

Firm News | August 15, 2024

179 Locke Lord Lawyers Named to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 List, 45 Recognized as Ones to Watch

RELATED PROFESSIONALS

Jonathan E. Aberman | Mark-David Adams | John K. Arnold | Charles S. Baker | Christopher R. Barth | Lori A. Basilico | Barry J. Bendes | Lani Blake | Jon Biasetti | Wasim K. Bleibel | Tom Bohac | Caroline H. Boone | Andrew Braunstein | Steven J. Brotman | W. Steven Bryant | Stuart Bumpas | E. Philip Bush | Andrew J. Capalbo | Brian T. Casey | James M. Cavanagh | Jason Marechal Cerise | Alfred M. Clark | Jerry K. Clements | Paul E. Coggins | Michael H. Collins | Claire L. Cook | Nicole Olvera Cook | Todd L. Cooper | Elizabeth Phillips Corey | M. Benjamin Cowan | Alexander R. Cox | Akilah F. Craig | Ryan A. Cunningham | Thomas J. Cunningham | Brandon Curtin | Jon W. Daly | Nick Dickerson | Nick J. DiGiovanni | Ryan DiSantis | Emma T. Doineau | Ryan E. Dornberger | Lauren Doughty | Chris Dove | Monika Dziemianczuk | Philip Eisenberg | Cesar Escalante | Rob Evans | Joseph A. Farside Jr. | Sean A. Feener | Laura L. Ferguson | Sean C. Fifield | Lauren Morgan Fincher | Tory L. Finley | Christopher M. Flanagan | Fielden Fleming | Mark W. Freel | Matthew T. Furton | Brendan P. Gaffney | David C. Gair | Don M. Glendenning | Richard D. Glovsky | Christopher D. Graham | Karen S. D. Grande | Douglas G. Gray | David M. Gregory | Kathleen Grossman | Elizabeth Guffy | Denise Hanna | David E. Harrell Jr. | Bryan G. Harrison | W. Scott Hastings | Brad Hawley | Gerald D. (Jerry) Higdon | L. Jeffrey Hubenak | Nina Huerta | Emily Huggins Jones | Stephen J. Humeniuk | Mark Jacob | Stephen C. Jacobs | Thomas “Jeff” Jefferson IV | Van M. Jolas | C. Scott Jones | Taneska L. Jones | Andrea Verney Kerstein | Stanley Keller | Kevin D. Kelly | Jennifer A. Kenedy | Susan A. Kidwell | Susan Kiernan | Brad C. Knapp | Lindsey E. Kress | Omer F. “Rick” Kuebel III | David S. Kupetz | Peyton C. Lambert | Daryl J. Lapp | Christopher J. Larson | Eric Larson | Thanh Le | Taylor Levesque | Alan J. Levin | Jennifer Lisi | Chelsey R. List | Brandon Lobb | Thomas F. Loose | Paula G. Lynch-Griffith | Elizabeth E. Mack | Paul M. Mahoney, Jr. | Richard A. Manley, Jr. | Christopher L. Martin | Noah J. Mason | Stephanie H. Massey | Simon Mayer | Jason T. McCloskey | Jennifer McCoy | Brenda M. McDonough | Jennifer Capasso Mendonça | Kip Mendrygal | Harriet Miers | Mark Miller | Richard J. Miller | Robert D. Miller | Ryan Morgan | Robert W. Mouton | Robert T. Mowrey | William C. Mullen | Paul G. Nason | Michael L. Newquist | Daniel G. Nguyen | Tammi S. Niven | Hanna Norvell | Brian L. O’Reilly | Chelsea H. Overhuls | Sagar Patel | Jonathan Pelayo | Gerald J. Pels | Christian Perez | Joe Perillo | Kevin Peter | Mike Peters | Charles E. Phipps | Geoffrey Polma | Michael V. Powell | Paul M. Pruett | Terry Radney | Susan M. Rainey | Edward A. Razim III | Hanna J. Redd | Richard Reibstein | Seth M. Roberts | Ann Ryan Robertson, C.Arb FCI Arb | J. Michael Rose | David L. Ruediger | David Rutan | Jonevin Sabado | Buddy Sanders | Shannon Schroeder | Robin G. Shaughnessy | Mark A. Silverman | Richard G. Small | Rowe W. Snider | Katy Spillers | Walter J. St. Onge III | Samuel Stempel | Robb P. Stewart | Molly McGinnis Stine | Eric C. Strain | Hunter Summerford | David L. Swanson | Bill Swanstrom | Jeffrey Swope | Benjamin P. Sykes | Krystle Guillory Tadesse | Ann C. Taylor | David Taylor | George Ticknor | William B. Ticknor II | Cynthia Timms | Case Towslee | Tai C. Tran | Kevin L. Twining | Abigail Van Hook | Chris Verducci | Adrienne K. Walker | Ann Marie Walsh | Bradley C. Weber | John L. Whitlock | Steven T. Whitmer | Tammy Ward Woffenden | Scott D. Wofsy | Katherine Wright | Jonathan W. Young | Thomas G. Yoxall | Derrick Carson, FCI Arb | Thomas A. Connop | Kyle Davis | Bruce Grabow | David M. Knapp, Ph.D. | Thomas E. Knight | Zhibin Li, Ph.D. | John B. McKnight | Paul J. Neufeld, FCI Arb | David Patton | Timothy F. Peterson | Sarah J.G. Rous | John K. Schwartz | Stephanie Wickouski

