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ELPO ranked Tier 1 by U.S. News and World Report in environmental law

English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP recently obtained top ranking in the field of environmental law. Best Law Firms contains national rankings of 583 law firms in 39 legal practice areas. ELPO obtained Tier 1 ranking in the field of environmental law.

The firm's environmental law practice is led by LaJuana Wilcher, who served as the nation's senior regulatory official for water programs at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from 1989 to 1993, and as Secretary of Kentucky's Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet from 2003 to 2006. Attorneys Samantha Propp and Murry Raines also practice in environmental law. Overall, the survey ranked 9,000 firms in 81 practice areas in 171 metropolitan areas, plus seven statewide rankings for states which have a more widely distributed population.

Also, two firm partners are now listed in Best Lawyers in America. Charles E. English is listed in Best Lawyers in the fields of appellate, commercial litigation and corporate law. LaJuana Wilcher is listed in environmental law.

Methodology

Best Lawyers and U.S. News partnered to create the survey and publish the results. Attorneys, law firm clients and marketing and recruiting officers completed surveys that asked differing questions. Best Lawyers asked clients to rank the firm's expertise, responsiveness, cost-effectiveness and other attributes. Attorneys were asked to rank the firm on some of the same qualities, but also if they would refer a matter to the firm and if they consider the firm a worthy competitor.

Marketing and recruiting officers provided demographic data, including the number of lawyers in the firm, number of attorneys who had clerked for judges, number of attorneys who are members of several prestigious law organizations and previous law experience of attorneys, including those who had served on the staff of federal regulatory organizations or on the staff of attorneys general.

About ELPO

English, Lucas, Priest, & Owsley, LLP, the largest law firm in Southcentral Kentucky, offers business clients and individuals the experience and depth of a large firm and the personal commitment and attention of a small one. For more than 35 years, the firm has worked with clients to develop creative solutions to difficult legal and business problems. The firm is located in Bowling Green, Ky.