



Four Lathrop Gage Attorneys Named “Lawyers of the Year” by Best Lawyers

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (October 4, 2011) - *Best Lawyers*, the oldest peer-review publication in the legal profession, has named four Lathrop Gage attorneys to its 2012 "Lawyers of the Year" list. Each honoree was selected by receiving particularly high ratings from their peers. Only one lawyer for each practice area in each community is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year."

The publication has named William Beck (Environmental - Kansas City) the Kansas City, Mo. Insurance Law Lawyer of the Year, Peter Brown (Wealth Strategies - Kansas City) the Kansas City, Mo. Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year, Lewis "Pete" Heaven (Real Estate - Overland Park) the Kansas City, Kan. Litigation - Land Use & Zoning Lawyer of the Year, and Maurice O'Sullivan, Jr. (Wealth Strategies - Kansas City) the Kansas City, Mo. Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law Lawyer of the Year.

About the honorees:

- Beck has more than 30 years of experience as a trial lawyer. He has particular expertise in insurance archaeology, policy analysis, charting, allocation, claim development, settlement negotiations, coverage litigation, and alternative coverage dispute resolution. He received a Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rating, has been selected a "Leading Lawyer" by *Chambers USA* since 2004, and has been rated one of the *Best Lawyers in America* since 2005.
- Brown concentrates his practice in wealth strategies, primarily business, estate and tax planning for closely held corporations, individuals and large estates, and real estate investors. He has been selected as one of the Top 100 Wealth Strategies Attorneys in the United States by *Worth Magazine*, received a Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rating, and has been selected among the *Best Lawyers in America* since 2001.
- Heaven has more than 25 years experience representing residential and commercial real estate developers in the Midwest. He received a Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rating, and since 2003 has been selected among the *Best Lawyers in America*, and been named a "Leading Lawyer" by *Chambers USA*. Heaven was also selected as the 2010 Real Estate "Lawyer of the Year" for eastern Kansas.



- O'Sullivan has extensive experience in non-qualified deferred compensation, qualified retirement and welfare benefit plans for a wide variety of employers. He has been selected by the *Best Lawyers in America* for the past 27 years, and is Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rated.

About Lathrop Gage LLP:

A full-service law firm, Lathrop Gage LLP has more than 320 attorneys in 12 offices nationwide - from Los Angeles to New York. In 2011, *Chambers USA* ranked Lathrop Gage's corporate, environmental, intellectual property, labor and employment, litigation, real estate and transportation teams among the best in their regions. For more information, visit www.lathropgage.com.