RELATED OFFICES

Austin | Cincinnati | Dallas | Hartford | Houston | New Orleans | Providence | Stamford | West Palm Beach

August 15, 2024 – Locke Lord is pleased to announce 179 lawyers from 15 U.S. offices have been recognized in the 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, and 45 lawyers from 12 offices were recognized in Best

Lawyers: Ones to Watch. In addition, four of the Firm's lawyers were recognized under the special designation of Lawyer of the Year, an honor earned by just one lawyer in each practice area and metropolitan area.

Lawyer of the Year Recipients:

- **Lori A. Basilico** (Providence) – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Christopher D. Graham** (Providence) – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Daryl J. Lapp** (Boston) – Education Law
- **Stephanie H. Massey** (Boston) – Public Finance Law

The full list of Locke Lord lawyers listed in the 2025 editions of The Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch follows below.

Atlanta

- **Brian T. Casey** – Insurance Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Reinsurance Law
- **Bryan G. Harrison** – Litigation – Intellectual Property
- **Noah J. Mason** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Austin

- **W. Steven Bryant** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Jerry K. Clements** – Commercial Litigation
- **Nicole Olvera Cook** – Real Estate Law
- **Lauren Morgan Fincher** – Administrative / Regulatory Law, Commercial Litigation
- **Brad Hawley** – Banking and Finance Law, Real Estate Law
- **L. Jeffrey Hubenak** – Banking and Finance Law, Real Estate Law
- **Stephen J. Humeniuk** – Ones to Watch: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation
- **Susan A. Kidwell** – Appellate Practice
- **Brian L. O'Reilly** – Administrative / Regulatory Law
- **Tai C. Tran** – Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law, Real Estate Law
- Tammy Ward Woffenden – Health Care Law

Boston

- **Ryan DiSantis** – Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Privacy and Data Security Law
- **Brandon Curtin** – Ones to Watch: Corporate Law
- **Christopher M. Flanagan** – Tax Law
- **Richard D. Glovsky** – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Commercial Litigation, Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Stanley Keller** – Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law
- **Daryl J. Lapp** – Education Law, Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Richard A. Manley Jr.** – Public Finance Law
- **Stephanie H. Massey** – Public Finance Law
- **Brenda M. McDonough** – Public Finance Law

- **Jennifer Capasso Mendonça** – Public Finance Law
- **Hanna Ciechanowski Redd** – Ones to Watch: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **David L. Ruediger** – Banking and Finance Law
- **Walter J. St. Onge III** – Public Finance Law
- **Jeffrey Swope** – Commercial Litigation, Education Law
- **George Ticknor** – Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- **Adrienne K. Walker** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **John L. Whitlock** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Chicago

- **Jonathan E. Aberman** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Christopher R. Barth** – Aviation Law, Insurance Law
- **Jon Biasetti** – Insurance Law
- **Wasim K. Bleibel** – Litigation – Intellectual Property
- **Tom Bohac** – Ones to Watch: Corporate Law
- **Nick J. DiGiovanni** – Insurance Law, Reinsurance Law
- **Fielden Fleming** – Ones to Watch: Energy Law, Environmental Law
- **Matthew T. Furton** – Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property
- **Kevin D. Kelly** – Employment Law – Management
- **Jennifer A. Kenedy** – Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Andrea Verney Kerstein** – Health Care Law
- **Mark A. Silverman** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- **Rowe W. Snider** – Insurance Law
- **Samuel Stempel** – Real Estate Law
- **Molly McGinnis Stine** – Insurance Law
- **Benjamin P. Sykes** – Health Care Law
- **Ann C. Taylor** – Aviation Law, Insurance Law
- **Abigail Van Hook** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation
- **Ann Marie Walsh** – Commercial Litigation
- **Steven T. Whitmer** – Commercial Litigation

