

OHIO RISING STARS Super Lawyers® 2006

HOW RISING STARS ARE SELECTED

Law & Politics performs the polling, research and selection of Rising Stars. To be eligible for selection, an attorney must be age 40 or younger, or in practice for 10 years or less. Only 2.5 percent of the attorneys in Ohio are selected as Rising Stars.

Ohio Rising Stars are outstanding young attorneys representing a wide range of practice areas, firm sizes and geographic locations.

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SURVEY OF SUPER LAWYERS

Each year Law & Politics mails a ballot to all Ohio Super Lawyers, asking them to nominate the best up-and-coming attorneys they've *personally observed in action*. The intent is to discourage votes based purely on reputation.

Each vote a candidate receives carries a point total, with votes from lawyers outside the nominee's firm weighted more than votes from within the firm.

Law & Politics monitors balloting for indications of manipulation, and eliminates such ballots from consideration.

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THE RESEARCH PROCESS

Interviews and contacts: Throughout the selection process, Law & Politics meets and corresponds with law firms in Ohio to identify the top young lawyers in those firms.

Independent research: The Law & Politics attorney-led research team actively searches for outstanding new attorneys to complement the statewide survey of Super Lawyers. The research team evaluates prospective candidates for indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Civic service and pro bono activities are also considered.

Data verification: Each candidate is contacted to verify the lawyer's professional information, including primary area of practice. Even if selected, a Rising Star candidate's name will not be published unless all information is verified prior to publication.

Good standing review: Law & Politics reviews the discipline records of each candidate with the Supreme Court of Ohio Reporter of Decisions Web site. In addition, each candidate is required to sign a certification that they have not been the subject of disciplinary proceedings.

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THE FINAL SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates are divided according to firm size and geographic location. Top candidates from each group are selected as Rising Stars.

In addition to attorneys in private practice, Rising Stars include prosecutors, in-house counsel, and public service lawyers.

Rising Stars are listed alphabetically beginning on page 22 and by practice area starting on page 24. Ohio Rising Stars are on the Web at superlawyers.com where they can be searched by name, practice area and city.

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PRACTICE AREAS:

- Plaintiffs PI: Product Liability
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Gallucci has practiced with Kelley & Ferraro since 1997. He represents plaintiffs in asbestos, silica, welding rod fume, pharmaceutical, toxic tort, and products liability cases. Gallucci has successfully tried numerous cases to verdict and has obtained multi-million dollar awards in favor of his clients. A \$4.45 million award he obtained for compensatory damages in an asbestos-related wrongful death case was one of the ten largest verdicts in Ohio in 2000. He has been instrumental in negotiating the settlement of tens of thousands of asbestos cases with various national manufacturers. Gallucci is a 1996 graduate of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and a 1992 graduate of Miami University in Ohio.



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Robert Marcis is a partner in the law firm of Kelley & Ferraro LLP. His practice is devoted to representing plaintiffs in asbestos, silica, toxic tort, products liability, and workers' compensation cases. Marcis has successfully tried numerous cases to verdict and has obtained several multi-million dollar awards in favor of his clients. He has also successfully helped widows, whose husbands have died from occupational diseases, recover settlements through the workers' compensation fund. Marcis earned his B.A. at Duke University and his J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law. He is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.



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John Murphy is the Partner in Charge of Kelley & Ferraro's Personal Injury Litigation Practice. His practice is devoted exclusively to representing plaintiffs in serious personal injury and wrongful death cases. He and his firm also work in asbestos and silica litigation. Murphy has served as lead counsel in numerous personal injury and asbestos cases. In addition, he has been a prosecutor and currently serves as Magistrate in two municipalities. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Cleveland Bar Association. Murphy earned his B.A. at Purdue University and his J.D. from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.