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Johnson named Super Lawyer

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A Pikeville attorney was named “super lawyer” in the 2007 Kentucky edition of a nationwide collection of magazines which uses a comprehensive selection process to name the top 5 percent of each state’s legal counsel.

Appearing in Kentucky Monthly magazine in a special advertising section, Kentucky Super Lawyers 2007 names the top 50 male and top 25 female attorneys in the state, among which Gary C. Johnson is listed.

“I’m honored other lawyers in the state think I know what I’m doing,” Johnson said. “I work hard every day and fortunately, I must be doing something right.”

Each year, Super Lawyers con-

ducts a statewide survey of lawyers — except in California and Washington, D.C., where it is done by region — who have been in practice for at least five years and ask them to nominate the best attorney’s they have personally observed in action. Attorney’s can nominate lawyers in their own firm, but the name must also be matched by an attorney outside the firm. Also, a database shows any potential “back-scratch” voting — lawyers voting for each other — or “block voting,” where members of the same law firm all cast identical ballots. Super Lawyers also adds names to the candidate pool through



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a “star search” process, collecting names from periodicals and legal trade journals and other sources.

In step two, the research department examines the background and experience of each candidate, searching for evidence of peer recognition and professional

achievement, considering several factors. Next, the candidates are evaluated by their peers according to their primary area of practice, and those with the highest point totals from each category are selected, and five percent of the total lawyers in the state are selected for inclusion in

Super Lawyers.

Global Strategy Group — one of the nation’s leading market research and consulting firms — reported the process Super Lawyers uses to select the top attorney’s for each of the 50 states is scientific and objective.

Chalking his listing up to candor, Johnson said he learned years ago to be honest with the court and opposing counsel.

“They know they can depend on what I tell them,” Johnson said.

Johnson, whose primary area of practice is personal injury for the plaintiff, was the only local attorney listed in the 2007 edition.

“If they had evaluated me on divorce law, I would have failed,” Johnson said.

Super Lawyers’ headquarters is in Minneapolis, Minn. For more information, visit www.superlawyers.com.