Cincinnati

- **Todd L. Cooper** – Public Finance Law, Tax Law

Dallas

- **Caroline H. Boone** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation
- **Stuart Bumpas** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Nonprofit / Charities Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- **E. Philip Bush** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Tax Law
- **Paul E. Coggins** – Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
- **Michael H. Collins** – Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Energy Law

- **Claire L. Cook** – Ones to Watch: Labor and Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Kyle Davis** – Real Estate Law
- **Brendan P. Gaffney** – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- **David C. Gair** – Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Tax Law
- **Don M. Glendenning** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **W. Scott Hastings** – Appellate Practice, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Oil and Gas Law
- **Van M. Jolas** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **C. Scott Jones** – Aviation Law, Commercial Litigation
- **Christopher J. Larson** – Ones to Watch: Real Estate Law
- **Taylor Levesque** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation
- **Thomas F. Loose** – Appellate Practice
- **Paula G. Lynch-Griffith** – Real Estate Law
- **Elizabeth E. Mack** – Environmental Law
- **Jennifer McCoy** – Ones to Watch: Labor and Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **John B. McKnight** – Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Kip Mendrygal** – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- **Harriet Miers** – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Government Relations Practice
- **Robert T. Mowrey** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance
- **Paul G. Nason** – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Charles E. Phipps** – Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent
- **Geoffrey Polma** – Tax Law
- **Michael V. Powell** – Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation
- **Susan M. Rainey** – Environmental Law
- **Seth M. Roberts** – Commercial Litigation
- **Robin G. Shaughnessy** – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Robb P. Stewart** – Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Real Estate Law
- **David L. Swanson** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation
- **Cynthia Timms** – Appellate Practice
- **Kevin L. Twining** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Public Finance Law
- **Bradley C. Weber** – Antitrust Law, Litigation – Antitrust
- **Katherine Wright** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation
- **Thomas G. Yoxall** – Commercial Litigation

Hartford

- **Alexander R. Cox** – Ones to Watch: Privacy and Data Security Law

Houston

- **John K. Arnold** – Energy Regulatory Law
- **Charles S. Baker** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property
- **Lani Blake** – Ones to Watch: Labor and Employment Law – Management
- **Elizabeth Corey** – Ones to Watch: Administrative / Regulatory Law, Energy Law

- **M. Benjamin Cowan** – Environmental Law
- **Akilah F. Craig** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation, Labor and Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Ryan A. Cunningham** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Litigation – Construction
- **Jon W. Daly** – Securities / Capital Markets Law
- **Nick Dickerson** – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- **Emma T. Doineau** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation
- **Ryan E. Dornberger** – Ones to Watch: Intellectual Property Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property
- **Lauren Doughty** – Trusts and Estates
- **Chris Dove** – Appellate Practice
- **Monika Dziemianczuk** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation
- **Philip Eisenberg** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Cesar Escalante** – Ones to Watch: Labor and Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Laura L. Ferguson** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Tory L. Finley** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation
- **David M. Gregory** – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Kathleen Grossman** – Ones to Watch: Labor and Employment Law – Management
- **Elizabeth Guffy** – Banking and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **David E. Harrell Jr.** – Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, International Arbitration – Commercial, Litigation – Construction
- **Gerald D. (Jerry) Higdon** – Environmental Law
- **Mark Jacob** – Trusts and Estates
- **Stephen C. Jacobs** – Real Estate Law
- **Taneska L. Jones** – Ones to Watch: Labor and Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment, Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- **Eric Larson** – Tax Law
- **Thanh Le** – Ones to Watch: Insurance Law
- **Brandon Lobb** – Derivatives and Futures Law
- **Christopher L. Martin** – Insurance Law
- **Simon Mayer** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Jason T. McCloskey** – Ones to Watch: Corporate Law, Energy Law
- **Mark Miller** – Derivatives and Futures Law
- **Robert D. Miller** – Government Relations Practice
- **Ryan Morgan** – Banking and Finance Law, Real Estate Law
- **Daniel G. Nguyen** – Litigation -Patent
- **Tammi S. Niven** – Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law
- **Hanna Norvell** – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Chelsea H. Overhuls** – Trusts and Estates
- **Sagar Patel** – Ones to Watch: Corporate Law
- **Jonathan Pelayo** – Commercial Litigation
- **Gerald J. Pels** – Environmental Law
- **J. Christian Perez** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation, Construction Law
- **Joe Perillo** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Kevin Peter** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Mike Peters** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Paul M. Pruett** – Real Estate Law

