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Los Angeles, CA - *The Best Lawyers in America* recently announced that it selected seven attorneys at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp (MSK) for inclusion in the current edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. William L. Cole, Allan B. Cutrow, Russell J. Frackman, Marvin Leon, Lawrence A. Michaels, David Wheeler Newman, and Steven M. Schneider were included in this list.

According to *The Best Lawyers in America*, attorneys are selected based on an exhaustive and rigorous peer-review survey that has been developed and refined for 25 years. *Best Lawyers* also conducted thousands of extensive telephone interviews with leading attorneys throughout its balloting process.

"We are extremely fortunate to have such an outstanding team of attorneys who are very deserving of this distinction and have been recognized for their hard work and dedication to the practice of law," said MSK Managing Partner Thomas Lambert.

Attorneys recognized by *The Best Lawyers In America* include:

William L. Cole, partner and Chair of the Labor & Employment group, plays a critical role in his representation of employers in all areas of both labor relations and employment law, including several recent high profile labor negotiations on behalf of motion picture and television studios, producers and others.

Allan B. Cutrow, partner and Chair of the Trusts & Estates group, represents the estates of numerous high profile, high net worth individuals and closely held businesses, and provides sophisticated advice and counsel in connection with estate and trust administration, litigation and dispute resolution.

Russell J. Frackman, a partner in the Litigation, Entertainment & New Media and IP & Technology groups, is at the forefront of cutting-edge issues involving intellectual property in all media. Recently, he served as lead counsel in landmark litigation matters concerning the use of trademarks in videogames, unauthorized "sampling" of musical works, and DMCA provisions.

attorneys

William Cole
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practice areas

commercial litigation
employment litigation & counseling
entertainment & ip litigation
entertainment transactions
labor & employment
labor litigation & counseling
litigation
tax and trusts & estates
tax planning
transactional tax
trusts & estates



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Marvin Leon, Of Counsel in the Corporate Transactions and Real Estate groups, has been a leader among real estate attorneys on the local, state and national levels. He has been Special Real Estate Counsel to banks, construction companies, governmental agencies, and real estate development companies, and represents developers, borrowers, lenders, sellers, buyers, landlords, tenants, and contractors in all aspects of the real estate industry.

Lawrence A. Michaels, a partner in the Labor & Employment group, has a track record of success in representing employers before state and federal courts and administrative agencies, with industry experience ranging from entertainment to aerospace and from manufacturing to financial services.

David Wheeler Newman, partner and Chair of the Tax and Charitable Sector group, has earned a national reputation for innovation and creativity in structuring current and deferred charitable gifts. He advises charitable organizations regarding their tax exemption and charitable gift planning programs, and individuals and families on estate and tax planning in connection with investment activities.

Steven M. Schneider, a partner in the Labor & Employment group, specializes in labor, employment and unfair competition law on behalf of management in numerous industries, including credit card processing, hospitals, entertainment, banking, transportation, accounting, retail, technology and construction.

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