

# Hundreds of Haynes Boone Lawyers Recognized in Best Lawyers in America 2024, Including 6 Lawyers of the Year

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Haynes Boone had another impressive showing in *The Best Lawyers in America* directory, published by Woodward/White, Inc., with a cross section of lawyers from many offices across the country recognized in the 2024 edition. Six Haynes Boone lawyers earned special recognition as [Lawyer of the Year](#) in their respective practice areas, while hundreds more were designated as Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch.

The Lawyer of the Year winners include Partner [Russ Emerson](#) and Counsel [Catherine Robb](#), who received the distinction in two practice areas, as well as Partners [David McCombs](#), [Purvi Patel Albers](#), [W. Scott Wallace](#), and [Tom Chen](#).

This year, 159 Haynes Boone lawyers from Austin, Charlotte, Chicago, Orange County, Dallas, Dallas-North, Denver, Fort Worth, Houston, New York, Northern Virginia, Palo Alto, San Antonio, The Woodlands, and Washington, D.C. were listed as Best Lawyers. Selection is based on detailed peer-review evaluations. See the full list of [Haynes Boone Best Lawyers](#).

The guide also includes 104 Haynes Boone lawyers in its 2024 Ones to Watch directory. The Ones to Watch distinction is given to lawyers in practice for five to nine years, in recognition of their outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the U.S. They are nominated by industry peers. See the full list of [Haynes Boone Ones to Watch](#).

The Lawyer of the Year honor is given to lawyers with the highest overall peer feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region. Only one lawyer is recognized as Lawyer of the Year for each area of focus and location. Read more about Haynes Boone's Lawyers of the Year below:

**Catherine Robb:** Litigation and First Amendment Law – Austin, Texas

Catherine is counsel in the Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Group in the Austin office of Haynes Boone. Her practice is focused on, First Amendment litigation, pre-publication review and editing, copyright and trademark litigation, general commercial litigation, open-government issues and privacy concerns. She advises clients concerning media law issues for an extensive array of content providers including online and traditional newspapers, magazines, radio and broadcasters, cable television stations, production companies, and music entities.

**David McCombs:** Technology Law – Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

David is primary counsel for many leading corporations in *inter partes* review (IPR) and is regularly identified as one of the most active attorneys appearing before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). His clients benefit from his 39 years of practice, which include appellate argument, patent litigation, and portfolio development.

## **Russ Emerson:** Litigation and Patent Law – Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

Russ is a trial lawyer who serves as lead counsel in high-stakes, high-risk patent litigation throughout the country. His cases involve a variety of technologies, from semiconductors to lasers, medical devices to pharmaceutical products, and petroleum drilling technology to computer networking.

## **Purvi Patel Albers:** Trademark Law – Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

Purvi is a member of the firm's board of directors and serves as trusted adviser and counsel to Fortune 500 companies and high-growth ventures on the management of their valuable brand investments. Clients say "Purvi provides excellent client service, is always on time, and helps keep track of things. She is an excellent lawyer, everything I would ask for." (*Chambers USA*, Chambers and Partners, 2023).

## **W. Scott Wallace:** Commercial Finance Law – Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

Scott has more than 20 years of experience in the areas of corporate securities, mergers, acquisitions and providing counsel to a broad spectrum of clients with complex business transactions. He has negotiated mergers and acquisitions involving public and privately held entities, numerous contests for corporate control representing acquiring and target companies involving tender offers and proxy contests, and public and private debt and equity offerings.

## **Tom Chen:** Patent Law – Orange County, California

Tom is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and co-chair of its Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee. He is an experienced patent attorney with both industry and litigation experience, who prides himself in being trusted and valued by his clients. Tom takes the time to learn about the true business goals, strategies, and concerns of his clients and always puts the interests of his clients above all else.