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*Lawyers of the Year*

## Ten Who 'Stood Out From The Crowd'

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There are more than a million lawyers in the United States. Most of them make a difference, in large ways and small, every day in their practices.

This year, Lawyers Weekly USA singles out 10 attorneys who, in very different ways, had a noticeable impact on the law and legal system in this country.

These lawyers represent the diverse population of law practice in America. They were all involved in cases and/or issues that have affected the development of the law and the legal system in important and sometimes innovative ways.

The results of the efforts of these lawyers are not necessarily popular or even preferred. In singling out these 10 lawyers, Lawyers Weekly USA does not necessarily endorse the results achieved, but merely acknowledges the importance of the underlying issues to lawyers and to society.

### ARNOLD ANDERSON (ANDY) VICKERY

Houston

Plaintiffs' lawyers have argued for years that so-called miracle antidepressants like Prozac, Paxil and Zoloft have a darker side that pharmaceutical makers have hidden from the general public. But juries hadn't bought it - until this year, when Vickery, who practices with the firm Archer, Waldner & Vickery, convinced a federal jury in Wyoming to award \$6.4 million to relatives of a man who had been taking Paxil for just 48 hours when he shot and killed his wife, his daughter, his granddaughter and himself. Vickery's win against SmithKline Beecham (now GlaxoSmithKline) could alter the landscape in a mass tort that had struggled to gain traction.

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### LEO V. BOYLE

Boston

As president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Boyle, a well-known Massachusetts litigator, moved with lightning speed to preempt any snickering about lawyers taking advantage of the Sept. 11 tragedies. Graceful, articulate and sincere in calling for a moratorium on lawsuits, Boyle, who practices with the firm Meehan, Boyle, Black & Fitzgerald, was instrumental in lending ATLA's unprecedented support to the federal Victim Compensation Fund. His effort to