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Tanner Bishop Attorneys Named 2009 Florida Super Lawyers

Jacksonville – Tanner Bishop partners Michael G. Tanner and Thomas E. Bishop are among Florida's 2009 Super Lawyers, and associate David D. Burns is named as one of the state's Rising Stars.

Super Lawyers is a comprehensive, diverse listing of outstanding attorneys from more than 70 practice areas. Law & Politics, a division of Key Professional Media Inc. of Minneapolis, makes the annual selections based on a rigorous multi-phase selection process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates by Law & Politics' attorney-led research staff and a peer review of candidates by practice area.

Super Lawyers lists include only the top five percent of the total lawyers in the state. Rising Stars are considered the state's top up-and-coming attorneys who are 40 years old or younger or who have been practicing for 10 years or less.

Tanner is the immediate past chair of The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization & Education, which oversees all of The Bar's board certification programs, and is board certified in business litigation and civil trial. Tanner is one of north Florida's top litigation and appellate lawyers whose primary areas of practice include complex litigation, state and federal appellate work and election law.

Jacksonville Lawyer Magazine recently named Bishop, a former state prosecutor, as a "Next Generation Lawyer." He has extensive experience in the litigation and trial of complex cases in state and federal courts, and before arbitration tribunals.

Both Tanner and Bishop are rated "AV" by Martindale-Hubbell Inc., are listed in Best Lawyers in America and are among Florida Trend Magazine's "Legal Elite." Both attorneys were listed among Florida's Super Lawyers in 2007 and 2008.

The Jacksonville Chapter of the Federal Bar Association recently honored Burns with its "Spirit of Giving Award" in recognition of his pro bono service. Burns is a member of the Jacksonville Bar Association, the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association, Jacksonville Chapter. Burns chairs the Jacksonville Bar Association's Sports and Entertainment Section.

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The lawyers of Tanner Bishop are experienced in commercial litigation in state and federal courts and arbitration tribunals, including contract disputes, property and land disputes, antitrust, banking litigation, construction litigation (including the representation of owners, developers, contractors and design professionals), insurance coverage, negligence, products liability and wrongful death (particularly in complex and catastrophic cases). The firm also practices in the areas of election law, white-collar criminal defense, and data privacy law.