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**Richardson Plowden Named #1 in South Carolina for Construction Law,  
Four Attorneys Selected for 2009 *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>**

COLUMBIA, S.C., September 22, 2008 - - The 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* has ranked Richardson Plowden Attorneys at Law number one in South Carolina for Construction Law. Additionally, four of the Firm's attorneys have been selected as *Best Lawyers*: Frederick A. Crawford, healthcare law; Francis M. Mack, commercial litigation and construction law; Frank E. Robinson, II, real estate law; and Franklin J. Smith, Jr., construction law.

This is the fifteenth year Robinson has been named as a *Best Lawyer*.

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Crawford, a shareholder in the Firm, focuses his practice on accounting malpractice defense, estate planning and probate administration, hospital and healthcare law, merger and acquisitions, and business, contract and corporate law. He is also a member of the Richland County Bar Association, American Health Lawyers Association and the Columbia Estate Planning Council.

Mack is the managing shareholder for Richardson Plowden's Columbia office. He focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation in the areas of construction, contract disputes, fidelity and surety law, and insurance defense matters. He also is a certified arbitrator. Mack, a licensed engineer, is a member of the American Bar Association, South Carolina Bar, Richland County Bar Association, South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Robinson, a shareholder in the Firm, focuses his practice on business and commercial litigation and real estate law. He is a member of the American Bar Association, South Carolina Bar and Richland County Bar Association.

Smith, a shareholder in the Firm, focuses his practice on construction law, federal contract law, fidelity and surety law, insurance defense, and professional malpractice. Smith also is a certified mediator and arbitrator. He is a member of the American Bar Association, South Carolina Bar, Richland County Bar Association, Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Division of the Forum on the Construction Industry, and the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, among others.

The attorneys were selected out of a pool of more than two million entries nationwide to be featured in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession.

**About Richardson Plowden**

Established in 1973, Richardson Plowden Robinson, P.A., is among the 15 largest law firms in South Carolina, with more than 30 attorneys in offices in Columbia and Myrtle Beach. A full service law firm, Richardson Plowden has more than 25 practice areas providing legal counsel to local, state and national clients. For more information, visit [www.RichardsonPlowden.com](http://www.RichardsonPlowden.com).

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