

## Milford attorney named to Connecticut Super Lawyers

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A Milford attorney from the Norwalk, Greenwich and Trumbull-based law firm Goldman, Gruder & Woods, LLC, has been named to Connecticut Super Lawyers for 2015.

Matthew Woods, of Milford, was named in the category of General Litigation.

At his firm, Woods chairs the litigation practice and focuses on creditor's rights, employment, planning and zoning, tax appeals, construction law (including arbitration), land disputes, contract litigation, evictions and foreclosures. He also has worked on many personal injury and accident cases during his 37 years of trial experience.

Woods has served as trial counsel for the City of Milford for 25 years. In addition to handling all tax and zoning appeals for the city, including its wetlands appeals and tax lien foreclosures, Woods also chairs the city's Permanent School Facilities Building Committee, a volunteer position for which he has been honored for his service.

Currently, Woods, along with another trustee, is in his ninth of a 10-year disbursement for the Norma F. Pfriem Foundation. Together they disburse approximately \$5 million each year as directed by Pfriem before her death in 2005. Woods and his co-trustee actively look for specific needs to fulfill, such as the Norma Pfriem Breast Care Center and Cancer Center, the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Connecticut Hospice and the Cardinal Shehan Center.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut and Boston University School of Law (cum laude), Woods has tried more than 40 cases that have resulted in published decisions issued by the Connecticut Supreme Court and the Connecticut Appellate Court.

Woods and his spouse, Deborah MacLeese Woods, have been residents of Milford since 1982 and have two grown children. In addition to his professional pursuits, Woods is an avid mineralogist and has been featured in regional publications.

Connecticut Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations, using a rigorous selection process that includes requested evaluations from more than 13,000 active lawyers in Connecticut. The selected individuals represent the top 5% of Connecticut attorneys.