



Six Lathrop GPM Attorneys Named Lawyer of the Year, 95 Ranked as The Best Lawyers in America[®]

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(August 18, 2022) — Today 95 Lathrop GPM attorneys were named to *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] list, six of whom were selected "Lawyer of the Year" in their practice area. Ten additional attorneys were chosen for the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for 2023.

For the prestigious "Lawyer of the Year" ranking, only one attorney receives the annual award per practice area in each Best Lawyers[®] market. Following are the Lathrop GPM recipients and the areas in which they are being recognized.

Lawyer of the Year 2023

Denver, CO

- Alison E. Zinn (Elder Law)

Kansas City, MO

- Thomas A. Ryan (Environmental Law)

Minneapolis, MN

- Jesse A. Berg (Health Care Law)
- James D. Lamm (Litigation - Trusts and Estates)

St. Louis

- Wendi Alper-Pressman (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law)
- Jared M. Minkoff (Tax Law)

Best Lawyers recognizes legal excellence. First published in 1983, *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] list utilizes a national survey of lawyers created to capture the professional abilities from peers and colleagues. Lathrop GPM attorneys are chosen regularly for this highly respected and published ranking.



Following are the Lathrop GPM attorneys named to the overall Best Lawyers list for 2023 and the areas in which they are recognized:

Best Lawyers in America:

Boston, MA

- Giulio A. DeConti (Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice; Patent Law; Trademark Law)
- James H. Velema (Patent Law)

Boulder, CO

- Curtis A. Vock (Patent Law)

Clayton, MO

- Wendi Alper-Pressman (Banking and Finance Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law)
- Bennett S. Keller (Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Corporate Law; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates)
- Scott H. Malin (Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Trusts and Estates)
- Jared M. Minkoff (Real Estate Law; Tax Law)
- Christopher T. Pierce (Real Estate Law)

Dallas, TX

- Robert Thackston (Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants)

Denver, CO

- Alison E. Zinn (Elder Law; Trusts and Estates)

Jefferson City, MO

- Jennifer S. Griffin (Administrative/Regulatory Law; Commercial Litigation)
- David A. Shorr (Environmental Law; Natural Resources Law)

Kansas City, MO

- Michael J. Abrams (Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Litigation - Real Estate; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants; Trade Secrets Law)
- Robyn L. Anderson (Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law)



- William G. Beck (Commercial Litigation; Environmental Law; Insurance Law; Litigation - Environmental; Litigation - Insurance)
- Richard N. Bien (Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Banking and Finance; Litigation - ERISA; Litigation - Real Estate)
- Mark A. Bluhm (Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Jean Paul Bradshaw II (Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Government Relations Practice; Health Care Law; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants)
- Mara H. Cohara (Commercial Litigation)
- Peter F. Daniel (Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants)
- J.A. "Jay" Felton (Product Liability Litigation - Defendants)
- William F. Ford (Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental; Water Law)
- Brian C. Fries (Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance)
- Cameron Garrison (Litigation - Intellectual Property)
- Gretchen M. Gold (Trusts and Estates)
- Robert J. Haupt (Litigation - Bankruptcy; Litigation - Land Use and Zoning)
- Brian M. Holland (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy)
- Tedrick A. Housh III (Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- Larry B. Huebner (Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law)
- Gregory B. Kuhn (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law)
- Thomas J. McMahon (Tax Law)
- Rosalee M. McNamara (Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management)
- Stephen G. Mitchell (Real Estate Law)
- James L. Moeller (Litigation - Environmental)
- James Moloney (Banking and Finance Law)
- Bernard J. Rhodes (First Amendment Law; Litigation - First Amendment)
- Richard D. Rhyne (Construction Law; Litigation - Construction)
- Jerry D. Riffel (Gaming Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law)
- Bridget B. Romero (Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- Nancy Schmidt Roush (Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Trusts and Estates)
- Jack D. Rowe (Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- Thomas A. Ryan (Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental)
- Kent Sellers (Appellate Practice)



- Thomas H. Stahl (Banking and Finance Law; Financial Services Regulation Law)
- Benjamin C. Struby (Litigation - Real Estate)
- Michel A. Thompson (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law)
- Joel B. Voran (Trusts and Estates)
- Kim K. Winter (Insurance Law)
- Brian Woolley (Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management)
- Rebecca S. Yocum (Employment Law - Individuals; Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Litigation - Real Estate)

Los Angeles, CA

- Nancy Sher Cohen (Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance)

Minneapolis, MN

- Jeffrey C. Anderson (Commercial Finance Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Megan L. Anderson (Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- Wade T. Anderson (Real Estate Law)
- Jesse A. Berg (Health Care Law; Litigation - Health Care)
- Jennifer Reedstrom Bishop (Nonprofit/Charities Law)
- John Brower (Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Ann B. Burns (Trusts and Estates)
- Christopher A. Carlisle (Commercial Finance Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Barry F. Clegg (Tax Law)
- Michael R. Cohen (Litigation - Intellectual Property)
- Michael R. Cunningham (Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation)
- Jennifer Debrow (Trademark Law)
- Liz Dillon (Franchise Law)
- Dean Eyler (Advertising Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Intellectual Property)
- John W. Fitzgerald (Franchise Law)
- Michael R. Gray (Franchise Law)
- Loren Hansen (Litigation - Intellectual Property)
- William D. Klein (Tax Law)
- Gaylen L. Knack (Franchise Law)
- James D. Lamm (Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates)



- Dean A. LeDoux (Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- Charles K. Maier (Litigation - Banking and Finance)
- Mark Mathison (Labor Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- John M. Nichols (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law)
- Ryan R. Palmer (Franchise Law)
- Marya P. Robben (Trusts and Estates)
- Virginia S. Schubert (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law)
- Matthew Shea (Trusts and Estates)
- Michael P. Sullivan, Jr. (Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Daniel R. Tenenbaum (Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- James A. Wahl (Franchise Law)

Overland Park, KS

- James B. Betterman (Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates)
- Peter W. Brown (Trusts and Estates)
- Robert J. Lambrechts (Environmental Law)
- Lyle D. Pishny (Corporate Law; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates)
- Randal L. Schultz (Health Care Law)
- Curtis L. Tideman (Commercial Litigation; Education Law)
- Harry E. Wigner, Jr. (Corporate Law; Real Estate Law)

St. Cloud

- Christopher W. Harmoning (Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance)
- Andrew J. Steil (Litigation - Banking and Finance)

Washington, D.C.

- Mark A. Kirsch (Franchise Law)
- Peter J. Klarfeld (Franchise Law)
- Eric L. Yaffe (Franchise Law)
- Robert L. Zisk (Franchise Law)

The "Ones to Watch" list recognizes attorneys, who are earlier in their careers, for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. Following are the 10 Lathrop GPM attorneys being honored for their early career achievements and the practice areas in which they are recognized.



Ones to Watch:

Clayton, MO

- Mitchell Martin (Commercial Litigation)
- Patricia Lehtinen Silva (Commercial Litigation)

Dallas, TX

- Sam Garcia (Construction Law)

Denver, CO

- Alison J. Foster (Energy Law)
- Cynthia M. Teel (Environmental Law)

Kansas City, MO

- Paul McKie Lewis (Real Estate Law)

Minneapolis, MN

- Benjamin Bonestroo (Trusts and Estates)
- Eric V. Brown (Commercial Litigation)
- Dion Farganis (Commercial Litigation)

Overland Park, KS

- Justin W. Whitney (Trusts and Estates)