

Seyfarth Shaw Earns Top National and Regional Marks in Latest *U.S. News/Best Lawyers* Law Firm Rankings

Peer-based survey ranks four Seyfarth practice areas in first tier nationwide, and another six on top of metro area rankings; total of 57 Seyfarth practice areas finish in tiers one, two, or three nationally and in eight metro areas coast to coast

CHICAGO (November 7, 2011) – Leading full-service law firm Seyfarth Shaw LLP is pleased to announce that it ranks in the first tier nationally in four practice areas, and in the top three tiers nationally in a total of 21 practice areas, according to results of the latest *U.S. News/Best Lawyers* survey. In addition, Seyfarth practice areas rank in the first tier in six metropolitan areas – Chicago, Boston, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Houston, and Los Angeles – and in the top three tiers in a total of eight metropolitan areas (including New York and San Francisco).

The *U.S. News/Best Lawyers* “Best Law Firms” ranking is based on evaluations provided by peer lawyers and clients, making it a substantive analysis of law firms by those best positioned to assess them objectively. More than 9,600 law firms were graded for the 2011-12 rankings, which also incorporate 3.9 million evaluations of more than 41,200 leading individual attorneys.

The four Seyfarth practice areas ranked in the *U.S. News/Best Lawyers* first tier nationally are Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Construction, and Litigation – Labor & Employment—a reflection of Seyfarth’s traditional strength in labor and employment matters. The firm’s nationwide rankings in the second tier demonstrate Seyfarth’s capacity in other areas of the law, as the firm was noted for its performance in Construction Law, Corporate Law, Environmental Law, Immigration Law, and Litigation – Environmental.

In metropolitan areas, the top-tier-ranked Seyfarth practice areas are Information Technology Law (Atlanta); Employment Law – Management and Labor Law – Management (Boston); Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, and Litigation – Labor & Employment (Chicago); Health Care Law (Houston); Immigration Law (Los Angeles); and Litigation – Construction (Washington, D.C.).

The following is a complete list of Seyfarth’s *U.S. News/Best Lawyers* rankings.

National practice group rankings:

National Tier 1

- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Construction
- Litigation – Labor & Employment

National Tier 2

- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Environmental Law
- Immigration Law
- Litigation – Environmental

National Tier 3

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization I
- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar – Governmental Investigations
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar – Litigation
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Insurance Law
- Litigation – Antitrust
- Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Litigation – Trusts & Estates
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

Metropolitan practice group rankings:

Atlanta Tier 1

- Information Technology Law

Boston Tier 1

- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management

Chicago Tier 1

- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor & Employment

Houston Tier 1

- Health Care Law

Los Angeles Tier 1

- Immigration Law

Washington, D.C. Tier 1

- Litigation – Construction

Atlanta Tier 2

- Arbitration

- Corporate Law
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Mediation

Boston Tier 2

- Litigation – Labor & Employment

Chicago Tier 2

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental
- Litigation – Securities
- Real Estate Law

Los Angeles Tier 2

- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor & Employment
- Litigation – Trusts & Estates
- Trusts & Estates Law

New York City Tier 2

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor & Employment
- Real Estate Law

San Francisco Tier 2

- Employment Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor & Employment

Washington, D.C. Tier 2

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar – Governmental Investigations
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar – Litigation
- Real Estate Law

Los Angeles Tier 3

- Real Estate Law

Seyfarth Shaw has over 750 attorneys located in 10 offices throughout the United States, including: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Sacramento, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., as well as internationally in London. Seyfarth Shaw provides a broad range of legal services in the areas of labor and employment, employee benefits, litigation, corporate and real estate. The firm's clients include

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