

in manufacturing, something that hasn't happened in 18 months.

The pace of decline in manufacturing has been slowing since the index hit a 28-year low of 32.9 in December. And it was the third straight monthly reading above 41.2, which tends to indicate expansion in the overall economy, if sustained at such levels, according to the ISM.

"This adds to the growing evidence that the recession ended around the middle of the year," Capital Economics U.S. economist [Paul Ashworth](#) wrote in a research note.

Three Memphis Firms Honored In 2010 Best Lawyers

Three Memphis law firms have attorneys who have been honored in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart PC had four attorneys from its Memphis office honored: Donna K. Fisher, Thomas L. Henderson, Charles V. Holmes and Frederick J. Lewis were named to the list as top lawyers in labor and employment law. All four previously have been recognized by Best Lawyers.

Adams & Reese LLP had seven attorneys in its Memphis offices recognized. Cannon F. Allen was honored for his work in mass tort litigation; Donna L. Boyce, medical malpractice law; Brian S. Faughnan, appellate law; James B. McLaren Jr., banking, project finance and public finance law; Lucian T. Pera, commercial litigation, ethics and professional responsibility law, First Amendment law, health care and legal malpractice law; Henry C. Shelton III, bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law; and Joseph B. Walker, trusts and estates.

Also, Memphis-based firm Harris Shelton Hanover Walsh PLLC had 17 lawyers firmwide selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers: Allen S. Blair, G. Rice Byars Jr., Susan Callison, M. Anderson Cobb Jr., Steven N. Douglass, William W. Dunlap Jr., Allison T. Gilbert, A. Neal Graham, James B. Jalenak, Philip G. Kaminsky, James L. Kirby, Edward J. McKenney Jr., John L. Ryder, J. Max Shelton, John Kevin Walsh, George T. Wheeler Jr. and James D. Wilson.

The Best Lawyers in America is an annual peer review survey in which more than 24,000 attorneys cast their votes for their colleagues based on their legal abilities and achievements in their respective specialties.

Health Department to Hold Back-to-School Health Fair

The Memphis and Shelby County Health Department will host a back-to-school information and health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Grizzlies Athletic Center, [2107 Ball Road](#).

The Health Department's TENNderCARE program will provide free checkups and health care services for children who are covered under TennCare.

Dr. Kenneth S. Robinson, Shelby County health officer, and WKNO-TV Channel 10 television personality Mr. Chuck will deliver motivational speeches to the children. McGruff the Crime Dog also will make an appearance.