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G. Keith Phoenix and Kenneth W. Bean Chosen as “Lawyers of the Year” for Second Consecutive Year

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Sandberg Phoenix was once again named “Lawyers of the Year” in the St. Louis Metropolitan area by *Best Lawyers®*. Unlike the *Best Lawyers in America* listing, only one lawyer from each specialty within each community is honored with the “Lawyer of the Year” title. Mr. Phoenix was recognized as the “St. Louis Best Lawyers Product Liability Litigator of the Year” and Mr. Bean was recognized as the “St. Louis Best Lawyers Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year.”

To be named as “Lawyers of the Year,” Mr. Phoenix and Mr. Bean received high ratings on peer-review surveys and have achieved a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity. Steven Naifeh, President of Best Lawyers, says, “We continue to believe – as we have believed for more than 25 years – that recognition by one’s peers is the most meaningful form of praise in the legal profession. We would like to congratulate G. Keith Phoenix and Kenneth W. Bean on being selected.”

Mr. Phoenix has experience in well over 2,000 pieces of major litigation and has tried to completion scores of high exposure cases around the country, generally representing large multi-national corporations. The Best Lawyers in America listing has designated him as one of their top trial lawyers in the country for the last 14 years in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Medical Malpractice Law, Personal Injury Litigation and Product Liability Litigation.

Mr. Bean has experience in the defense of high-risk medical malpractice litigation and medical products liability and has tried to completion over 50 jury cases in the last 10 years. Best Lawyers in America has named him as one of the best trial attorneys in the country for the last seven, consecutive years in the areas of Health Law, Medical Malpractice Law and Personal Injury Litigation. Mr. Bean is also a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers.