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### **CRANFILL SUMNER & HARTZOG ATTORNEYS NAMED TO THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA® 2010 EDITION**

*Firm Also Receives Ten #1 Rankings*

**RALEIGH, N.C.** – Eighteen attorneys from the law firm of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010* edition. They are:

#### **Charlotte Office:**

- M. Andrew Avram - Workers' Compensation Law

#### **Raleigh Office:**

- George B. Autry, Jr., Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- Stephanie H. Autry, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- P. Collins Barwick, III, Workers' Compensation Law
- David H. Batten, Medical Malpractice Law, Personal Injury Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Richard T. Boyette, Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Susan K. Burkhart, Insurance Law
- Paul L. Cranfill, Workers' Compensation Law
- W. Scott Fuller, Workers' Compensation Law
- Dan M. Hartzog, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Person Injury Litigation and Commercial Litigation
- Patricia L. Holland, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Labor and Employment Law
- Kirk D. Kuhns, Workers' Compensation Law
- C. D. Taylor Pace, Workers' Compensation Law
- Donna R. Rascoe, Education Law
- Robert W. Sumner, Personal Injury Litigation and Product Liability Litigation
- Robin H. Terry, Workers' Compensation Law
- David D. Ward, Medical Malpractice Law and Personal Injury Litigation

#### **Wilmington Office:**

- John D. Martin, Medical Malpractice Law and Personal Injury Litigation

The firm also received a commendable ten # 1 rankings in this year's edition by having the largest number of attorneys listed in specific areas of law within specific geographic regions. These rankings include:

Ranked #1 in North Carolina in Alternative Dispute Resolution with 2 attorneys (\*)  
Ranked #1 in North Carolina in Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law with 2 attorneys.  
Ranked #1 in North Carolina in Workers' Compensation Law with 7 attorneys.  
Ranked #1 in Raleigh, NC in Alternative Dispute Resolution with 2 attorneys.  
Ranked #1 in Raleigh, NC in Education Law with 1 attorney.  
Ranked #1 in Raleigh, NC in Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law with 2 attorneys.  
Ranked #1 in Raleigh, NC in Insurance Law with 2 attorneys.  
Ranked #1 in Raleigh, NC in Workers' Compensation Law with 6 attorneys.  
Ranked #1 in Wilmington, NC in Medical Malpractice Law with 1 attorney. (\*)  
Ranked #1 in Wilmington, NC in Personal Injury Litigation with 1 attorney. (\*)

(\*) Denotes tie with 1 or more other firm(s).

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