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Miller Canfield announced today that 113 of its lawyers were selected by their peers for inclusion in the pre-eminent legal referral guide, *Best Lawyers® 2012* published by Woodward/White, Inc. As the leading law firm in Michigan, Miller Canfield has 26 more lawyers earning this designation than the next most recognized Michigan firm.

Miller Canfield ranks number one in Michigan with the most lawyers named in 22 categories including Banking and Finance, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense, Energy, Information Technology Litigation, Employment Law, and Public Finance.

Following is a list of Miller Canfield attorneys honored in *Best Lawyers® 2012*. Nine lawyers were named for the first time this year (*). Four lawyers have been recognized in *Best Lawyers* since its inception in 1983 (**).

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Grand Rapids, Michigan

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