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BCLP is proud to announce the firm's recognition in the Chambers USA 2025 Guide, a testament to the firm's enduring commitment to excellence across practices and jurisdictions.

This year, BCLP received rankings for **38 practice groups** at both the regional and national levels. Additionally, **80 lawyers** were individually recognized for the caliber of their counsel and the impact of their contributions within their respective fields—a reflection of the breadth of experience across the firm.

This year's Chambers USA Guide included 11 BCLP lawyers who were ranked for the first time. These include **Suzanne A. Crespo** for Nationwide: Sports Law; George Chen for Arizona: Intellectual Property; **Cathryn R. Benedict** for Missouri: Tax; **Jennifer B. Dempsey** and **William V. Custer** for Georgia: Litigation: Products Liability; **Stefani L. Wittenauer** and **Timothy J. Hasken** for Missouri: Litigation: Products Liability; **Jill J. Chalmers** for Colorado: Intellectual Property; **Eric P. Schroeder** for Georgia: Litigation: General Commercial; **Sean K. McElenney** for Arizona: Litigation: General Commercial; and **Michael J. Hofmann** for Colorado: Litigation: General Commercial.

BCLP also earned Band 1 rankings in nine practice areas, highlighting the firm's continued leadership in key sectors and jurisdictions. Regionally, the firm earned Band 1 rankings in the following categories:

- Arizona – Intellectual Property
- Colorado – Banking & Finance
- Georgia – Antitrust
- Illinois – Labor & Employment: Highly Regarded
- Missouri – Tax
- Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds - Litigation: General Commercial
- Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds – Corporate/M&A

- Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds – Environment
- Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds - Litigation: General Commercial
- New York – Environment

The firm also received new rankings in the following areas:

- Illinois: Labor and Employment: Highly Regarded
- Missouri: Litigation: Products Liability
- Nationwide: Privacy and Data Security
- Nationwide: Products Liability and Mass Torts

Highlights from our clients:

Arizona – Intellectual Property: “BCLP is a fantastic partner. I can’t say enough good things about them. The lawyers are thoughtful, strategic and effective.”

Colorado – Corporate/M&A: “The BCLP team offers deep experience and a very practical approach.”

Georgia – Antitrust: “BCLP is highly regarded for defending corporations facing allegations of price-fixing and anti-competitive behavior, with special skill in opt-out cases.”

Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds – Environment: “The BCLP environmental support team takes the time to get to know our industry and gives practical, tailored advice. The firm is terrific, experts in the field and very helpful.”

Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds – Corporate/M&A: “BCLP offers technical competency and is able to prioritize the needs of the customer.”

New York – Real Estate: Mainly Corporate & Finance: “The team is smart, commercial and has deep subject matter knowledge. BCLP is able to define the full picture and considerations when developing solution strategies and responses to issues.”

USA Nationwide – Franchising: “A great firm with great people. They provide end-to-end client support, are easy to work with and deliver fast responses.”

USA Nationwide – Product Liability & Mass Tort: Highly Regarded: “The lawyers pay attention to their client’s needs and concerns. The firm's wide array of services means they can provide a strong defense while also providing everyday practical advice.”

USA Nationwide – Sports Law: “I have not yet asked a question that they could not advise on, nor have they given an answer that I didn't trust.”

USA Nationwide – Retail: “The team's ability to communicate complex, nuanced issues in easy-to-understand, business-friendly terms are a tremendous value-add to our clients.”

The following BCLP lawyers are recognized as leading attorneys in the 2025 Chambers USA guide, including those lawyers named nationally or regionally to "Eminent Practitioners," "Senior Statespeople," "Up and Coming" or "Associates to Watch" lists:

