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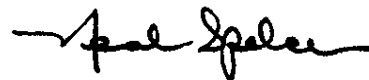
You may have noticed that the March 1992 issue of the *American Bar Association Journal* ranked Austin as one of "The Ten Best Cities for Lawyers." Now, depending on your perspective, you may have run around shouting "We're Number One!" (Austin was listed first on the alphabetical ranking.) Or you may have been somewhat horrified thinking this might open the door for more lawyers to move to Austin.

- + The author had some assurances if you're concerned about the latter. "It is highly unlikely that this article will prompt a stampede of lawyers -- bearing short haircuts and battered litigation bags -- toward the 10 cities I have listed. After all, I'm still practicing in New York, despite the crime, the high cost of living, the low chance of success and the crawling wildlife with which I share my claustrophobic apartment," wrote Lawrence Savell.
- + "To some extent, the onus of learning new rules, the risk of losing personal and professional contacts, and the very thought of taking another bar exam keep us where we are," he confided. "There is a comfort in knowing where the courthouse is, whether paper with numbered lines is or is not required and which is the best all-night deli that delivers."

The cities Savell listed include Austin, Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Louisville, New York, San Francisco, and Seattle. Savell said he came up with this list "unscientifically, superficially and with undue regard for dining opportunities." And he said he realizes he "will never again get a decent hotel room in all the other cities I foolishly have omitted from the roster."

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