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## HOW RISING STARS WERE SELECTED

### THE GENERAL SURVEY

In November 2004, Law & Politics mailed ballots to Massachusetts Super Lawyers. We asked the Super Lawyers to vote for the best up-and-coming lawyers they had personally observed in action. The intent was to discourage lawyers from voting for others based purely on reputation.

Each ballot had the name of the addressee-attorney on it. Only ballots properly verified by that attorney (with signature and attorney registration number filled in) were counted.

Each lawyer was given a score based on the number and type of votes received. Votes received from lawyers in other firms were awarded significantly more points than votes received from lawyers in the same firm.

### THE SCREENING PROCESS

The attorney-led research department at Law & Politics designed balloting methodology and carefully reviewed balloting results. All nominee data was verified by direct contact with the nominee or their firm. The balloting results were reviewed for any evidence of ballot manipulation and any such balloting was eliminated from consideration. Rising Star candidate status with the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers was reviewed to assure all Rising Stars are in good standing, with no record of disciplinary action.

### THE FINAL SELECTION PROCESS

The point totals from the general survey and screening process were added to arrive at a final point total.

The final point totals were segregated by firm size (small, medium, and large). Top point-getters from each of the firm size categories were selected to identify the Massachusetts Rising Stars, consisting of the top 2.5 percent of the up-and-coming attorneys in Massachusetts.

The list of Massachusetts Rising Stars includes attorneys in private practice, as well as attorneys in non-private practice, such as prosecutors, in-house counsel, and public service lawyers.

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