

## **FOUR NAMED BEST LAWYERS AT SALVATORI, WOOD, BUCKEL & WEIDENMILLER**

November 16, 2009 – NAPLES, FLA. – One of the oldest and most respected peer-review publications has named four attorneys from Salvatori, Wood, Buckel & Weidenmiller, one of the most respected law firms in Naples, to its *2010 Best Lawyers'* Florida edition. Leo Salvatori was named the 2010 Best Real Estate Lawyer of the Year in Florida, with fellow attorneys Robert M. Buckel, Kevin Carmichael and C. Lane Wood also earning Best Lawyers accolades.

*Best Lawyers* compiles lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. In the U.S., Best Lawyers publishes an annual referral guide, *The Best Lawyers in America*, which includes 39,766 attorneys in 80 specialties, covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The current, 16th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2010), is based on more than 2.8 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

Leo Salvatori practices in the areas of real estate, real estate development, banking, commercial financing and business law and corporate/LLC/partnerships. He graduated summa cum laude from Stetson University before earning his J.D. from the Stetson University College of Law. Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1980, he is a member of the Collier County Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Florida State Bar.

Board certified by the Florida Bar as a Wills, Trust and Estates law specialist, Rob Buckel heads up the firm's Trust & Estates section. He has practiced law in the area of estate planning and probate administration in Naples for over 25 years. A long-standing member of the Florida Bar Association's section on Probate and Trust Law, he is also a member of the Naples Estate Planning Council.

Kevin Carmichael practices in the areas of closely held business law, federal and state taxation, tax controversy, inbound and outbound tax planning for US and foreign person, mergers and acquisitions of for-profit and not-for-profit entities, exempt organization planning and dissolving business succession planning, asset protection planning and US and international estate planning. Fluent in Spanish, he was admitted to the Pennsylvania and Florida bars in 1990. Currently, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Graduates of the United State Air Force Academy; Founding Director/President, Center for Great Apes; Director, Economic Development Foundation Inc. of Collier County; Director, One by One Leadership Foundation; Director, Gulf Coast Venture Forum; and Director, SW Florida Chapter of the FICPA.

Lane Wood's practice focuses on real estate development, transactions and finance, in addition to the purchase and sales of business enterprises. He was admitted into the Florida Bar in 1998 and is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Florida and the Collier County Bar Association. Wood played football during his undergraduate studies at Brown University where he graduated in 1985, and went on to play football in Europe before obtaining his law degree from the Florida State University College of Law in 1998. He is currently a certified Contract Advisor with the NFL Players Association and an Advisory Board Member for the Southwest Florida Christian Foundation, an affiliate of the National Christian Foundation.

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