

11 Haynes Boone Attorneys and 2 Practices Recognized in 2026 Benchmark Litigation

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PRACTICES Bankruptcy Litigation, Appellate, Intellectual Property Litigation, Energy Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Insurance Recovery, Litigation

Benchmark Litigation has recognized Haynes Boone and 11 of the firm's attorneys in its 2026 rankings. The firm ranks in Tier 1 nationally in [Insurance](#) and is one of the top 10 insurance litigation firms in the country. In Texas, Haynes Boone is "recommended" in [Dispute Resolution](#).

Researchers conducted extensive interviews with a record number of litigators and their clients to identify the leading litigators and firms in these rankings. During client and peer interviews, researchers examined recent casework handled by law firms and individual litigators and asked litigators to offer their opinions on peers.

The following attorneys are recognized in the 2026 rankings:

United States (National) and Colorado:

- [Lee Johnston](#) – IP and Energy Litigation Star

United States (National) and District of Columbia:

- [Barry Buchman](#) – Insurance Litigation Star and National Insurance Star

United States (National) and Texas:

- [Andrew Ehmke](#) – Future Star
- [Ernest Martin](#) – Insurance Litigation Star and National Insurance Star
- [Kent Rutter](#) – Appellate Litigation Star
- [Mark Trachtenberg](#) – Bankruptcy, Appellate and Commercial Litigation

New York:

- [Peter Halprin](#) – Insurance Litigation Star and 40 and Under List

Texas:

- [David Ammons](#) – Commercial Litigation Star
- [Russ Emerson](#) – IP Litigation Star
- [Micah Skidmore](#) – Insurance Litigation Star
- [Leslie Thorne](#) – Commercial and Insurance Litigation Star

Haynes Boone's [Litigation Practice Group](#) takes a client-centered, creative, flexible and practical approach to commercial litigation. The firm's skilled and experienced trial teams have won numerous successful jury and bench verdicts for their clients. Additionally, the group's nationally

recognized appellate team works closely with trial lawyers to ensure a complete and proper record is preserved at trial in case an appeal is filed. They represent a range of clients, in terms of both size and industry.