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JONATHAN SHAPIRO NAMED “LITIGATION – LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAWYER OF THE YEAR” IN PORTLAND, MAINE, BY BEST LAWYERS

Portland, Maine – *Best Lawyers*, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession, has named Jonathan Shapiro, Regional Managing Partner in the New England Office of Fisher & Phillips, as the “Portland, Maine, *Best Lawyers* Litigation – Labor & Employment Lawyer of the Year” for 2012.

After more than a quarter of a century in publication, *Best Lawyers* is designating “Lawyers of the Year” in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.”

Best Lawyers compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The current, 18th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2012) is based on more than 3.9 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

Shapiro, as one of the lawyers being honored as a “Lawyer of the Year” has received particularly high ratings in earning a high level of respect among his peers for his abilities, professionalism, and integrity.



Steven Naifeh, President of Best Lawyers, says, “We continue to believe – as we have believed for more than 25 years – that recognition by one’s peers is the most meaningful form of praise in the legal profession. We would like to congratulate Jonathan on being selected as the ‘Portland, Maine, *Best Lawyers* Litigation – Labor & Employment Lawyer of the Year’ for 2012.”

Jonathan Shapiro is a leading voice in employment law, having been ranked in *Chambers & Partners’ Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* as a top labor and employment attorney for management in Maine since 2003; listed in *New England Super Lawyers* in employment law since 2007; and named among the *Best Lawyers in America* for his expertise in labor and employment law since 2006.

Nationally, seven Fisher & Phillips attorneys were recognized by their peers as Lawyers of the Year in 2012.

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