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FOUR LOMMEN ABDO ATTORNEYS ARE BEST LAWYERS

Four Lommen Abdo Attorneys are listed among the Minnesota Best Lawyers. The list is compiled each year by The Best Lawyers in America. The four Lommen Abdo attorneys are: Phil Cole, listed in both legal malpractice law and personal injury litigation; Roger Stageberg, corporate; Kay Nord Hunt, appellate law; and Bob King, personal injury.

Best Lawyers in America is the oldest lawyer-rating publication in the U.S., and is widely recognized as the gold standard for accuracy and integrity. Corporate Counsel Magazine calls it, "The most widely respected, thorough, reliable and valuable resource for all who seek the best in the legal profession." A [profile](#) on the four attorneys appeared in the June 2008 Minnesota Monthly.



Lommen Abdo "Best Lawyers" (left to right): Bob King, Kay Hunt, Phil Cole, President of Lommen Abdo, and Roger Stageberg.

GET A LEGAL PHYSICAL FOR INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The word 'audit' sends shivers through the spines of most emerging business owners. It conjures up nightmares of grim IRS field agents in cheap suits poring over stacks of documents in your CFO's now-ransacked office. Why would anyone choose to be audited?

The answer lies in the importance of intellectual property, or IP, in the digital age. In today's information economy, companies transact more business in the virtual world. Before the advent of the Internet, 80 percent of the assets of the typical company were tangible, such as buildings and equipment. Today, approximately 80 percent of the value of the companies listed on the S & P Fortune 500 is intellectual capital.

However, intellectual property rights are not reserved solely for companies developing sophisticated new technologies. Intellectual property permeates some core aspect of virtually every business in America today.

Read through the rest of Tim Matson's article on why companies should look into an "IP audit." His article appeared in the June 2008 Upsize Minnesota magazine. You can read the full [article](#) at the Upsize Minnesota web site.



TOM FRIEDMAN SPEAKS AT LOMMEN ABDO

Tom Friedman stopped by to speak with the firm on May 9th at the request of his friend and Lommen Abdo partner, Brad Lehrman. Tom spoke briefly about his recent travels, past experiences and his new book. Tom, a St. Louis Park native, is the Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign-affairs columnist for the [New York Times](#) and the author of two best-selling books on globalization. His new book, "[Hot, Flat and Crowded](#)" on environmentalism is due out in August. Tom was recently selected as the second most influential business thinker in an article by the Wall Street Journal - coming in ahead of Microsoft's Bill Gates!



SUMMER 2008

LOMMEN ABDO IN THE NEWS

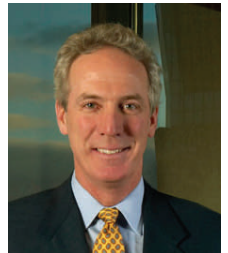
Sheila Bjorklund on Autism

Sheila Bjorklund was interviewed for an article entitled "Do Vaccines Cause Autism?" which appeared in the June/July 2008 Minnesota Law & Politics. The two page spread discusses the work she is doing with the "Vaccine Court." The [article](#) is available online at the Law & Politics website.



Bob King's Train Case

The news story about a former Union Pacific engineer who was awarded \$1.1 million in a jury verdict in Blue Earth County has been picked up by [Lawyers USA Online](#). Bob King represented the engineer.



LEE HUTTON ON BOARD

Lee Hutton was named a board member at William Mitchell College of Law. His term starts in September.

BOB KING LICENSED IN NORTH DAKOTA

Bob King has been admitted to practice in North Dakota. He is also admitted in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Phillip A. Cole was re-elected president of Lommen Abdo on June 16th. Keith Broady (Minneapolis) and Thomas Jacobson (Hudson) (at right top to bottom) were newly elected to the board of directors and Stephen Rathke and Robert Abdo were re-elected to a second term on the board. Barry O'Neil, Marc Johannsen and Kay Nord Hunt continue to serve their terms as directors.



