

SOMERSET

ON 'THE POWER LIST'

Local attorney gets recognition

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SOMERSET — While outside the shadow of big Boston law firms, attorney Steven Sabra has carved out a successful career that goes beyond the courtroom. According to at least one publication, he is among the most powerful in his field.

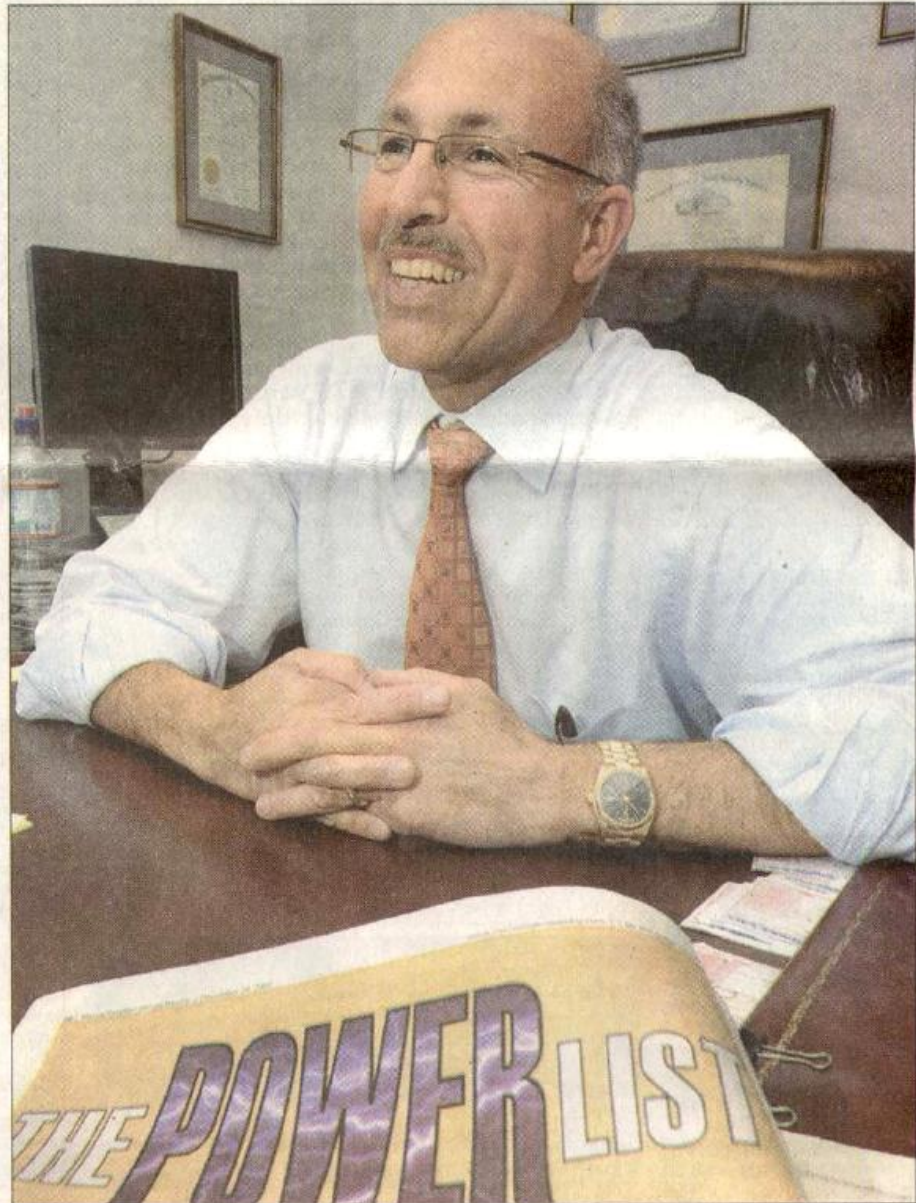
Sabra is one of 81 people to recently be named to the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* "The Power List" that includes the likes of Attorney General Martha Coakley, Gov. Deval Patrick, U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, U.S. Sen. John Kerry and a number of other elected officials, judges and private attorneys. Publisher David Yas said this is the first time the publication has created a list as a way to draw attention to how the profession intertwines with other aspects of day-to-day business.

Yas said Sabra and New Bedford Mayor Scott Lang were the only SouthCoast representatives on the list. Sabra's name was mentioned often as the list was being developed.

"Steve is clearly one of the most powerful and well-known lawyers in his county, and just in us asking around as we were conducting our unscientific research, his name kept coming up in that part of the state," Yas said. "He is just very well respected and connected."

Sabra, who operates a private practice in Somerset, said he is honored to be on the list. He said that being recognized should serve notice that talent exists outside of the Boston area.

"What I think is important is this is a statewide publication and usually these types of lists are made up of Boston



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Somerset attorney Steven Sabra talks about being included in Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly power list.

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Sabra: Attorney serving on the state's Judicial Nominating Committee

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lawyers, so it is significant to be recognized," Sabra said. "I appreciate the individual recognition, but it also shows there are good, competent lawyers in southeastern Massachusetts."

The brief description of Sabra included with the list lauds the veteran attorney for his current stint on the state's Judicial Nominating Committee and describes him as "a big player in Bristol County civil bar." The publication also notes he is the

husband of Judge Bernadette Sabra.

Reviewing the list, Sabra said each of the listed individuals are not only highly competent in their respective areas of law, but that they each "work for the betterment of the profession."

In addition to his current term on the JNC, Sabra has also served on the Board of Bar Overseers and held the president's post on the Bristol County Bar Association.

A 1976 graduate of the Duquesne University School of Law, Sabra said he felt it

would be best to start a private practice in an area where he already had connections. With a focus on personal injury, workers compensation and criminal defense, Sabra said his inclusion on the list shows clients can be well represented without having to travel far.

"I think for a long time people kind of felt there were only good lawyers in Boston and in the large firms and that's not the case," Sabra said.

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