- **Terry Radney** – Energy Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Oil and Gas Law
- **Edward A. Razim III** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Tax Law
- **Ann Ryan Robertson** – Arbitration, International Arbitration – Commercial, International Arbitration – Governmental
- **J. Michael Rose** – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Buddy Sanders** – Tax Law
- **Shannon Schroeder** – Ones to Watch: Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Hunter Summerford** – Oil and Gas Law
- **Bill Swanstrom** – Energy Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Oil and Gas Law
- **David Taylor** – Corporate Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law
- **Case Towslee** – Ones to Watch: Corporate Law
- **Chris Verducci** – Litigation – Construction

Los Angeles

- **Alfred M. Clark** – Real Estate Law
- **Sean C. Fifield** – Insurance Law
- **Nina Huerta** – Commercial Litigation
- **David S. Kupetz** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **William C. Mullen** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation, Entertainment and Sports Law, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **David Rutan** – Ones to Watch: Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Jonevin Sabado** – Ones to Watch: Labor and Employment Law – Management
- **Katy Spillers** – Corporate Law, Tax Law
- **William B. Ticknor II** – Real Estate Law

New Orleans

- **Jason Marechal Cerise** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Brad C. Knapp** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Omer F. “Rick” Kuebel III** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Peyton C. Lambert** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation
- **Robert W. Mouton** – Real Estate Law

New York

- **Andrew Braunstein** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation
- **Rob Evans** – Securities / Capital Markets Law
- **Sean A. Feener** – Ones to Watch: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Alan J. Levin** – Insurance Law, Reinsurance Law
- **Chelsey Rosenbloom List** – Ones to Watch: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Richard Reibstein** – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Eric C. Strain** – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Stephanie Wickouski** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Newark

- **Barry J. Bendes** – Corporate Law

Providence

- **Lori A. Basilico** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Tax Law
- **Andrew J. Capalbo** – Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- **James M. Cavanagh** – Ones to Watch: Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Joseph A. Farside Jr.** – Antitrust Law
- **Mark W. Freel** – Commercial Litigation
- **Christopher D. Graham** – Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Karen S. D. Grande** – Public Finance Law
- **Douglas G. Gray** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Thomas “Jeff” Jefferson IV** – Corporate Law
- **Susan Kiernan** – Banking and Finance Law, Public Finance Law
- **Jennifer Lisi** – Ones to Watch: Corporate Law
- **Paul M. Mahoney Jr.** – Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Michael L. Newquist** – Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Richard G. Small** – Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- **Krystle Guillory Tadesse** – Commercial Litigation

San Francisco

- **Lindsey E. Kress** – Ones to Watch: Commercial Litigation

Stamford

- **Scott D. Wofsy** – Litigation – Patent, Patent Law

Washington, D.C.

- **Denise Hanna** – Health Care Law
- **Emily Huggins Jones** – Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental, Natural Resources Law
- **Jonathan W. Young** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

West Palm Beach

- **Mark-David Adams** – Public Finance Law
- **Steven J. Brotman** – Ones to Watch: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- **Thomas J. Cunningham** – Commercial Litigation
- **Richard J. Miller** – Public Finance Law

About Locke Lord LLP

Locke Lord is a full-service law firm with global reach and 20 offices designed to meet clients' needs in the United States and around the world. The Firm has a history that spans more than 135 years and is a leader in the middle market arena. Locke Lord focuses on providing the highest levels of commitment, quality and service to clients across its five Key Sectors: Energy and Infrastructure; Finance and Financial Services; Insurance and Reinsurance; Pharmaceutical; and Private Equity. In addition, the Firm advises clients across a broad spectrum of other industries, including fund formation, venture capital, health care, public finance, real estate, technology, cybersecurity and white collar, while providing a wealth of experience through its complex litigation, intellectual property, tax, regulatory and transactional teams.

RELATED INDUSTRIES + PRACTICES

- Real Estate
- Bad Faith
- Construction
- Energy
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Private Equity
- Emerging Companies + Venture Capital
- Reinsurance
- Health Care + Life Sciences Intellectual Property
- Health Care + Life Sciences
- Educational Institutions
- Technology
- Financial Services
- Oil + Gas
- Insurance Aviation
- Insurance Transactional + Regulatory
- Antitrust
- Appellate + Supreme Court
- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Privacy + Cyber
- Employee Benefits + Executive Compensation
- Environmental + Natural Resources
- Bankruptcy + Restructuring
- Government + Regulatory
- Intellectual Property
- Labor + Employment
- Litigation + Trial
- Lobbying + Public Affairs
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Patent Litigation

- Patent Prosecution, Counseling + Portfolio Management
- Private Wealth Management
- Product Liability
- Securities Litigation
- Tax
- Trademark + Copyright
- White Collar Litigation + Investigations
- International Dispute Resolution
- Public Finance
- Local Government Services
- Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities Special Servicing
- Bond Counsel
- Tax: Public Finance