



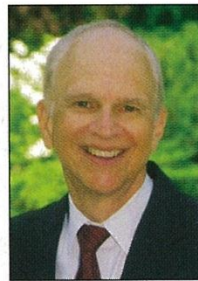
2010 LAWYERS OF THE YEAR

BEST LAWYERS HAS NAMED INDIVIDUALS AS LAWYERS OF THE YEAR IN THE NEW YORK AREA, BASED ON THEIR PARTICULARLY HIGH LEVEL OF PEER RECOGNITION.

Michael P. Koskoff

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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LAW

Michael P. Koskoff, 67, believes that the law can have a dramatic impact on people's lives. Born into a legal family, Koskoff is the son of Theodore I. Koskoff, founder of Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder, PC, and former president of American Association for Justice.



"My first motivation to become an attorney was definitely my father," Koskoff says. "The second motivation was the belief that using the law could affect social change."

Today, Koskoff's son, Joshua, practices law with him at the firm. Koskoff earned a JD at the University of Connecticut, and has been practicing law for more than 43 years. Originally, Koskoff studied acting at the American Shakespeare Academy.

"My acting experience has made a difference in my work as a trial lawyer where you have to relate to a wide range of people at a gut level," he says.

Koskoff says that working with his father on the New Haven Black Panther trials in the 1970's made him the lawyer that he is today. Another memorable case involved a Yale University intern who contracted HIV during her training.

"The jury found the Yale medical school responsible," Koskoff says. "The decision made me feel that a life was being protected. I knew that changes would be made to protect other people."

In 2009, Koskoff was elected vice president of the Inner Circle of Advocates. He is the only member of the organization from Connecticut.

"One key to my success is the team at my firm. I would be nothing without my secretary," Koskoff says. "Lawyers who try to take center stage all the time are misleading everyone."