recipients from the great state of Georgia (excerpted from the 2018 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*). Additionally, the publication features notable local news and profiles of firms and individuals across the region.

Georgia's Best Lawyers will be mailed to Georgia's recognized lawyers, in addition to subscribers of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and the *Wall Street Journal* (in Georgia). Additionally, the digital publication is available in full at www.bestlawyers.com.

Also included in the publication is information on the award methodology process, the Best Lawyers metro areas map for Georgia, and a brief company overview.

For research purposes, smaller and more rural cities located within a reasonable distance to larger cities are combined into single geographical regions called "metro areas" to help collect as much feedback and data as possible. "Lawyer of the Year" awards are designated through these metro area distinctions. For research purposes, Georgia is comprised of six metro areas: Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Greater Atlanta, Macon, and Savannah.

"Lawyer of the Year" honorees are based on extremely high overall feedback within specific practice areas and metropolitan regions. Georgia's 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" section includes a feature on Billy N. Jones, partner at Jones Osteen & Jones, who was named the 2018 Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs "Lawyer of the Year" in Savannah. Jones was previously recognized as the 2012 Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs "Lawyer of the Year" in Savannah by Best Lawyers.

"For more than a third of a century," says CEO Steven Naifeh, "Best Lawyers has been the gold standard of excellence in the legal profession." President Phil Greer adds, "We are extremely proud of that record and equally proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of these exceptional legal professionals."

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