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**TOM RAGONETTI NAMED BEST LAWYERS “LAWYER OF THE YEAR”
AND ELEVEN OTTEN JOHNSON ATTORNEYS
RECOGNIZED BY *BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA* for 2015**

Denver, CO – Attorneys with Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti PC (Otten Johnson) have once again been recognized by U.S. News Best Lawyers, for 2015. Of special note, Otten Johnson attorney [Thomas J. Ragonetti](#) was recently selected as **2015 “Lawyer of the Year” for Land Use and Zoning Law** in the Denver area.

Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the “Lawyer of the Year,” making this accolade particularly significant. These lawyers are selected based on exceptional recognition received during the peer-review assessments. Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism, and their integrity.

In addition to the Lawyer of the Year award, Thomas J. Ragonetti was also listed in the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* for Real Estate Law.

Individual recognition was bestowed upon the following attorneys:

-[Munsey L. Ayers](#) (2010) – Land Use & Zoning Law; Litigation – Land Use & Zoning; additionally, Mr. Ayers was named *Best Lawyers’ 2013 Denver Land Use and Zoning Law “Lawyer of the Year.”*

-[Victoria L. Hellmer](#) (2013) – Real Estate Law; additionally, Ms. Hellmer was named the *Best Lawyers’ 2014 Denver Real Estate Law “Lawyer of the Year.”*

-[James T. Johnson](#) (2014) – Land Use and Zoning Law

-[J. Thomas Macdonald](#) (2009) - Litigation – Land Use & Zoning

-[William R. Neff](#) (2013) – Corporate

-[Arthur E. Otten, Jr.](#) (1995) – Banking and Finance Law

-[Thomas J. Ragonetti](#) (2006) – Land Use & Zoning Law; Real Estate Law; additionally, **Mr. Ragonetti was named the 2015 “Lawyer of the Year” for Land Use and Zoning Law.**

-[Frank L. Robinson](#) (1983) – Real Estate Law

-[John D. Sternberg](#) (2006) – Real Estate Law

-[Michael C. Villano](#) (2013) – Real Estate Law

-[Michael Westover](#) (2011) – Real Estate Law

(Year) First year the lawyer was listed.

Here's what clients had to say about Otten Johnson:

"I've had the pleasure of working with Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti for most of the history of the firm. The quiet competence that the firm displays makes it a rock solid fixture in the Denver real estate industry. No matter what the deal or issue, everyone, from the senior attorney down to the paralegal and the assistant are helpful, responsive, and exceptional."

"Otten Johnson is the premier real estate law firm in the Colorado region. Their attorneys are extremely knowledgeable, reliable, efficient and effective. The quality of their work is unsurpassed, and they have a deep knowledge of all facets of real estate law practice, including land use/planning, development, lending, purchase and sale and leasing."

(These comments appear on the U.S. News & Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" website at bestlawfirms.usnews.com.)

Per *Best Lawyers*, "Since its inception in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Because *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which more than 41,000 leading attorneys cast almost 3.9 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

ABOUT OTTEN JOHNSON ROBINSON NEFF + RAGONETTI PC

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