



## Pete Heaven, John King, Al Martin Named Lawyers of the Year by Best Lawyers in America

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*Best Lawyers*, the oldest peer-review publication in the legal profession, has named three Lathrop Gage attorneys to its select group of "Lawyers of the Year" for 2010. The publication has named Pete Heaven (Real Estate - Overland Park) the Real Estate Lawyer of the Year for eastern Kansas, Alson R. Martin (Corporate & General Business - Overland Park) the Corporate Lawyer of the Year for the same region, and John P. King (Real Estate - Clayton) the St. Louis Area Land Use & Zoning Lawyer of the Year.

After more than a quarter of a century in publication, *Best Lawyers* is designating "Lawyers of the Year" in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the "Lawyer of the Year." The publication compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The current, 16th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2010), is based on more than 2.8 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

"We continue to believe that recognition by one's peers is the most meaningful form of praise in the legal profession," said Steven Naifeh, Managing Editor of *Best Lawyers*. "The lawyers being honored as Lawyers of the Year have received particularly high ratings in our surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity."

### **About Lathrop Gage:**

A full-service law firm, Lathrop Gage LLP has almost 300 attorneys in 11 offices nationwide - from Los Angeles to New York. In 2009, *Chambers USA* ranked Lathrop Gage's corporate, environmental, intellectual property, litigation, real estate and labor and employment teams among the best in the Midwest. For more information, visit [www.lathropgage.com](http://www.lathropgage.com).