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Becker Meisel Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Practice Chairs and Firm Founders Ben Becker and Stacey Meisel Named Two of "The Best Lawyers in America"® Practice Achieves Inaugural U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" First-Tier Firm Rankings

Livingston, N.J., December 3, 2010 – Becker Meisel's Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Practice chairs and firm founders [Ben Becker](#) and [Stacey Meisel](#) were selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 in the field of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Copyright 2010 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.). In addition, the firm's [Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Practice](#) has received Metropolitan First-Tier Ranking in the inaugural publication of *U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms"*, a highly anticipated annual analysis.

A practicing bankruptcy law attorney for the past 25 years, Mr. Becker has represented Chapter 11 debtors, financial and other major institutions, creditors' committees, trustees, individual creditors and various other interested parties in bankruptcy proceedings across the United States. He has played significant roles in a number of major bankruptcy proceedings including, but not limited to: Trump Casinos; Kara Homes; Nutraquest, Inc.; and Neuman Distributors.

Like Mr. Becker, Ms. Meisel represents privately held debtors, Chapter 7 and 11 Trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, equity holders, and other interested parties in bankruptcy and state court proceedings across the United States. In 1997, she became the youngest serving member on the New Jersey Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees appointed by the United States Department of Justice and is the first African-American woman to serve in this position in New Jersey. In recognition of her accomplishments, Ms. Meisel has received a number of awards and honors, including being recognized twice by *The New Jersey Law Journal* as one of the forty attorneys selected to comprise their top "40 Under 40", being named NJBIZ's "New Jersey's Best 50 Women In Business", and being named for six years running as one of New Jersey's "Super Lawyers" by *Law & Politics*.

"*Best Lawyers* is a long-standing and respected peer-review publication in the legal profession," said Managing Partner Martin Borosko. "The firm is extremely proud of this accomplishment, which recognizes the individual as well as the collective strength of our Bankruptcy Department."

Since its inception in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Because *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which more than 39,000 leading attorneys cast almost 3.1 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

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About U.S. News - Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms”

These inaugural rankings, which are presented in tiers both nationally and by metropolitan area or by state, showcase 8,782 different law firms ranked in one or more of 81 major practice areas. Full data is available online for the law firms that received rankings, from the largest firms in the country to hundreds of one-person and two-person law firms, providing a comprehensive view of the U.S. legal profession that is unprecedented both in the range of firms represented and in the range of qualitative and quantitative data used to develop the rankings.

The mission of Best Law Firms from the start has been to help guide referring lawyers and clients – from the country’s largest companies needing corporate legal advice to individuals needing to get a divorce or write a will – issues that have a bet-the-company implication (in the case of a corporation) or a potentially life-changing result (in the case of an individual).

These reputational survey responses were combined with more than 3.1 million evaluations of individual lawyers in these firms in the most recent Best Lawyers survey of leading lawyers. Hard numbers were also used to develop the practice area rankings — data about numbers of lawyers and their previous experience, numbers of clients within different billing ranges, numbers of transactions and litigation matters at different dollar levels; pro-bono commitment, diversity, and other objective data.

Achieving a high ranking is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise.