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Tanner Bishop Attorneys Named to Florida Trend Magazine's 2009 Florida Legal Elite

Jacksonville – *Florida Trend* magazine has named Tanner Bishop partners Michael G. Tanner and Thomas E. Bishop to its prestigious “Florida Legal Elite™” list for 2009.

Voting by Florida Bar members develops the Legal Elite special report, which will be published as part of the July 2009 issue of *Florida Trend*.

“Florida Legal Elite is an important resource for letting our readers, the business leaders in Florida, know who lawyers say are the best in the state,” said *Florida Trend* publisher Lynda Keever.

The list of Legal Elite honorees includes attorneys in private practice as well as prosecutors, public-service attorneys and law school professors. Attorneys are asked to name the attorneys that they hold in highest regard as professionals, lawyers with whom they have personally worked and would recommend to others.

Tanner is Florida Bar board certified in business litigation and civil trial and is included in *Jacksonville Magazine*'s April 2009 feature, “Order In The Court: 200 Local Expert Attorneys.” He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, Jacksonville chapter, and the Federal Bar Association of Jacksonville. He is a master and executive board member of the First District Appellate American Inn of Court.

Bishop is a former state prosecutor who is a past president of the Federal Bar Association of Jacksonville. *Jacksonville Lawyer* magazine recently named him a “Next Generation Lawyer.” He holds membership in High Court of New Zealand, the Supreme Court of Queensland and the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.

Tanner and Bishop are rated “AV” by Martindale-Hubbell Inc. Both attorneys are listed in “Best Lawyers in America” from 2007 – 09, “Florida Legal Elite” from 2006 – 09 and *Law & Politics*' “Florida's Super Lawyers” from 2007 – 09.

According to *Florida Trend*, Florida Bar President John G. "Jay" White III said that a peer-determined list of lawyers is an excellent research tool for people selecting legal counsel.

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“Good referrals often come from friends or co-workers, but *Florida Legal Elite* provides an additional nod of approval from those who know the attorney's skills the best,” said White.

For Legal Elite selection, Florida Bar members submit online ballots that are independently checked, scored and tabulated. The Florida Bar verifies each attorney's membership status, and a panel of Florida attorneys representing different practice areas and cities across the state reviews the selection process and the list of finalists.

Additional information about Legal Elite can be found at www.floridatrend.com.

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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.