

# BRUCE MECKLER OF MECKLER BULGER TILSON MARICK & PEARSON LLP

*Selected as One of Chicago's Best Lawyers by His Peers*

**A** trial lawyer by trade, handling high profile, complex litigation and defense, Bruce Meckler is perhaps best known for his work on legal audit cases, where he has assumed a role as one of the country's foremost legal audit attorneys and testifying experts.

Mr. Meckler discovered his unique bailiwick in the mid 1980s, when he got involved in the civil/criminal prosecution of a group of lawyers accused of fraud. When the lawyers were convicted, he was asked to help audit and eventually litigate over the massive attorneys' fees incurred. The moment his feet were wet, more cases followed, and a legal auditing practice had suddenly blossomed. "It's something that is important, with clients being asked to pay the kind of fees they are being asked to pay," he says.

Now, with the help of a team of nearly twenty attorneys, clerks, and support staff, Mr. Meckler has conducted or supervised more than 150 legal bill review audits involving over \$2 billion in legal fees, including his work in the recent 'Bratz Dolls' litigation, which looked at more than \$140 million of attorneys' fees. A truly neutral player, he works on both sides of the fence, and has testified numerous times in support of fees. "The need for quality lawyers that are not afraid to handle large attorneys' fees dispute is really great," he says.

Mr. Meckler was recently named to *Crain's Chicago Business* 2010 list of "Who's Who in Chicago Business", and is in the midst of a four-year term as a member of Illinois' nine-member Judicial Inquiry Board. The firm he co-Chairs, Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson, opened a new office in San Francisco in April.

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## MECKLER BULGER TILSON MARICK & PEARSON, LLP

**M**eckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson LLP (MBT) is one of the nation's leading litigation firms with 100 attorneys practicing in Chicago, Dallas, Phoenix and San Francisco. The firm focuses in the areas of labor and employment, insurance and legal audit, as well as general litigation, professional liability and white-collar crime. MBT has achieved both national and Midwest tier 1 rankings from *U.S. News & World Report* for its insurance and employment law practices, and its legal audit group is the largest in the nation.

The firm represents an impressive roster of Fortune 100 companies, some of the world's largest insurance carriers and several prestigious universities. Fueled by continuous client demand, the firm recently expanded into the San Francisco market. "It's been very rewarding to watch our firm grow. By strategically augmenting our core group of lawyers, we've had great success in attracting new business as well as maintaining the majority of our clients who helped us open our doors in 1994," says Co-Chair Bruce Meckler.

Meckler has been selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, along with five other MBT partners: Brian Bulger, Mike Marick, Scott Seaman and Joe Tilson from the Chicago office and Bob Allen from the Dallas office. Meckler was also named to *Crain's Chicago Business* 2010 list of *Who's Who in Chicago Business* and he currently serves on Illinois' Judicial Inquiry Board and on The John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees.

Co-Chair Joe Tilson was recently selected as Chicago's "Lawyer of the Year" for labor and employment law by *Best Lawyers* and as one of the nation's "Most Powerful Employment Lawyers" by *Lawdragon*. Currently he serves on the American Bar Association's Council, the governing body of the ABA's Labor and Employment Law Section. "We've been able to grow and prosper in these challenging economic times because we are a mid-sized firm that offers large firm sophistication at much more affordable rates than our competitors," Tilson says.



Bruce R. Meckler



Joseph E. Tilson



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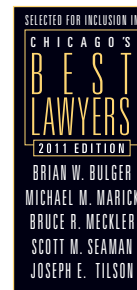
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