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## **Mel Sykes Named Appellate Practice Lawyer of the Year**

Congratulations to **Melvin J. Sykes**, Of Counsel to Brown, Goldstein & Levy, on his selection as the Baltimore *Best Lawyers* Appellate Practice Lawyer of the Year for 2012. Only a single lawyer in each practice area in each community is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year."

*Best Lawyers* compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The current, 18th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America (2012)* is based on more than 3.9 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

The lawyers being honored as "Lawyers of the Year" have received particularly high ratings in our surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

Steven Naifeh, President of *Best Lawyers*, says, "We continue to believe – as we have believed for more than 25 years – that recognition by one's peers is the most meaningful form of praise in the legal profession. We would like to congratulate Melvin J. Sykes on being selected as the 'Baltimore Best Lawyers Appellate Practice Lawyer of the Year' for 2012."

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