

BARRY B. LEPATNER SELECTED FOR *NEW YORK MAGAZINE'S* "BEST LAWYER" LIST

*** *Press Release* ***

New York, New York - August 2006. Corporate construction attorney and author Barry B. LePatner - founder of LePatner & Associates LLP, a New York-based construction law and business advisory firm - has been chosen to appear on *New York Magazine's* prestigious list of "The New York Area's Best Lawyers."

The listing is based on survey data from the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, one of the nation's most highly regarded legal referral guides. Every year, *Best Lawyers* undertakes an exhaustive, nationwide regimen of peer reviews through which top lawyers in the country confidentially rate others in their profession.

The special section is produced by national publisher American Law Media, which considers *Best Lawyers* to be "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

"This national distinction reflects the outstanding services our firm provides to an international portfolio of corporate, institutional and real estate development clients," said Mr. LePatner. "We are proud to earn honors by helping corporate decision makers address complex business and legal issues associated with the real estate, design and construction industries."

Mr. LePatner is co-author of the book *Structural and Foundation Failures* (McGraw-Hill) and has testified before Congress about structural collapses. His next book - to be published in 2007 by the University of Chicago Press - analyzes cost and quality problems associated with the American construction industry and sets forth comprehensive recommendations to improve construction sector performance.

New York Magazine is read by 1.6 million influential readers each week.

Published since 1983, *Best Lawyers* lists attorneys in 52 specialties, representing all 50 states. The biennial publication is widely regarded as the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States.

Mr. LePatner was also named one of New York's "Super Lawyers" in the 2006 "Super Lawyers" edition of *Law & Politics Magazine*.

Now marking its 25th year, LePatner & Associates is a leading construction law firm providing comprehensive legal, business advisory and project management services for corporate and institutional clients and design-related firms. The company specializes in resolving complex challenges and disputes in the real estate and construction industries. Founded in 1980, firm personnel include attorneys and construction professionals with diverse design, real estate, and construction-oriented backgrounds.