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More than 100 Haynes Boone lawyers from across the firm are included in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* directory published by Woodward/White, Inc. Lawyers are selected based on detailed peer-review evaluations.

The guide honors 123 firm lawyers from the firm's Austin, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Dallas-North, Denver, Fort Worth, Houston, New York, Palo Alto, San Antonio, and Washington, D.C., offices.

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