

Awards

BEST LAWYERS IN THE USA 2027

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International law firm BCLP has been recognized in the 2027 edition of the Best Lawyers in America guide, a well-regarded publication that honors the top legal talent across the United States. This year, the firm achieved placements for 190 lawyers across 16 offices, with 5 lawyers recognized as “Lawyers of the Year,” 161 lawyers recognized as “Best Lawyers,” and 24 lawyers recognized in the “Ones to Watch” category.

“Lawyers of the Year”

Los Angeles, CA

- Glenn Plattner - Franchise Law

New York, NY

- Philip E. Karmel - Litigation - Environmental

Phoenix, AZ

- George C. Chen - Litigation - Intellectual Property

Seattle, WA

- Randall T. Thomsen - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

St Louis, MO

- Douglas J. Stanley - Trust and Estates

“Best Lawyers”

Phoenix, AZ

- Meridyth M. Andresen - Commercial Litigation

- George C. Chen - Copyright Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property; Litigation - Patent; Patent Law; Trademark Law
- Kyle S. Hirsch - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Sean K. McElenney - Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Bankruptcy; Litigation - Real Estate

Irvine, CA

- Holly P. Lopez - Real Estate Law
- Steven H. Sunshine - Real Estate Law
- Martin W. Taylor - Real Estate Law

San Francisco, CA

- Meryl Macklin - Commercial Litigation
- Kenneth Lee Marshall - Appellate Practice; Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Rachel E. Matteo-Boehm - First Amendment Law; Litigation - First Amendment
- Roger R. Myers - First Amendment Law; Litigation - First Amendment
- Jean-Claude André - Appellate Practice
- Kenneth R. Costello - Franchise Law
- Keith D. Klein - Franchise Law
- Anthony J. Marks - Franchise Law
- Glenn Plattner - Franchise Law
- Jonathan C. Solish - Franchise Law
- Vanessa A. Sunshine - Real Estate Law
- Sharon Z. Weiss - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Boulder, CO

- Amy De la Lama - Privacy and Data Security Law
- Jason D. Haislmaier - Copyright Law; Information Technology Law

- Paul E. Smith - Tax Law

Denver, CO

- Robert H. Bach - Real Estate Law
- Timothy R. Beyer - Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Antitrust; Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Heather J. Boelens - Real Estate Law
- Tal Diamant - Real Estate Law
- Timothy W. Hanson - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Sarah Hartley - Commercial Litigation
- Lynn P. Hendrix - Copyright Law; Energy Law; Information Technology Law; Native American Law; Natural Resources Law; Oil and Gas Law
- Michael J. Hofmann - Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- William C. Holland - Banking and Finance Law
- Bruce L. Likoff - Real Estate Law
- Charles D. Maguire, Jr. - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Sean R. Odendahl - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Steven B. Richardson - Energy Law; Oil and Gas Law

Washington, D.C.

- Andrew Tauber - Railroad Law

Miami, FL

- Eugene Balshem - Real Estate Law
- Pedro J. Martinez-Fraga - Commercial Litigation; International Arbitration - Commercial; International Arbitration - Governmental
- C. Ryan Reetz - Commercial Litigation; International Arbitration - Commercial; International Arbitration - Governmental
- Justin R. Steinmark - Real Estate Law

Atlanta, GA

- Richard L. Arenburg - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- John R. Bielema - Litigation - Securities
- W. Bard Brockman - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation - ERISA
- Terrence Allen Childers - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Paul F. Concannon - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Frank A. Crisafi - Tax Law
- Jennifer B. Dempsey - Commercial Litigation
- Marilyn M. Fish - Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Christopher Paul Galanek - Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Trade Secrets Law
- Jeffrey K. Haidet - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Luke A. Lantta - Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates
- Johnny D. Latzak Jr. - Real Estate Law
- Robert John Lystad - Corporate Law
- Richard H. Miller - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Eliot W. Robinson - Corporate Governance Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Curtis Romig - Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Construction
- Steven G. Schaffer - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Eric P. Schroeder - First Amendment Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Louis C. Spelios - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- G. Patrick Watson - Antitrust Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Antitrust
- Damon Whitaker - Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Amy Taylor Wilson - Corporate Law; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law

- Gregory H. Worthy - Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law

Chicago, IL

- Thor W. Ketzback - Environmental Law
- Bryan E. Keyt - Environmental Law
- Mary Margaret Moore - Employment Law - Management
- Brian A. Sher - Litigation - First Amendment
- Justin Winerman - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Kansas City, MO

- Shannon K. Barks - Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates
- Robert M. Barnes - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Steven B. Becker - Construction Law
- Wesley O. Fields - Corporate Law; Public Finance Law
- Christopher J. Fisher - Banking and Finance Law
- Laurence M. Frazen - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Robert J. Hoffman - Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions; Litigation - Real Estate
- Michael R. Humphrey - Real Estate Law
- Trevor Jenkins - Banking and Finance Law
- Elaine D. Koch - Litigation - Labor and Employment
- James D. Lawrence - Commercial Litigation
- Daniel C. Nester - Real Estate Law
- James P. Pryde - Corporate Law; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- B. John Readey III - Tax Law; Trusts and Estates

- Michael J. Royle - Banking and Finance Law
- Gino R. Serra - Nonprofit / Charities Law
- Stephen S. Sparks - Public Finance Law
- Robert M. Thompson - Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation

St. Louis, MO

- Ketrina G. Bakewell - Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- Matthew Banocy - Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Frederick W. Bartelsmeyer - Corporate Law; International Trade and Finance Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Steven M. Baumer - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Cathryn R. Benedict - Tax Law
- A. Elizabeth Blackwell - Food and Beverage Law; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Louis F. Bonacorsi - Commercial Litigation
- Erin L. Brooks - Environmental Law
- James G. Buell - Real Estate Law
- Michael P. Burke - Employment Law - Management
- Richard P. Cassetta - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- J. Bennett Clark - Litigation - Intellectual Property; Litigation - Patent; Patent Law; Trademark Law
- John Michael Clear - Antitrust Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Antitrust; Litigation - Banking and Finance; Litigation - Securities
- Daniel A. Crowe - Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Ryan S. Davis - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Mark S. Deiermann - Commercial Litigation

- Jessica Edwards - Tax Law
- Robert J. Endicott - Corporate Governance Law; Corporate Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law; Securities Regulation
- Karen W. Fries - Banking and Finance Law
- Herbert R. Giorgio - Commercial Litigation
- Victoria I. Goldson - Real Estate Law
- Dale A. Guariglia - Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental
- John W. Hoffman - Real Estate Law
- Stephanie M. Hosler - Corporate Law
- Jerry M. Hunter - Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management
- Todd M. Kaye - Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Keith J. Kehrer - Nonprofit / Charities Law
- John Kindschuh - Environmental Law
- Joel N. Lander - Corporate Law
- Don G. Lents - Corporate Governance Law; Corporate Law; International Mergers and Acquisitions; International Trade and Finance Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Darci F. Madden - Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Kenneth J. Mallin - Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Walter L. Metcalfe Jr. - Corporate Law
- Jeanne Mattingly Miller - Trusts and Estates
- Matthew G. Minder - Copyright Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property; Trademark Law
- George E. Murray - Real Estate Law
- Rebecca A.D. Nelson - Advertising Law; Antitrust Law; Litigation - Antitrust

- Michael N. Newmark - Tax Law
- Robert L. Newmark - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- James L. Nouss Jr. - Corporate Governance Law; Corporate Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law; Securities Regulation; Venture Capital Law
- David A. Roodman - Litigation - Intellectual Property; Litigation - Patent; Patent Law; Trademark Law
- Jeffrey S. Russell - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- John D. Schaperkotter - Trusts and Estates
- Christopher J. Schmidt - Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- William F. Seabaugh - Corporate Governance Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Kathleen R. Sherby - Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates
- Randy J. Soriano - Litigation - Patent
- Douglas J. Stanley - Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates
- Stephen G. Strauss - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Vyas Suresh - Real Estate Law
- David M. Unseth - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Peter D. Van Cleve - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Lisa A. Van Fleet - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Bart D. Wall - Banking and Finance Law
- R. Randall Wang - Corporate Law; Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law; Securities Regulation
- John M. Welge - Corporate Law
- Nick E. Williamson - Litigation - Intellectual Property

- Stefani L. Wittenauer - Appellate Practice; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Frank P. Wolff, Jr. - Nonprofit / Charities Law
- Kristin Yemm - Corporate Law

Charlotte, NC

- Paul S. Donohue - Banking and Finance Law
- C. Angelia Duncan - Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Jarret P. Hitchings - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

New York, NY

- William Campbell - Real Estate Law
- Daniel J. Doron - Employment Law - Management
- Ronald B. Emanuel - Real Estate Law
- Philip E. Karmel - Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental
- Kwon Lee - Energy Law
- Joseph J. Richetti - Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Steven M. Stimell - Leisure and Hospitality Law
- Noah M. Weissman - Litigation - Real Estate

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- Jennifer Campbell - Commercial Litigation
- Jenny A. Durkan - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Timothy G. Leyh - Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Securities
- Randall T. Thomsen - Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

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- Sue Chang - Real Estate Law

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- Abigail M. Cotton - Intellectual Property Law

Santa Monica, CA

- Puanani E. Norwood - Energy Law; Real Estate Law

Boulder, CO

- Andrea E. Rastelli - Privacy and Data Security Law

Denver, CO

- Benjamin J. Hogan - Appellate Practice; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs
- Leif Olson - Litigation - Patent; Patent Law
- Kaley Rickert - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Brenna L. Wolcott - Litigation - Labor and Employment

Atlanta, GA

- Nicholas A. Bedo - Commercial Litigation; Entertainment and Sports Law
- Christian J. Bromley - Commercial Litigation
- Brian M. Underwood - Commercial Litigation; Communications Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property

Chicago, IL

- Christopher A. Girouard - Tax Law
- Alejandro J. Montenegro - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Kansas City, MO

- Alexandra L. Liebetrau - Real Estate Law
- Mollie Harmon Moylan - Real Estate Law

- Jay E. Wheeler - Banking and Finance Law

St. Louis, MO

- Lauren Beeman - Corporate Law
- Thea R. Hromadka - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Real Estate Law
- Nicholas Scholz - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Trusts and Estates

Charlotte, NC

- Matt Sides - Energy Law; Project Finance Law
- Meredith L. Silliman - Corporate Law; Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Tax Law

New York, NY

- Bret H. Ruber - Commercial Litigation
- Kurt Steinhouse - Land Use and Zoning Law
- Rebecca Zarett - Real Estate Law

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