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## Tanner named certified lawyer of the year

Michael G. Tanner received the Justice Harry Lee Anstead Award for The Florida Bar Board Certified Lawyer of the Year.

The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education created the Anstead Award to recognize “exemplary professionalism and excellence in the practice of law and character and commitment to The Florida Bar’s certification program.”



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BLSE Chair Richard C. McCrea, Jr., of Tampa presented the award at the Bar’s Annual Convention in Boca Raton and expressed the BLSE’s appreciation for the many years of service Tanner has devoted to the certification program.

“Mike Tanner serves as a model of what a board certified lawyer should be,” McCrea said. “We’ve all heard the expression ‘a lawyer’s lawyer,’ but Mike Tanner is ‘a board certified lawyer’s board certified lawyer.’ He is an inspiration to other board certified lawyers and to everyone who knows him.”

“I’m very honored to receive this award, particularly when I think of all the outstanding certified lawyers in the state and the great work they do,” said Tanner, who is board certified in business litigation and civil trial and served as 2007-08 chair of the BLSE.

Mark P. Terry of Miami won the BLSE’s “Excellence in the Promotion of Board Certification Award.”

Terry originated the idea to promote legal board certification by displaying a specially designed certification flag at the summit of the North Ridge route of Wyoming’s Grand Teton. The photo later was published on the front page of the *News*, and other certified lawyers since that time have displayed the certification flag at numerous destinations around the world.