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Best Lawyers in America® Rankings 2024

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The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 has named 76 Benesch lawyers to its annual rankings list. Additionally, 59 attorneys have been named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™ ("Ones to Watch" recipients typically have been in practice for 5-9 years). Finally, three Benesch lawyers were recognized as Best Lawyers® 2024 “Lawyer(s) of the Year,” a distinction given annually to a single outstanding lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area.

“Lawyer of the Year” 2024

Cleveland

- M. Casey Kucharson - Commercial Transactions / UCC Law

Columbus-OH

- Peter W. Hahn - Litigation - Construction
- Trevor Alexander - Energy Regulatory Law

***Best Lawyers*® Honorees:**

Chicago, IL

- J. Erik Connolly - Commercial Litigation
- Scott Downing - Health Care Law
- Jason Greis - Health Care Law
- Manish K. Mehta - Patent Law
- Margo Wolf O'Donnell - Commercial Litigation; Employment Law - Management
- Kal K. Shah - Litigation - Intellectual Property; Litigation - Patent

Cleveland

- Jessica Angney - Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- Mark E. Avsec - Trademark Law

- W. Eric Baisden - Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management
- Harry M. Brown - Administrative / Regulatory Law; Health Care Law
- Joseph A. Castrodale - Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance; Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions; Litigation - Securities
- Nora Cook - Commercial Litigation
- Thomas O. Crist - Construction Law; Litigation - Construction
- Matthew Delguyd - Banking and Finance Law; Commercial Finance Law
- Leslie A. Drockton - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Gregg A. Eisenberg - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Kathryn Kramer Gaydos - Real Estate Law
- Allan Goldner - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Angela R. Gott - Litigation - Intellectual Property; Trademark Law
- Joseph N. Gross - Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Norman W. Gutmacher - Real Estate Law
- Ira C. Kaplan - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Venture Capital Law
- Lisa Kimmel - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Ross J. Kirchick - Commercial Finance Law
- Peter N. Kirsanow - Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment
- M. Casey Kucharson - Banking and Finance Law; Commercial Transactions / UCC Law
- David Mansbery -Real Estate Law
- Kevin D. Margolis - Environmental Law; Real Estate Law
- Michael F. Marhofer - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Megan L. Mehalko - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law; and Securities Regulation
- Barry J. Miller - Construction Law; Litigation - Construction
- Michael J. Montgomery - Commercial Litigation
- Steven M. Moss - Employment Law - Management; and Labor Law - Management

- W. Clifford Mull - Health Care Law
- Jared E. Oakes - Real Estate Law
- Robert C. Ondak, Jr. - Real Estate Law
- Johanna Fabrizio Parker - Employment Law - Management; and Labor Law - Management
- Sean T. Peppard - Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Gregory J. Phillips - Commercial Litigation; and Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions
- Richard A. Plewacki - Transportation Law
- Michael A. Primrose -Corporate Law
- Brian N. Ramm - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- John A. Rego - Litigation - Environmental
- Robert A. Ross - Corporate Law; and International Trade and Finance Law
- H. Alan Rothenbuecher - Commercial Litigation
- Alan E. Schabes - Health Care Law
- William E. Schonberg - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Elliot M. Smith - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Shaylor R. Steele - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Howard A. Steindler - Real Estate Law
- Michael D. Stovsky - Information Technology Law; IT Outsourcing Law; Privacy and Data Security Law; and Technology Law
- Michael K. Swearengen - Real Estate Law
- Richard F. Tracanna -Tax Law
- Dana B. Weiss - Commercial Finance Law; and Real Estate Law
- Jeffrey J. Wild - Real Estate Law
- Eric L. Zalud - Commercial Litigation; and Transportation Law
- Robert A. Zimmerman - Employment Law - Management; Government Relations Practice; and Litigation - Labor and Employment

