

Haynes and Boone Appellate Group Receives Top Ranking in Chambers USA 2021 Directory

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With eight ranked appellate lawyers, Haynes Boone boasts one of the top-ranked appellate teams in the state, according to the *Chambers USA 2021* rankings (Chambers and Partners.)

Haynes Boone's Appellate Practice received a Band 1 ranking in Texas — one of only three firms in that tier in *Chambers USA 2021*. Chambers praised Haynes Boone's "superbly talented appellate bench widely seen as among the most accomplished in Texas," and shared feedback from various sources:

- "Their attention to detail is truly remarkable and they are some of the best critical thinkers I have ever encountered in the appellate space."
- "Haynes Boone is in the perfect sweet spot, providing the very best work product and integrating with clients' needs."
- "They provide professional and clear communication on how to size options up and move cases ahead."

"We are deeply honored at the respect we have engendered among our clients and industry peers," said appellate Partner [Ben Mesches](#), chair of the firm's Litigation Department. "It is rare for a firm to boast an appellate bench as deep as ours. Our *Chambers USA 2021* ranking reflects that."

The following Haynes Boone appellate litigators were ranked in the 2021 *Chambers USA* directory as leaders in Texas: [Mike Hatchell](#); Anne Johnson; [Lynne Liberato](#); [Ben Mesches](#); [Karen Precella](#); [Kent Rutter](#); and [Mark Trachtenberg](#). And [Nina Cortell](#) earned Chambers' "Star Individual" ranking, one of only two appellate lawyers in the state to receive the distinction.

Commenters offered admiration for all of Haynes Boone's ranked appellate lawyers:

Cortell: "She has excellent judgment and is able to look at issues from multiple angles and evaluate how it will play out five or six moves down the line."

Hatchell: "The dean of the appellate practice in Texas and an extremely gifted mind who helps parties come up with the right arguments and consistently gets the right results."

Johnson: "She is truly impressive on her feet and her preparation is outstanding." "She is very talented."

Liberato: "She's as sharp as you can get and sees the overall issues in a case." "She is well-respected in the market."

Mesches: "He's a tremendous brief writer and a terrific oral advocate. He has a first-rate intellect and is as nice as they come. He is amazingly talented."

Precella: "Her briefing is phenomenal. She's really sharp and has tactical ideas on how to argue a case."

Rutter: "He is a terrific lawyer who is quite accomplished and respected in the state of Texas. He is a lawyer's lawyer."

Trachtenberg: "He is [an] exceptionally good lawyer." "He's extremely thorough and a real talent."

With one of the largest full-time appellate teams of any national law firm, Haynes Boone's nationally recognized Appellate Practice Group earned this recognition through decades of dedication to clients and collaborative work with trial lawyers, by earning the respect of judges across the country, and by precedent-making victories in bet-the-company appeals.

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.