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Troutman Pepper Announces 2025 Best Lawyers Rankings

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NEW YORK – *The Best Lawyers in America®* — the oldest peer-reviewed publication in the legal profession — has recognized 242 Troutman Pepper attorneys as *Best Lawyers in America* in its 2025 edition. Notably, Best Lawyers® honored 21 Troutman Pepper partners as “Lawyers of the Year,” a distinction held by very few practicing attorneys nationwide, with only one lawyer recognized as the “Lawyer of the Year” for each specialty and location.

The firm also has 163 attorneys recognized as *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America®*. This recognition highlights the exceptional abilities of attorneys with less than a decade of private practice and is a testament to the firm’s commitment to nurturing exceptional legal talent.

Recognition by Best Lawyers is based entirely on peer review. Attorneys must be nominated for consideration and then voted on and recommended by their peers for inclusion. Those recognized must also be in good standing with their local bar associations.

Troutman Pepper’s full list of recognized attorneys can be found [here](#).

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