

Three P&A Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* Magazine for 2014

CHRISTOPHER J. PETRINI was recently named by *Super Lawyers* magazine as one of the top attorneys in New England for 2014. Only five percent of the lawyers in the state are named by *Super Lawyers*.

The selections for this esteemed list are made by the research team at *Super Lawyers*, which is a service of Thomson Reuters, Legal Division. Each year, the research team at *Super Lawyers* undertakes a rigorous multi-phase selection process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates by the attorney-led research staff, a peer review of candidates by practice area, and a good-standing and disciplinary check. This is the third time Mr. Petrini has been selected as a Super Lawyer, having been previously selected in 2009 and 2010. Mr. Petrini also was previously recognized by *The American Lawyer* magazine as one of the top rated attorneys nationally in construction. Only lawyers who achieve an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbe, the highest lawyer rating offered, are considered for the Top Rated Lawyers list by *The American Lawyer*.

Mr. Petrini founded Petrini & Associates, P.C. (P&A) in 2004 and represents cities and towns as Town Counsel and as Special Counsel in various litigation matters. P&A is currently Town Counsel for the Towns of Framingham, Medway, Sherborn and West Brookfield, and serves as Special Counsel for various other cities, towns and school districts in public construction, infrastructure and labor matters. Mr. Petrini is a graduate of Duke University School of Law with high honors. He is a member and past President of the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association and Regional Vice President of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, representing the First Circuit. In addition, he is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, and since 2010 has served as co-chair of the MBA's Construction Law Committee of the Civil Litigation Section Council.

PETER L. MELLO and CHRISTOPHER L. BROWN have each been selected for inclusion in the New England *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars Edition for 2014. No more than 2.5% of the lawyers in the state are named by *Super Lawyers* to the Rising Stars list.

The Rising Stars Edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys in New England. The Rising Stars list is based upon formal and informal nominations by fellow attorneys and evaluation of various background criteria by the research team at *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Mello focuses his practice on municipal law, construction law, environmental and land use law, school law and general civil litigation. He is a graduate of Boston University School of Law. While at Boston University School of Law, Mr. Mello served as a staff editor of the American Journal of Law and Medicine. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Massachusetts

Municipal Lawyers Association, for which he also serves as a staff editor for the Association's Municipal Law Quarterly publication. This is the third time that Mr. Mello was selected for inclusion in the Massachusetts Rising Star list, having previously been selected in 2012 and 2013.

Mr. Brown joined Petrini & Associates, P.C. in 2010 after practicing civil litigation in Boston. He focuses his practice on general civil litigation, municipal law, labor and employment law. He is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. Prior to his legal career, Mr. Brown served in the United States Army as a field artillery officer. He is a member of the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association. In addition, he is a 2014 graduate of Leadership MetroWest's Leadership Academy. This is the sixth straight time that Mr. Brown was selected for inclusion on the Massachusetts Rising Star list, having previously been selected in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Since 2009, P&A attorneys have been named as a Super Lawyer or as a Rising Star on 12 separate occasions, a remarkable accomplishment for a small firm given the prestigious and highly selective nature of these awards.