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Standing (l-r): Chris Speed, Jack Hill, Jack Scarola, Brian Denney, Chris Searcy, Greg Barnhart, Cal Warriner, Ed Ricci, Bill Norton, John Shipley, Darryl Lewis, Mariano Garcia. Seated (l-r): Sia Baker-Barnes, Brenda Fulmer, Jim Gustafson, Karen Terry.

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16 SDSBS lawyers named 2016 "Best Lawyers"

Sixteen SDSBS lawyers were recently recognized in the *U.S. News & World Reports'* publication, *Best Lawyers in America 2016*, for their success in representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice, professional malpractice, product liability, mass tort litigation, commercial litigation, and personal injury litigation. SDSBS has the highest number of attorneys listed in *Best Lawyers* compared to other plaintiff personal injury/wrongful death law firms in Florida.

Particularly significant was the selection of West Palm Beach, Florida, "Lawyers of the Year – 2016:" **Jack Scarola** (Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs); **Karen Terry** (Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs); and **Brenda Fulmer** (Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs). ***(Continued on page three.)***

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Only a single lawyer in each area of practice and metropolitan area is honored as "Lawyer of the Year." Since it was first published in 1993, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Its selection process is based upon an exhaustive peer-review survey designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues in the same geographical and legal practice area.

The 16 attorneys selected by peer review for inclusion in this edition of *Best Lawyers* are **Chris Searcy, Jack Scarola, Greg Barnhart, John Shipley, Sia Baker-Barnes, Brian Denney, Brenda Fulmer, Mariano Garcia, Jim Gustafson, Jack Hill, Darryl Lewis, Bill Norton, Chris Speed, Karen Terry, Cal Warriner,** and **Ed Ricci**.

SDSBS was also recognized with a first-tier ranking in the publication of *2016 Best Law Firms*. The rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes client and lawyer evaluations, peer reviews in their field, and additional information in the submission process. ◆

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"Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but in finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found, against the wrong."

- - Theodore Roosevelt