State	Name	Practice Area
Georgia	G Patrick Watson	Antitrust
Georgia	Lindsay Sklar Johnson	Antitrust
North Carolina	Paul Donohue	Banking & Finance
Colorado	William Holland	Banking & Finance
California	Sharon Z. Weiss	Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Georgia	Amy Wilson	Corporate/M&A
Colorado	Charles D Maguire Jr.	Corporate/M&A
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	Fred W Bartelsmeyer	Corporate/M&A
Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds	James P Pryde	Corporate/M&A
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	John Welge	Corporate/M&A
Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds	Kent Wittrock	Corporate/M&A
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	R. Randall Wang	Corporate/M&A
Georgia	Rick Miller	Corporate/M&A
Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds	Robert M Barnes	Corporate/M&A
Colorado	Sean Odendahl	Corporate/M&A
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	Stephanie M Hosler	Corporate/M&A
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	Steven M Baumer	Corporate/M&A
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	William F Seabaugh	Corporate/M&A
USA - Nationwide	Katherine Cooper	Derivatives: Enforcement
Colorado	Lynn P Hendrix	Energy & Natural Resources
Colorado	Peter Hansen	Energy & Natural Resources

Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	Dale A Guariglia	Environment
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	Erin Brooks	Environment
New York	J Kevin Healy	Environment
New York	Philip E Karmel	Environment
Illinois	Bryan Keyt	Environment: Mainly Transactional
Illinois	Thor W Ketzback	Environment: Mainly Transactional
USA - Nationwide	Jonathan C Solish	Franchising
USA - Nationwide	Keith D. Klein	Franchising
USA - Nationwide	Kenneth R Costello	Franchising
Missouri	Daniel Crowe	Intellectual Property
Missouri	David A Roodman	Intellectual Property
Arizona	George Chen	Intellectual Property
Missouri	J. Bennett Clark	Intellectual Property
Colorado	Jill Chalmers	Intellectual Property
Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds	Elaine Drodge Koch	Labor & Employment
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	Jerry M Hunter	Labor & Employment
Illinois	William J Wortel	Labor & Employment
Georgia	Christopher P Galanek	Litigation: General Commercial
Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds	Craig S O'Dear	Litigation: General Commercial
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	Dan H Ball	Litigation: General Commercial
Georgia	Eric Schroeder	Litigation: General Commercial
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	Mark B. Leadlove	Litigation: General Commercial
Colorado	Michael Hofmann	Litigation: General Commercial
Washington	Randall Thomsen	Litigation: General Commercial
Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds	Robert J Hoffman	Litigation: General Commercial
Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds	Robert M. Thompson	Litigation: General Commercial
Arizona	Sean McElenney	Litigation: General Commercial
Washington	Timothy Leyh	Litigation: General Commercial
Colorado	Timothy R Beyer	Litigation: General Commercial
Georgia	William Custer	Litigation: General Commercial

Georgia	Jennifer Dempsey	Litigation: Product Liability
Missouri	Liz Blackwell	Litigation: Product Liability
Missouri	Stefani Wittenauer	Litigation: Product Liability
Missouri	Timothy J Hasken	Litigation: Product Liability
Georgia	William Custer	Litigation: Product Liability
Georgia	John R. Bielema	Litigation: Securities
California	Rachel E Matteo-Boehm	Media & Entertainment: First Amendment Litigation
California	Roger Myers	Media & Entertainment: First Amendment Litigation
New York	Valerie Paverd	Outsourcing
USA - Nationwide	Amy de La Lama	Privacy & Data Security: Privacy
USA - Nationwide	Andrew Tauber	Product Liability & Mass Torts
Colorado	Heather Boelens	Real Estate
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	John W. Hoffman	Real Estate
Colorado	Robert H Bach	Real Estate
Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds	Stephen S Sparks	Real Estate
Missouri: St Louis & Surrounds	Victoria Goldson	Real Estate
Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds	Wesley Fields	Real Estate
New York	James Colgate	Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use
New York	Judith M Gallent	Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use
USA - Nationwide	Christopher Schmidt	Sports Law
USA - Nationwide	Richard R Young	Sports Law
USA - Nationwide	Ryan Davis	Sports Law
USA - Nationwide	Steven B. Smith	Sports Law
USA - Nationwide	Suzanne Crespo	Sports Law
Missouri	Cathryn Benedict	Tax
Colorado	Paul Smith	Tax
Colorado	Timothy Glasgow	Tax
USA - Nationwide	Rachel E Matteo-Boehm	First Amendment Litigation

[Complete list of lawyer and practice group rankings.](#)

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