SEMINARS

Med Tech Investing Conference

on May 13 and 14 presented by LifeScience Alley. Brad Lehrman was a panelist on the topic of "Doing Well by Doing Good."

Estate & Personal Financial Planning Conference

on June 16 and 17 presented by Minnesota Society of CPAs. Scott Nelson spoke on "Digesting Decoupling: Minnesota's Estate Tax."

Host a Planning Divas legal and financial information party!

The Planning Divas will come to your home to speak with your group on a topic of your choice about the basics of estate planning, financial planning...and so much more. The Planning Divas are Lommen Abdo attorney [Jennifer O'Neill](#) and Raymond James financial advisor [Erin Tomlinson](#).

THE
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DIVAS

HUDSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OUTING

Jamie Johnson and Brent Johnson participated in the annual Hudson Chamber of Commerce outing on July 1st. They golfed with Mark Willer (COO) and Rachel Risberg (Executive VP of Operations) of Royal Credit Union of Eau Claire (pictured at right). The firm sponsored a hole.



BOOTSY COLLINS

Lommen Abdo client, Bootsy Collins, recently participated at "Music at the Zoo." Bootsy performed "A Tribute to the Godfather of Soul."

The Pacesetters (Bootsy's band) functioned as James Brown's backup band from 1969 to 1971 and propelled the funk band-leader to his spot in R&B history.



(Left to right): Paul Bezilla, Karen Abdo, Bootsy Collins and Ken Abdo.

GOPHER BASKETBALL GOLF CLASSIC

Glenn Kessel, Tim Matson, Lee Hutton and Phil Cole pictured with Coach Tubby Smith at the Gopher Basketball Golf Classic. The event was held on June 24th at Majestic Oaks in Ham Lake. Proceeds will benefit U of M's men's basketball.



LOMMEN'S HOLIDAY CARD

Congratulations to our vendor, RESCO, for winning a "Star of Excellence" award in the cards category for Lommen Abdo's 2007 holiday card. The printing competition is hosted by the Printing Industry of Minnesota.

FIRST ROUND OF THE 2008 MINNESOTA CUP NOW COMPLETE

The response to this year's program was overwhelming. Many more women entrepreneurs entered. And there were many more green projects. Through early June, members of the Review Board reviewed over 800 submissions. Lommen Abdo Attorney, Brad Lehrman, is one of the review board members. Competition for the top 30 spots was very tough.

To those that made it to the second round, we offer our hearty congratulations. These [2008 Semi-Finalists](#) will compete for the final five spots. Read more in Finance and Commerce's June 24, 2008 article: [Minnesota Cup prize inspiring record entrepreneurial interest](#).



E.J. HENDERSON BASS CHALLENGE

Lee Hutton teamed up with pro-angler, Brad Leuthner (in yellow), and John Anthony (in white) at the E.J. Henderson Celebrity Bass Challenge in Waconia on June 26th. Their team won the grand prize! The group is shown at right with E.J. Henderson (far right).



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RECENT ADS

- [Bob Abdo/Brad Lehrman Advertorial](#) appeared in the June 2008 Upsize Magazine.
- [Jennifer O'Neill ad](#) appeared in Hudson Observer Family Connections supplement.
- [Best Lawyer in Appellate ad](#), featuring Kay Hunt, appeared in the July 2008 American Lawyer Magazine.
- Bob King and Marc Johannsen filmed one minute ads which are appearing online at yellowpages.com.



Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea

Lommen Abdo and Stacey DeKalb are hosting a reception for Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea at the offices of Lommen Abdo on August 5, 2008 from 4 to 6 p.m. Justice Gildea is standing for election to the Minnesota Supreme Court. Stacey first met Lorie several years ago when they were both serving on the Board of the YWCA of Minneapolis. To learn more about Justice Gildea, you can check out her campaign website at www.justiceloriegildea.com.

If you're interested in attending the reception, please RSVP to Brad Wicklund at brad@lommen.com or 612-336-9325.



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