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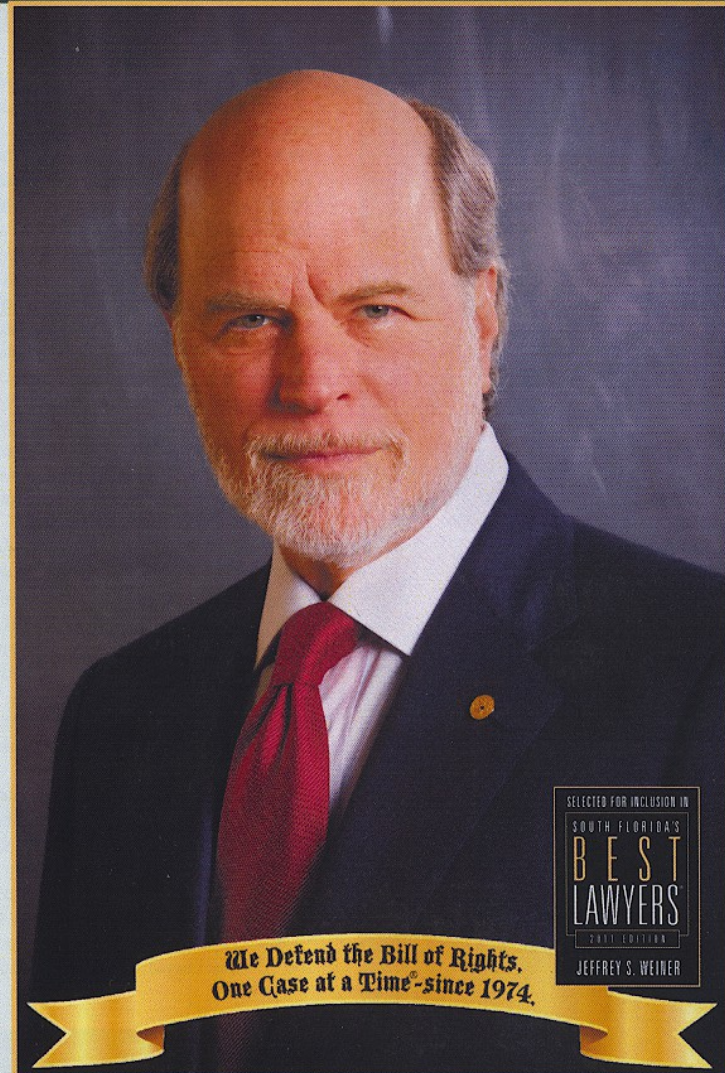
For more than 37 years, Jeffrey S. Weiner has been a staunch advocate for the preservation of our constitutional rights before, during and after an arrest. A nationally Board Certified Criminal Trial Advocate, he has represented clients throughout the United States and argued appeals before the United States Supreme Court, the Florida Supreme Court, and numerous Florida and Federal Courts of Appeal. In addition, Mr. Weiner represents United States citizens and foreign nationals in international criminal law matters, and members of various professions before regulatory agencies in matters involving licensure, disciplinary, grievance, admission and re-admission matters.

Mr. Weiner's distinguished legal career is marked by his discretion in his representation of clients; the all too typical media circus that surrounds many cases is averted. Our cases are handled with paramount focus on the best interests of our clients.

Jeff Weiner's history of service includes terms as president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, president of the Florida Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, chair of the Dade County Bar Criminal Courts Committee, and chair of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Criminal Law Section. He is a Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. As important as his numerous organizational accolades is the recognition he has received from his peers in being named to *Florida Trends*'s "Legal Elite", which singles out less than 2% of the nearly 63,000 Florida Bar members practicing in Florida; his inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, *South Florida Legal Guide*'s "Top Lawyers"®, *Super Lawyers*®, Criminal Defense — White-Collar Crime and has an AV Preeminent Peer Review rating which is "the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards". A frequent lecturer and author, Mr. Weiner is a recipient of NACDL's highest honor given "to the one criminal defense attorney who best exemplifies the goals and values of the Association, and the legal profession".

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METHODOLOGY

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The method used to compile Best Lawyers remains unchanged since the first edition was compiled more than 26 years ago. Lawyers are chosen for inclusion based solely on a vote of their peers. Listings cannot be bought, and no purchase is required to be included. In this regard, Best Lawyers remains the gold standard of reliability and integrity in lawyer ratings.

The nomination pool for the 2010 edition consisted of all lawyers whose names appeared in the previous edition of Best Lawyers, lawyers who were nominated since the previous survey, and new nominees solicited from listed attorneys. In general, lawyers were asked to vote only on nominees in their own specialty in their own jurisdiction. Lawyers in closely related specialties were asked to vote across specialties, as were lawyers in smaller jurisdictions. Where specialties are national or international in nature, lawyers were asked to vote nationally as well as locally. Voting lawyers were also given an opportunity to offer more detailed comments on nominees.

Voting lawyers were provided this general guideline for determining if a nominee should be listed: "If you had a close friend or relative who needed a real estate lawyer (for example), and you could not handle the case yourself, to whom would you refer them?" All votes and comments were solicited with a guarantee of confidentiality – a critical factor in the viability and validity of Best Lawyers surveys. To ensure the rigor of the selection process, lawyers were urged to use only their highest standards when voting, and to evaluate each nominee based only on his or her individual merits. The additional comments were used to make more accurate comparisons between voting patterns and weight votes accordingly. Best Lawyers uses various methodological tools to identify and correct for anomalies in both the nomination and voting process.

Ultimately, of course, a lawyer's inclusion is based on the subjective judgments of his or her fellow attorneys. While it is true that the lists may at times disproportionately reward visibility or popularity, the breadth of the survey, the candor of the respondents, and the sophistication of the polling methodology largely correct for any biases. For all these reasons, Best Lawyers lists continue to represent the most reliable, accurate and useful guide to the legal profession in the United States.

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