

PODHURST ORSECK RECOGNIZED BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT – BEST LAWYERS 2011 AS A TOP TIER FIRM

The firm has been consecutively ranked as "Best Law Firm" since report's inception

MIAMI – November, 2011 – Miami-based trial and appellate law firm Podhurst Orseck, P.A. is pleased to announce that U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers® 2011-2012 "Best Law Firms" report has ranked the firm in the national third tier for Commercial Litigation. The firm was also ranked in the first tier within the Miami metropolitan area for six practices and in the second tier for one practice.

The "Best Law Firms" for the U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers® rankings are determined through a collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer reviews from leading attorneys in their practice areas, and a formal review of the law firm. This is the second consecutive year that Podhurst Orseck has been recognized by this report as among the "Best Law Firms" in the country.

The following is a list of the practice areas in which the firm is named within the first tier and second tier:

Tier 1:

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar- Governmental Investigations
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar- Litigation
- Personal Injury Litigation Plaintiffs

Tier 2:

Corporate Governance Law

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About Podhurst Orseck, P.A.

Miami-based Podhurst Orseck, P.A., established over four decades ago, is a top flight boutique trial and appellate firm focusing its practice on tort litigation matters including aviation, products liability, serious personal injury, and wrongful death claims, as well as complex commercial litigation and white collar defense. Additionally, the firm has a strong appellate practice, handling appeals for its own attorneys and attorneys throughout the nation, in various state and federal appellate courts, including the United

States Supreme Court. The firm has consistently received an AV-Rating from Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, the highest possible rating, based on legal ability and general ethical standards. For more information, please visit www.podhurst.com.

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