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Sometimes the need for an attorney is more than evident: when you've been served with a lawsuit, or when you've been arrested or charged with a crime. But keep in mind that people hire lawyers for advice and expertise all of the time, in all kinds of situations. While you may be able to get through a legal problem without hiring an attorney, you should always remember that when you represent yourself, you might have a "fool for a client."

One of the first things to ask yourself when considering legal representation is: "What's at stake?" When your finances or liberties are in serious jeopardy, the obvious answer is to get help.

In order to aid our readers in such situations, *Colorado Springs Style* has undertaken the task of asking local attorneys, in a confidential peer-to-peer review, who they would recommend should a friend or family member require legal assistance - their picks comprising this year's list of TOP ATTORNEYS in Colorado Springs.

How Was the List Created?

Who conducted the survey?

Colorado Springs Style, working in association with the El Paso County Bar Association, conducted the survey.

Who was surveyed?

Approximately 1,100 licensed attorneys in El Paso County were invited via email to complete the survey, with electronic reminders sent by the El Paso County Bar Association encouraging participation. In addition, attorneys were asked to forward the online voting information to their colleagues.

What instructions were they given in order to complete the survey?

Voting was held online from October 25 through November 3, 2013. Attorneys who visited the site were instructed to enter the names of up to three nominees in each specified field. All attorneys in El Paso County in good standing were available for selection. Voting was limited to attorneys only; all other votes were discounted.



Did attorneys vote only on their own specified field of law?

No, attorneys could vote across the board.

Are the attorneys listed in any particular order?

The attorneys are listed by their specified fields of law in alphabetical order.

Were respondents allowed to make comments?

This is a straight listing; therefore no comments were allowed to influence the final list.

How is this an objective listing?

The field of law is a profession that relies heavily on attorneys referring to one

another. Peer review is a very effective method of determining who is outstanding in the field, since it's based on the opinions of those in the know: their colleagues.

Was any additional research done on those nominated?

Once the ballots were complete, each nominee was carefully evaluated on the basis of the survey results, the legitimacy of their license, and their current standing with the El Paso County Bar Association.

Can attorneys pay to be on The List?

No compensation of any kind is taken from attorneys in return for being included in The List, nor were attorneys paid for their participation in the survey.

2014 TOP ATTORNEYS

TIMOTHY BUSSEY

The Bussey Law Firm, P.C.

Attorney Tim Bussey is a long time prominent Colorado Springs litigation attorney. Mr. Bussey specializes in criminal defense, DUI defense, and serious auto accident cases. He has over twenty-two years of experience litigating cases throughout Colorado including courts-martial and federal cases. He is a former active duty Air Force Judge Advocate and former Deputy District Attorney in El Paso and Teller Counties.

Mr. Bussey continuously explores new strategic ground and is requested by other lawyers when they need to learn innovative trial tactics and techniques. He has recently gained notoriety for exposing problems involving blood alcohol testing at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Crime Laboratory. This crime laboratory ceased blood alcohol testing in 2013. Prior to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Laboratory, Mr. Bussey exposed the Colorado Springs Metro Forensic Laboratory in Colorado Springs. His uncovering of laboratory errors was a key component to a decision by the United States Supreme Court in *Bullcoming v. New Mexico*, 131 S. Ct. 2705 (2011). In supporting its decision, Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg cited a newspaper article where Mr. Bussey was quoted which highlighted the problems at the laboratory in Colorado Springs.

Tim Bussey has been selected by the National Trial Lawyers Association as a Top 100 Trial Attorney since 2007. He is the nationally published co-author of "Defending DUI Vehicular Homicide DUI Cases," "Defense Strategies for Drug Crimes," "The Legality of Search and Seizure in DUI Cases," and "Witness Preparation and Examination for DUI Proceedings." His knowledge and skill has earned Mr. Bussey an AV rating, the highest peer review rating under Martindale Hubbell's peer Review Rating process, a rating that show a lawyer has reached the height of professional excellence. Mr. Bussey has been repeatedly listed on Colorado Super Lawyers and was again selected in 2014.

Mr. Bussey is also a requested speaker at local and state Continuing Legal Education seminars, and meetings. He is a nationally published co-author of four books and spoke at the American Chemistry Society National Meeting in 2011.



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