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MACKIE SHEA O'BRIEN, PC RANKED FIRST TIER LAW FIRM

The environmental boutique law firm of Mackie Shea O'Brien, PC, has again received a first-tier ranking in the third edition of the U.S. News – Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” publication. The firm was ranked Tier 1 for both Environmental Law and Environmental Litigation in the Boston metropolitan area for 2013. The firm also received national rankings of Tier 1 for Environmental Litigation and Tier 2 for Environmental Law.

The third edition of these rankings features law firms given consistently impressive performance ratings by clients and peers. Achieving a high ranking is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of experience.

U.S. News Media Group, the nation's leading source of rankings and service journalism, and Best Lawyers®, the leading survey of lawyers worldwide, partnered in 2010 to expand the U.S. News signature “America's Best” to include rankings of law firms. The ranking process involved surveying thousands of law firm clients, leading lawyers, law firm managers, partners, and associates, marketing directors, and recruiting officers. Nearly 10,000 law firms in 75 practice areas nationwide were ranked.

To be eligible for a metropolitan ranking, a firm had to have a least one lawyer listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*. Thomas A. Mackie, John F. Shea, and Michelle N. O'Brien each has been listed in *Best Lawyers* for expertise in environmental law and litigation for the past five years. They have been selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition as well. John Shea was named 2013 “Lawyer of the Year” for environmental law in the Boston area.

Mackie Shea O'Brien, PC concentrates in environmental, land use, and renewable energy law and related litigation.

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