Columbus, OH

- Trevor Alexander - Commercial Litigation; and Energy Regulatory Law

- Marc S. Blubaugh - Transportation Law
- Andrew M. Bojko - Banking and Finance Law; Commercial Finance Law; Corporate Law; Real Estate Law
- Frank Carsonie - Health Care Law
- Janet K. Feldkamp - Health Care Law
- Peter W. Hahn - Construction Law; and Litigation - Construction
- Eric B. Kjellander -Construction Law
- Steven Lesser -Energy Law
- Vince J. Nardone - Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Health Care Law; Litigation and Controversy - Tax; and Tax Law
- Martha J. Sweterlitsch - Health Care Law; and Nonprofit / Charities Law
- Mark D. Tucker - Appellate Practice; Labor Law - Union; and Litigation - Labor and Employment

San Francisco

- Charanjit Brahma - Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Ruby Kazi - Commercial Litigation
- Stephanie Sheridan - Commercial Litigation

Wilmington

- Michael J. Barrie - Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Jennifer R. Hoover - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Financial Services Regulation Law; and Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Gregory W. Werkheiser - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; and Litigation - Bankruptcy

***Best Lawyers*® "Ones to Watch" Honorees:**

Chicago, IL

- Cristina Almendarez - Litigation - Intellectual Property; and Litigation - Patent
- Zaiba Baig - Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Leah Beitner - Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; and Tax Law

- Jake A. Cilek - Health Care Law
- Hannah K. Costigan Cowles - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Christopher DeGrande -Health Care Law
- Emily Newhouse Dillingham - Commercial Litigation
- Rebecca Dircks - Commercial Litigation
- Mark S. Eisen - Commercial Litigation
- Max Guggenheim - Real Estate Law
- Carl M. Johnson - Commercial Litigation
- Jacob H. Marshall - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Blerta Mileti - Real Estate Law
- Alexander M. Moss - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Kate Watson Moss - Commercial Litigation
- Lee B. Muench - Commercial Litigation; Health Care Law; and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Nesko Radovic - Health Care Law
- Samuel J. Ruggio - Litigation - Patent
- Helen M. Schweitz - Intellectual Property Law
- Shandice Sluch - Intellectual Property Law; and Litigation - Intellectual Property Law
- Jamie N. Ward - Commercial Litigation
- Michael W. Ward - Real Estate Law

Cleveland, OH

- James Bedell - Appellate Practice; and Commercial Litigation
- Michael R. Beer - Banking and Finance Law
- Allyson Cady - Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation; and Construction Law
- Alison K. Evans - Intellectual Property Law; Technology Law
- Gregory T. Frohman - Commercial Litigation
- Mitchell E. Gecht - Corporate Governance and Compliance Law; Corporate Law; and Mergers and Acquisitions Law

- Barry J. Guttman - Real Estate Law
- Rick Hepp - Litigation - Labor and Employment
- David M. Hopkins - Commercial Litigation; and Construction Law
- Yelena G. Katz -Labor and Employment Law - Management
- Mariam Keramati - Real Estate Law
- Laura E. Kogan - Commercial Litigation
- Christopher M. Matgouranis - Real Estate Law
- Warren T. McClurg -Commercial Litigation
- Brian D. Mielcusny - Corporate Law; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; and Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Justin L. Monday - Commercial Litigation; and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Alyssa A. Moscarino - Commercial Litigation; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Kelly D. Noll - Real Estate Law
- Connie A. Porter - Corporate Law; and Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Christopher A. Rogers - Construction Law; and Transportation Law
- Reed W. Sirak - Litigation - Environmental
- Deana S. Stein - Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Labor and Employment; and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- James E. Von der Heydt - Commercial Litigation
- James J. Walsh, Jr. -Appellate Practice; and Commercial Litigation
- Susan M. White - Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; and Litigation - Construction
- Jaquan Williams - Commercial Litigation; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Ryan J. Williams - Banking and Finance Law; and Securities Regulation

Columbus, OH

- Joseph R. Blalock - Labor and Employment Law - Management
- Amy L. Craig - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Jonathan N. Fox - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Christopher D. Hopkins - Corporate Law

- Mark T. Keaney - Commercial Litigation
- Abby Riffee - Commercial Litigation; and Construction Law

New York, NY

- Aaron Schwed - Real Estate Law

San Francisco, CA

- Meegan Brooks - Commercial Litigation

Wilmington, DE

- John C. Gentile - Commercial Litigation; and Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Kate Harmon - Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Bankruptcy; and Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Noelle B. Torrice - Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; and Transportation Law