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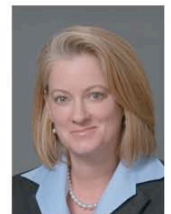
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**Two-thirds of Ellis Lawhorne Shareholders Selected  
to 2011 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>**

COLUMBIA, S.C., August 9, 2010 - - [Ellis Lawhorne](#) is pleased to announce that two-thirds of its shareholders have been selected to *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>. Fourteen of the firm's 21 shareholders will be included in the 2011 edition of the legal profession's most respected peer-review publication. All of the firm's four practice groups are represented in *Best Lawyers*.

[Best Lawyers in America](#) is a widely regarded publication considered to be the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States. The *Best Lawyers* lists, representing 80 specialties in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., are compiled through an exhaustive peer-review survey in which thousands of the top lawyers in the United States confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The Ellis Lawhorne attorneys were selected out of a pool of more than 3.1 million entries nationwide.

All five of the Firm's shareholders in the [Workers' Compensation Practice Group](#) were honored by 2011 *Best Lawyers*: [F. Earl Ellis, Jr.](#), [William R. Harbison](#), [Ernest G. Lawhorne](#), [Mary Sowell League](#), and [Lana H. Sims, Jr.](#) This makes the sixteenth consecutive year Ellis has been selected by *Best Lawyers*.

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All three of the Firm's [Trusts and Estates Practice Group](#) shareholders also were selected by *Best Lawyers*: [Rita Bragg Cullum](#), [David C. Sojourner, Jr.](#) and [Karen Hudson Thomas](#).

In the [Business, Real Estate and Finance Practice Group](#), [William O. Higgins](#) and [William P. McElveen, Jr.](#) were honored for their work in real estate law. [Robert P. Bethea, Jr.](#) was selected for his work in mergers and acquisitions law. This is Bethea's first year to be selected by *Best Lawyers*.

In the [Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Group](#), [John T. Lay, Jr.](#) was recognized in three areas: "bet-the-company" litigation, commercial litigation and product liability litigation. [John L. McCants](#) was recognized for his work in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law and construction law. [W. Cliff Moore, III](#), was noted for his work in commercial litigation.

Tommy Little, executive director of Ellis Lawhorne, says having 14 attorneys selected to the 2011 edition of *Best Lawyers* reflects the quality and diversity of the Firm's legal counsel and experience of its shareholders. "Each year, we have a growing number of attorneys selected to *Best Lawyers*. The fact that two-thirds of our shareholders were selected to this highly respected publication demonstrates the strength of the entire Ellis Lawhorne team and the quality and breadth of the legal services we provide."

To learn more about the Firm's lawyers and their practice areas, visit [www.ellislawhorne.com](http://www.ellislawhorne.com).

**About Ellis Lawhorne**

Established in 1980, Ellis Lawhorne is among South Carolina's top law firms, with more than 35 attorneys. The Firm serves regional and national corporate and individual clients in four main practice groups: Business, Real Estate and Finance; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; Trusts and Estates; and Workers' Compensation. For additional information about the Firm, visit [www.ellislawhorne.com](http://www.ellislawhorne.com).

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