

Raleigh Personal Injury Lawyer Ben Cochran Named among AV Preeminent® Attorneys

Ben Cochran of Hardison & Cochran, Attorneys at Law, awarded highest ranking available from respected Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings.

Raleigh, North Carolina – The Hardison & Cochran law firm in Raleigh has announced that managing partner Ben Cochran has recently received Martindale-Hubbell's AV Preeminent® rating.

"We're proud that the Martindale-Hubbell service, along with Ben's peers, recognizes that Ben Cochran is indeed among those in the legal profession who exhibit the highest level of professional excellence," said Ken Hardison, a partner in the Hardison & Cochran firm.

[Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™](#) are based on evaluations by lawyers and other members of the bar and the judiciary. The company says an AV Preeminent rating certifies that a lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence.

The Hardison & Cochran law firm pursues workers' compensation, personal injury, wrongful death and Social Security Disability cases on behalf of North Carolina residents.

Cochran is a Board Certified Specialist in Workers' Compensation, and holds memberships in the American Trial Lawyers Association and the North Carolina Advocates for Justice. His juris doctorate degree is from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The online Martindale-Hubbell® directory contains profiles of over 1 million lawyers and law firms. Its ratings help consumers choose the right lawyer or law firm for their legal needs.

In compiling ratings of attorneys, Martindale-Hubbell® first considers General Ethical Standards. Only those who meet the "very high" criteria of General Ethical Standards are then rated for their Legal Ability.

Legal Ability is judged in five areas rated on a scale of 1 to 5. They include:

- Legal Knowledge - familiarity with laws governing the lawyer's specific area of practice(s).
- Analytical Capabilities - creativity in analyzing legal issues and applying technical knowledge.
- Judgment - demonstration of the salient factors that drive the outcome of a given case or issue.
- Communication Ability - capability to communicate persuasively and credibly.
- Legal Experience - degree of experience in the lawyer's specific area of practice(s).

An AV Preeminent® rating is conferred for an overall rating of 4.5 to 5.0.

In addition to receiving Martindale-Hubbell's highest-available rating, Cochran was also recently named among [The Best Lawyers in America® 2014 in the field of Workers' Compensation Law – Claimants](#).

About Hardison & Cochran, Attorneys at Law

Hardison & Cochran, Attorneys at Law, is a highly respected North Carolina personal injury, workers' compensation and Social Security Disability law firm with offices in Raleigh, Durham, Fayetteville, Dunn, New Bern, Southern Pines and Wilmington. The firm's practice areas include car accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle accidents, boating accidents, dog bites, dangerous drugs, defective medical devices, nursing home abuse and negligence and traffic violations. For more information, call the firm toll-free at (800) 434-8399 or use the firm's online contact form.