

OHIO RISING STARS Super Lawyers 2007

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A Magazine Published By Attorneys, Exclusively For Attorneys

Law & Politics strictly adheres to a rigorous selection process with the goals of casting as wide a net as possible, evaluating quality in the most objective possible terms and verifying and validating all data. The only way a lawyer can be listed in **Rising Stars** magazine is through this selection process. The determination of whether a lawyer will be placed on the **Rising Stars** list is independent of advertising or any other payments.

Law & Politics has been publishing magazines for an attorney audience since 1990.

No other legal publisher identifies qualified candidates by using a multi-step evaluation process that incorporates peer recognition and professional achievement. Law & Politics uses balloting, peer evaluation and internal research, which acts as a system of checks and balances. The resulting product is a diverse and comprehensive listing of outstanding lawyers.

SELECTION PROCESS

STEP ONE: CREATION OF THE CANDIDATE POOL

Survey of lawyers

- Law & Politics mailed **Rising Stars** ballots to all Ohio lawyers selected for 2007 **Super Lawyers**.
- The lawyers were asked to nominate the best up-and-coming attorneys (lawyers 40 years old or younger, or in practice 10 years or less) they've personally observed in action.
- Nominees need not be in private practice. Lawyers may nominate legal aid attorneys, prosecutors and in-house counsel.
- Each nomination carried a point value. An out-of-firm vote had substantially greater point value than an in-firm vote.

Independent candidate search

- Law & Politics' research department also searched for outstanding up-and-coming Ohio lawyers by:
 - Reviewing national and local periodicals as well as legal trade journals
 - Searching professional databases and online sources
 - Conducting in-person and telephonic meetings with law firms
- This step was designed to identify practitioners who may have been missed in the balloting process, particularly highly talented lawyers in specialty areas or those with low-visibility, yet high-quality, practices.

STEP TWO: EVALUATION OF CANDIDATES

- Law & Politics' research department examined the background and experience of candidates, evaluating indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement.

- Factors considered in evaluating candidates were:

- Verdicts and settlements
- Transactions
- Representative clients
- Experience
- Honors and awards
- Special licenses and certifications
- Position within law firm
- Bar and/or other professional activity
- Pro bono and community service
- Scholarly lectures and writings
- Education and employment background
- Other outstanding achievements

FINAL SELECTION

Only 2.5 percent of the total lawyers in Ohio are listed in **Rising Stars**.

BEFORE PUBLISHING

- Law & Politics' research staff checked each candidate's standing with the local licensing authority.
- Candidates were asked to aver that they have not been subject to disciplinary or criminal proceedings, and to confirm the accuracy of contact and practice area information.
- Final Internet searches were performed on each candidate to ensure there were no outstanding matters that would reflect adversely on the lawyer.

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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 multimillion-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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Murphy is a partner in the asbestos law firm of Kelley & Ferraro. His practice is devoted exclusively to representing plaintiffs in mesothelioma, silicosis, wrongful death, medical malpractice and serious personal injury. Murphy has served as lead counsel in numerous personal injury and asbestos cases. In addition, he has served as a special prosecutor and currently serves as Magistrate in Bratenahl Village and Grand River. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association and the Cleveland Bar Association. Murphy is a graduate of Gilmour Academy. He earned his B.A. at Purdue University and his J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.