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FOR OUR 10TH ANNUAL LISTING of Georgia's top attorneys, selected by their peers, we expanded the number of practice areas to 20 from last year's eight to provide recognition in a broader range of specialties.

Our methodology remains the same: We mailed ballots to a sampling of several thousand attorneys who are members of the State Bar of Georgia and whose practice areas correspond to the areas we are featuring. We also put a ballot on our website, georgiatrend.com, which could be downloaded or submitted online.

This year our list includes lawyers who work in Appellate Law; Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights; Business Law; Corporate Law; Criminal Law; Elder Law; Entertainment/Sports Law; Environmental Law; Family Law; General Practice/Trial Law; Healthcare Law; Immigration Law; Intellectual Property; Labor & Employment Law; Personal Injury; Pro Bono & Nonprofits; Public Finance/

Bonds; Real Estate Law; Taxes/Estates/Trusts; and Technology Law.

Any attorney who is a member of the state bar and lives and practices in Georgia was eligible to vote and to be voted onto the list. Respondents were not allowed to vote for themselves; they could vote for other members of their firms if they voted for an equal or greater number of attorneys outside their firms.

The names of the top vote recipients appear in the following pages in alphabetical order. They are listed in the categories into which their peers voted them, although some may practice in more than one area.

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