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**BARG COFFIN LEWIS & TRAPP, LLP EARNS TOP RANKING
IN U.S. NEWS/BEST LAWYERS 2010 SURVEY**

Barg Coffin Lewis & Trapp, LLP earned top ranking as a San Francisco environmental law firm in the U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers 2010 Best Law Firms rankings. Achieving a high ranking is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise.

These inaugural rankings of law firms, which are presented in tiers both nationally and by metropolitan area or by state, showcase 8,782 different law firms ranked in one or more of 81 major practice areas.

The rankings were determined by combining hard data with peer reviews, and client assessments. Clients and lawyers were asked to rate the law firms they consider best in their practice area. In the end, 9,514 clients - including every Fortune 100 company and 587 of the Fortune 1000 companies - provided 194,370 firm practice-area evaluations; 6,190 clients provided 11,181 comments about law firm practice areas and individual lawyers; and 8,842 lawyers provided 594,012 firm practice-area evaluations.

Ranking results are posted online at www.usnews.com/bestlawfirms. National first-tier rankings will be featured in the October 2010 print issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

About the firm: *Barg Coffin Lewis & Trapp, LLP is a 20-attorney firm providing nationally recognized expertise in all aspects of environmental counseling and litigation. Its private sector clients span manufacturing, energy, transportation, real estate, waste management, agriculture, professional services, food processing, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and chemicals. Public sector clients include cities, redevelopment agencies, utilities, and universities.*

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