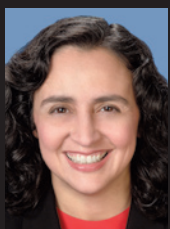
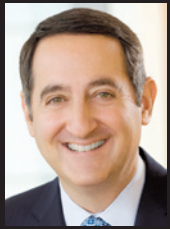


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MOST INFLUENTIAL LAWYERS

A SPECIAL REPORT



EDITOR'S NOTE

To have clout is to be able to land a blow—to shape the world and the way it works.

In compiling this year's edition of *The National Law Journal's* Most Influential Lawyers list, we looked for attorneys who demonstrated that ability in 10 specific practice areas during the past five years.

We weighed nominations from our readers and conducted extensive research before selecting 34 attorneys who are shaping the law, the economy, the physical fabric of the United States and the world.

—MICHAEL MOLINE, ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

HEALTH CARE



ERIC ZIMMERMAN

MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY

When hospitals and drug companies need help on Capitol Hill, McDermott Will & Emery partner Eric Zimmerman is often at the top of their list. Known as an expert in Medicare, Zimmerman was involved in shaping half a dozen targeted provisions of the 2010 health care law, including Medicare reimbursement rates for rural hospitals and issues related to “personalized medicine” using genetic information for diagnosis and treatment. Though he described each provision as “fairly discrete,” the results he achieved were crucial to his clients. Among them: Genomic Health Inc., the Rural Referral Center/Sole Community Hospital Coalition, Diabetes Access to Care Coalition, Roche Diagnostics Corp. and Allergan Inc. The bill has been law for a year, but Zimmerman said he doesn’t see any end to related work. “Looking ahead, it’s just the beginning, much like Medicare in 1965.”

TRUSTS AND ESTATES



CAROL HARRINGTON

MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY

Carol Harrington has a feel for the human side of trusts and estates law. “We’re the closest thing in a large law firm to a general practitioner,” she said. “We know the family. We know what goes on in their lives. It’s a very human business.” Harrington also knows the ins and outs of the tax, property and inheritance codes. To name one example, she represented the interests of a charitable organization controlled by a niece of Margaret Cargill in Cargill Inc.’s \$24.3 billion spinoff of fertilizer manufacturer Mosaic Co. in January; the deal gave Cargill shareholders stakes in Mosaic and allowed the foundation to raise capital for good works. She is a national authority on the federal generation-skipping tax and a widely published commentator in her field.

WHITE-COLLAR DEFENSE



ROBERTO WESTBROOK

ABBE LOWELL

MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY

Reacting on *The Colbert Report* to the new congressional Republican majority's vows to investigate the Obama administration, Abbe Lowell joked that he'd printed a lot of extra business cards—some blue, some red. Lowell, who heads his firm's white-collar criminal defense group in Washington, has represented dozens of members of Congress, lobbyists and government officials. A litigator for more than 20 years, Lowell is the go-to lawyer when it comes to constitution-

al issues stemming from leak investigations and prosecutions. In 2009, after four years of litigation, federal prosecutors dismissed charges against two of Lowell's clients, lobbyists for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee accused of providing classified information to journalists. "A meaningful debate about the Espionage Act and changes to the law are long overdue," Lowell testified in December on Capitol Hill.