

## 13 Haynes Boone Lawyers Named Thought Leaders by Lexology Index

---

December 10, 2025 Purvi Albers, Charles Beckham, Michael Boone, Jeff Civins, Deborah Coldwell, Nina Cortell, John Fognani, Robert Lauer, Ernest Martin, Val McWhorter, Brian Vella, Elizabeth Weldon, Taylor Wilson, Patricia Mastropierro, Simon Curtis, Ricardo Davidovich, Erin Hennessy, Maral Kilejian, Steven Koch, Phil Lookadoo, Jennifer Mahar, David McCombs, Barry McNeil, Mary Mendoza, Laura O'Donnell, John Pachter, Larry Pascal, Timothy Powers, Shelley Rosensweig, Micah Skidmore, Suzie Trigg, Robert Wilson

---

**PRACTICES** Construction, Mergers and Acquisitions, Energy, Power and Natural Resources, Environmental, Mining and Metals, Trademark and Advertising, Franchise and Distribution, Insurance Recovery, Intellectual Property, Labor and Employment, Litigation, Real Estate, Restructuring, Shipping

---

*Lexology Index* has recognized 13 Haynes Boone attorneys as USA Thought Leaders in its 2026 report, with 19 attorneys recommended in their respective areas as well.

“[Thought Leaders: USA](#) brings together the insight, expertise and wisdom of some of the USA's foremost lawyers and experts in a single report,” according to *Lexology*.

*Lexology Index* employs a rigorous evaluation process that integrates qualitative industry insights with quantitative data analysis. With 25 years of experience, its research team combines client feedback, practitioner input and robust data to deliver reliable market assessments that companies and law firms use to identify top external counsel and expert advisors.

The following attorneys are recognized as USA Thought Leaders:

[Purvi Patel Albers](#) – IP – Trademarks

[Charles A. Beckham, Jr.](#) – Restructuring & Insolvency

[Michael Boone](#) – M&A

[Jeff Civins](#) – Environment & Climate Change

[Deb Coldwell](#) – Global Elite – Franchising (achieved by only the top 5 percent of ranked practitioners)

[Nina Cortell](#) – Commercial Litigation

[John D. Fognani](#) – Mining

[Robert A. Lauer](#) – Franchising

[Ernest Martin Jr.](#) – Insurance & Reinsurance

[Val McWhorter](#) – Construction

[Brian Vella](#) – Construction

[Elizabeth M. Weldon](#) – Franchising

[Taylor Wilson](#) – Firm Management

[Patricia Mastropierro](#) was listed as “highly recommended” by *Lexology Index* in Transport – Aviation Regulatory, having performed very well in Lexology’s research.

The following attorneys were listed as “recommended” by *Lexology Index* and are considered leaders in their field:

[Simon Curtis](#) – Transport – Shipping

[Ricardo Davidovich](#) – Private Funds – Formation

# HAYNES BOONE

[Erin Hennessy](#) – IP – Trademarks

[Maral M. Kilejian](#) – Franchising

[Steven Koch](#) – Real Estate

[Phil Lookadoo](#) – Energy – Power/Electricity and Renewables

[Jennifer Mahar](#) – Construction

[David McCombs](#) – IP

[Barry McNeil](#) – Competition

[Mary Simmons Mendoza](#) – Environment & Climate Change

[Laura O'Donnell](#) – Employment & Labor

[John Pachter](#) – Projects & Procurement

[Larry Pascal](#) – Energy – Oil and Gas

[Timothy Powers](#) – Real Estate

[Shelley J. Rosensweig](#) – Private Funds – Formation

[Micah Skidmore](#) – Construction

[Suzanne Trigg](#) – Franchising

[Robert Wilson](#) – Real Estate