

Multiple Haynes Boone Lawyers, Practices Rank Among Best in U.S. in 2021 Legal 500 Directory

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PRACTICES Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation, Finance, Trademark and Advertising, Derivatives, Energy Litigation, Mergers and Acquisitions, Oil and Gas

The *Legal 500* U.S. ranked five Haynes Boone practice areas and 17 lawyers as standouts in the 2021 edition of the legal directory.

The directory, now in its 34th year, analyzes the capabilities of law firms and lawyers in various markets, based on surveys of more than 300,000 buyers of legal services. The *Legal 500* is an independent guide; firms and individuals are recommended purely on merit.

Haynes Boone practices and lawyers were ranked in the following areas:

Trademarks: Non-Contentious (including Prosecution, Portfolio Management and Licensing)

The *Legal 500* ranked Haynes Boone among the Top 17 firms in the country and recommended six partners spanning Haynes Boone's Dallas, New York, Washington, D.C., and Orange County offices: [Purvi Patel Albers](#), [Jeff Becker](#), [David Bell](#), [Theresa Conduah](#), [Erin Hennessy](#), and Joe Matal.

Haynes Boone "fields a team of experienced trademark lawyers across the country," the directory said. "Acting for clients in the advertising, telecoms, financial services and music industries, the team handles the full range of IP matters, including domain name disputes, oppositions and enforcement."

The *Legal 500* quoted a client who said: "The H&B team can consult, help prosecute marks, and provide infringement advice in any country." Another source said: "David Bell [chair of the firm's Trademark Practice] leads the team and is exceptional. Pleasant, efficient and always forward-looking. [Tiffany Ferris](#) is a dynamo and very knowledgeable on IP and advertising matters."

Structured Finance: Derivatives and Structured Products

The *Legal 500* ranked Haynes Boone among the Top 20 firms nationally in Structured Finance and elevated the practice to a higher tier than it ranked in the 2020 *Legal 500* US directory. In the 2021 directory, the *Legal 500* described the Structured Finance practice as "diverse, encompassing a wide variety of asset classes, including equity, FX and increasingly environmental, social and governance (ESG) investments. The group advises buy-side and end-user clients, including an impressive array of institutional investors. Areas of expertise include traditional and more exotic hedging and derivatives, project finance-related hedging agreements, over-the-counter and structured derivatives, as well as ISDA regulatory and prime brokerage advice."

The *Legal 500* recommended five finance partners from the firm's New York, Houston, and

Washington, D.C. offices: [Giorgio Bovenzi](#), [Matthew Frankle](#), [Neal Kaminsky](#), [Phil Lookadoo](#), and [Brian Sung](#).

“What makes this practice unique is that the team members succeed in combining legal knowledge with practical knowledge,” one client said, adding particular praise for Bovenzi. He “is able to reconcile Anglo-American legal concepts with continental European legal concepts in a practical manner.”

Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas

Haynes Boone’s Energy Litigation Practice was ranked among the Top 20 nationally, earning kudos for its “experience litigating in state and federal courts, as well as its handling of domestic and international arbitration proceedings.”

A client remarked: “Haynes Boone’s energy litigation team provides unparalleled . . . experience in oil & gas matters. Unlike many litigators today, they have actually tried cases and obtained defense verdicts. They do an excellent job of developing a successful strategy for high stakes, high exposure litigation.”

The *Legal 500* ranked Energy Litigation Partners [Michael Mazzone](#) and [Craig Stahl](#) as recommended lawyers.

M&A: Middle-Market (Sub-\$500M)

The *Legal 500* ranked Haynes Boone among the nation’s best at handling middle-market M&A transactions, and it listed [Tom Harris](#), chair of the firm’s M&A practice, as a recommended lawyer in the sector.

“Haynes Boone, L.L.P. handles a wide variety of M&A and related transactions, including spin-offs, divestitures, strategic alliance and distressed transactions, representing both buyers and sellers,” the *Legal 500* said.

Employee Benefits, Executive Compensation and Retirement Plans: Transactional

Haynes Boone was included among the nation’s top firms at handling employee benefits and executive compensation matters, according to the *Legal 500*. The 2021 directory included Partners [Jesse Gelsomini](#) and [Susan Wetzel](#) and Counsel [Scott Thompson](#) as recommended lawyers in the field.

Haynes Boone’s “Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Practice has been advising clients in the energy, healthcare, retail, financial services and food and beverages sectors on high-value acquisitions, restructurings, and benefit transfers,” the *Legal 500* wrote.

Haynes Boone is an international corporate law firm with offices in Texas, New York, California, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Washington, D.C., London, Mexico City and Shanghai, providing a full spectrum of legal services in energy, technology, financial services and private equity. With 600 lawyers, Haynes Boone is ranked among the largest U.S.-based firms by *The National Law Journal*, *The American Lawyer* and *The Lawyer*. It was recognized for excellence in the BTI Consulting Group’s 2021 “A-Team” report, which identifies the law firms that in-house counsel

commend for providing superior client service.