

Best of the Bar: Top vote recipients of 2007 win peer approval

Honoring the achievements of local lawyers.

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When you need a lawyer, it's important to find one who's right for your case.

On these pages, you'll find the results of Orlando Business Journal's fourth annual Best of the Bar survey, in which Central Florida attorneys recognize others in their profession.

This special report honors the achievements of local lawyers, whether they represent corporate clients or individuals, in civil or criminal cases, inside companies, government agencies or in private firms.

This year, local lawyers nominated hundreds of their peers, many of whom made warm comments and expressed appreciation for the great legal talent in our community.

The nomination rules designed to ensure that those listed in the report had broad support. Nominations were only accepted from Florida licensed attorneys, so the result truly is a group of folks being honored by their legal peers.

To keep the process fair, we set up a point system. Each out-of-firm nomination was worth one point, while an in-firm nomination was worth half a point. Participants nominating a lawyer in their firm were required to also nominate an equal or greater number of lawyers from outside their own firm. Further, attorneys could not make the list based on self-

nominations or solely from in-firm votes.

You may want to keep a copy of this Best of the Bar report on hand, just in case you find yourself in need of a great attorney.

Part of the top 5 percent of the Best of the Bar vote recipients:

Prineet D. Sharma

Firm: Harris, Harris, Bauerle & Sharma
Area of Practice: Eminent domain
Law School: Stetson University College of Law



My greatest achievement as a lawyer:
“Representing property owners in multi-million-dollar eminent domain cases.”