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CRANFILL SUMNER & HARTZOG ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED IN THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA® 2009 EDITION

Firm also ranked #1 in N.C. and the city of Raleigh in Workers' Compensation Law

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 2009* 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 and Commercial 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, 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

In addition, Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP was ranked #1 in North Carolina in Workers' Compensation Law with 7 attorneys listed and #1 in Raleigh, NC in Workers' Compensation Law with 6 attorneys listed.

The Best Lawyers in America list is based on a nationwide peer review survey in which 25,000 leading attorneys cast almost two million confidential votes on the legal abilities of other attorneys in their specialties. Attorneys are not allowed to purchase listings in this publication; thus, inclusion is considered a singular honor.

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