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Troutman Pepper Attorneys Claim Top Spots in 2023 Best Lawyers Rankings

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Troutman Pepper earned multiple “Top-Listed” awards, with more recognized lawyers than any other firm in the following areas and locations: Consumer Law (Nationwide and Virginia), Energy Law (Georgia and Atlanta), Energy Regulatory Law (Georgia and Atlanta), Environmental Law (Georgia and Atlanta), Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (Philadelphia), and Securities / Capital Markets Law (Virginia and Richmond).

The firm also has 137 attorneys recognized as *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*® in 203 areas. This designation spotlights extraordinary attorneys who have been in private practice for less than 10 years.

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. Only the top 5.3% of all practicing lawyers in the U.S. were named in the 29th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

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Lawyers of the Year

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