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## **Legal Research Center Named To *Ventures' Best Performers* List of Small-Cap Companies in Minnesota**

**Minneapolis – May 24, 2001** –Legal Research Center, Inc. (OTC: LRCI), the nation's leading provider of outsourced legal research and writing services, is ranked No. 2 on *Ventures' Best Performers* list of the top 50 small-cap public companies in Minnesota. According to exclusive research in the June issue of *Ventures* magazine, LRC was rated the second best performer among 130 companies studied with up to \$50 million in annual revenue.

*Ventures'* associate editor, Melissa Metzler, and her team of research analysts prepared the rankings using five performance measurement criteria: increase in stock price, increase in earnings, percentage increase in revenue, dollar increase in revenue, and increase in employee count.

“A *Best Performer* cannot shine on just one measurement and make this ranking,” says Beth Ewen, editor-in-chief of *Ventures*. “CEOs of the 50 best-performing companies must be driving superior results in all measured categories across the board.”

These 50 small public companies have a big impact on the state economy, Metzler reports. Together they logged revenue of \$1.92 billion in the latest four quarters, up from \$786 million the previous year. Collectively they employ 10,986 full-time workers, up from 7,746 the previous year.

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“In 1999, LRC was a turnaround story in *Ventures* magazine. Two years later, we’re ranked second on *Ventures*’ top-50 list of best-performing small public companies,” said Christopher Ljungkull, chief executive officer of LRC. “We are honored to be named to this impressive list and thankful for the recognition it provides. It further validates what our customers are saying – that LRC is a best-in-class performer because our employees are number one.”

*Ventures*' sister publication, *CityBusiness*, *The Business Journal*, each year ranks the best-performing large public companies. This is the first time that the smaller companies have been ranked. Full rankings and accompanying stories are in the June issue of *Ventures*, available on newsstands or via subscription by calling 612-338-4288.

*Ventures* magazine is the monthly guidebook to help the owners of fast-growing companies succeed. *CityBusiness*, *the Business Journal*, delivers breaking business news and useful information to more than 142,000 readers each week. With the annual *Fact Book*, the *CityBusiness* annual *Book of Lists*, and *Twin Cities Employment Weekly*, the five publications offer the most comprehensive business news, rankings, information and advice about Twin Cities companies.

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