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## Kenneth Bean Selected "Lawyer of the Year" by "Best Lawyers in America" 2014

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Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year," making this accolade particularly significant.

Since *Best Lawyers* began designating "Lawyers of the Year" in the U.S. in high-profile legal practice areas in 2009, Sandberg Phoenix attorneys have been honored several times, with G. Keith Phoenix receiving the award in 2011-2012 for his work in Product Liability Litigation and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, respectively. Peter von Gontard also received the 2013 honor for his work in Product Liability Litigation – Defendants.

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Lawyers being honored as "Lawyer of the Year" are selected based on particularly impressive voting averages received during the exhaustive peer-review assessments we conduct with thousands of leading lawyers each year. Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism, and their integrity.

His recognition as Lawyer of the Year in 2014 marks Ken's third time receiving the honor, having earned it also in 2012 for his work in Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants and in 2011 for his work in Medical Malpractice Law.

"The St. Louis legal community has many excellent personal injury defense attorneys," Said Ken, "and I am honored to have been selected to represent our part of the defense Bar."

Sandberg Phoenix congratulates Ken on the unique honor of being selected as "Lawyer of the Year" by his peers. Ken's relentless pursuit of superior client service and willingness to go above and beyond to achieve his clients' goals are an inspiration not only to his fellow attorneys at Sandberg Phoenix, but his peers in the legal community and beyond.