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## **Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Founding Partner Todd Raskin Named "Lawyer of the Year" for Civil Rights Law *Best Lawyers® Releases 2017 List***

**(Cleveland, OH – August 15, 2016)** -- Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A. (MRR) is proud to announce that attorney [Todd M. Raskin](#) has been cited as Cleveland's 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" in Civil Rights Law by *Best Lawyers®*. Only one lawyer in each practice area from each of the major metropolitan areas in Ohio is honored as "Lawyer of the Year." Mr. Raskin is a two-time recipient of the "Lawyer of the Year" designation, having previously been named Civil Rights Lawyer of the Year for Cleveland in 2013. *Best Lawyers* compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting thousands of confidential peer-review surveys. Lawyers honored as "Lawyers of the Year" have received particularly high ratings by earning the respect of their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

Mr. Raskin is a founding partner of MRR, which has offices in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, and Lexington, Kentucky. He has a diverse legal practice with an emphasis on civil rights and government liability defense, as well as the defense of employers, both public and private. He also has considerable experience in defense of professionals including physicians, lawyers, architects, engineers, and behavioral health professionals. Mr. Raskin has successfully represented his clients in state and federal courts throughout Ohio and surrounding states including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Third Circuits and U.S. District Courts in Colorado, Nevada, Michigan, and Ohio, as well as the Ohio Supreme Court. He has tried more than 100 cases to conclusion in 35 years of private practice. Mr. Raskin has also earned an AV® Preeminent™ rating from *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory* and is an Ohio Super Lawyer in Municipal Law (2012-2016), as designated by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine.

Active in a number of professional organizations, Mr. Raskin is a member of the American Bar Association; the Ohio State Bar Association; the Cleveland Association of Civil Trial Attorneys; the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys; the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA); the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys; the Defense Research Institute (DRI); the Professional Liability Defense Federation; the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), in which he serves on the Admissions Committee and also as an ex-officio member of the Civil Rights & Public Entity Committees; the Litigation Counsel of America (Fellow); and the Judicial Conference, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit (Life Member).

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