

8 Haynes Boone Lawyers Recognized as 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America

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Lawdragon has included eight Haynes Boone lawyers from four offices in the 2025 edition of the [Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America](#): [Kit Addleman](#), [David Ammons](#), [Ron Breaux](#), [Nina Cortell](#), [Ben Mesches](#), [Laura O'Donnell](#), [Leslie Thorne](#) and [Victor Vital](#).

The guide features the “best litigators the U.S. has to offer – in antitrust, intellectual property, white collar and investigations, securities and corporate governance litigation, and a vast array of class actions, product liability and other complex civil litigation.”

Read more about Haynes Boone’s featured lawyers:

[Kit Addleman](#) – Complex Litigation, esp. SEC Enforcement, Investigations: Addleman, who serves as chair of the firm's SEC Enforcement Practice Group, has built her nationwide practice by advising public companies, officers and directors, investment advisors, private funds and broker-dealers concerning securities investigations.

[David Ammons](#) – Complex Litigation, inc. Energy, Bankruptcy: Ammons is a commercial trial lawyer with extensive experience handling high-stakes energy litigation in state, federal and bankruptcy courts nationwide. Clients value his skill at efficiently and effectively resolving their litigation challenges in a manner that squares with their long-term strategic objectives.

[Ronald Breaux](#) – Complex Litigation, inc. Data Security: Breaux has represented companies in mission-critical litigation and investigations for more than three decades. He chairs the firm's Privacy and Data Security Practice Group and serves on the board of directors.

[Nina Cortell](#) – General & Commercial Litigation: For more than four decades, Cortell has represented corporations, public entities and individuals that have put her at the forefront of Texas appellate practice.

[Ben Mesches](#) – Complex Litigation, inc. Constitutional, Energy, Appellate: Mesches leads the firm's Appellate Practice Group, serves on its board of directors and successfully guides appellate and litigation teams in high-stakes cases in state and federal courts nationwide.

[Laura O'Donnell](#) – Complex Litigation, inc. Employment: O'Donnell is chair of the firm's Labor and Employment Section and heads the firm's Wage and Hour Litigation Group. Her litigation work focuses on the defense of FLSA collective actions as well as defending employers against a multitude of employment-related claims.

[Leslie C. Thorne](#) – Complex Litigation, inc. Insurance Recovery, Energy: Thorne, chair of the firm's Litigation Department and member of the board of directors, has successfully represented the

nation's largest and most prominent corporations in jurisdictions throughout the United States. She co-founded and leads the firm's Electric Power Litigation practice group.

Victor Vital – Complex Litigation: Vital is the Global Chair of the firm's Trials Practice Group, and clients turn to him to handle high-profile and high-stakes jury trials of virtually all types. His ability to absorb complex subject matter quickly and then package and present it persuasively to diverse juries makes him suitable for virtually any high-stakes trial across the country.