



## Varner & Brandt LLP Ranked Top Law Firm in U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers® 2013 “Best Law Firms” Rankings

Law Firm Partners Selected *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 by Peers

Riverside, CA — November 1, 2012 — U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers have released the 2013 “Best Law Firms” rankings, providing a comprehensive view of the U.S. legal profession that is unprecedented both in the range of firms represented and in the range of qualitative and quantitative data used to develop the rankings.

**Varner & Brandt LLP** is one of only two Inland Southern California firms to receive the Tier 1 ranking in Corporate Law. The firm also received a Tier 2 ranking in commercial litigation.

The third edition of these rankings features law firms given consistently impressive performance ratings by clients and peers. Achieving a high ranking is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise. Firms were ranked nationally.

**Varner & Brandt LLP**, a full service law firm specializing in business and transactional law, has been involved in some of the largest transactions in the history of Inland Southern California, has received a Tier 1 ranking in all three editions of the “Best Law Firms.” Senior Partner Bruce D. Varner, who also serves as Vice Chair of the University of California Regents, has again been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 in the field of corporate law. Varner and Brandt partner Brendan Brandt was also selected for the practice area of commercial litigation rounding out the firm’s vision of excellence and deep commitment to its clients.

“The ‘Best Law Firms’ rankings are now in their third year, and the reaction to the rankings from the legal profession and from legal clients continues to be very gratifying,” says Steven Naifeh, president of Best Lawyers. “Because we combine hard data with peer reviews and client assessments, more and more clients inform us that ours are the most thorough, accurate, and helpful rankings of law firms ever developed.”

The national first-tier rankings will be featured in *U.S. News & World Report’s* Money issue, on newsstands November 20, 2012. The national and metropolitan first-tier rankings are featured in the “Best Law Firms” standalone publication, which is being distributed to more than 30,000 general counsel and in digital format to more than 60,000 private practice lawyers worldwide. The rankings in their entirety are posted online at <http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com>.

"U.S. News has more than two decades of experience in providing the public with the most accurate and in-depth rankings of a wide range of institutions..." says Tim Smart, Executive Editor of U.S. News & World Report. "Law firms are an integral part of our rankings and a natural accompaniment to the law schools rankings."

### About Varner & Brandt LLP

With legal roots in the Inland Southern California community since 1873, Varner & Brandt utilizes the deep relationships developed in the communities they serve to anticipate the needs and opportunities of their clients in matters complex and routine. Varner & Brandt has succeeded by offering more than legal counsel through the





formation of unique and consultative relationships with their clients. Whether you need counsel on business finance, mergers and acquisitions, business transactions and strategy, real estate development, labor or litigation, with Varner & Brandt's vast experience and connections, they help you identify all potential options and develop cutting edge solutions tailored to your individual needs.

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