

## Chambers USA 2020 Directory Awards Haynes and Boone Appellate Group Band One Ranking

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Haynes Boone has one of the top appellate practices in Texas, according to the 2020 *Chambers USA* directory (Chambers and Partners), which awarded the firm a Band 1 ranking in Texas appellate litigation.

Chambers commended Haynes Boone for its “wide-ranging litigation practice [and] superbly talented appellate bench, widely seen as among the most accomplished in Texas.”

Notably, eight of Haynes Boone’s appellate litigators were ranked in the 2020 *Chambers USA* directory as leaders in Texas: [Mike Hatchell](#); [Lynne Liberato](#), Anne Johnson; [Ben Mesches](#); [Karen Precella](#); [Kent Rutter](#), and [Mark Trachtenberg](#). And [Nina Cortell](#) earned Chambers’ “Star Individual” ranking, making her the top-ranked appellate lawyer in the state. No other firm rivals the appellate depth in Texas of Haynes Boone, which also boasts appellate Partner M.C. Sungaila, who was ranked Band 2 in the competitive California market in the 2020 *Chambers USA* directory.

“Haynes Boone has spent the past 30-plus years building and solidifying an appellate practice that, again, has justifiably been recognized for its prowess and depth,” said appellate Partner Ben Mesches, chair of the firm’s Litigation Department. “Our appellate group secured this Chambers ranking because of our collective excellence and dedicated teamwork approach to representing major clients in their most high-profile cases from coast to coast.”

Factors that contributed to this recognition include a track record of success on appeal and feedback provided to Chambers by Haynes Boone clients and other respected market commentators. According to Chambers, Haynes Boone’s appellate lawyers were praised as being “responsive to clients’ needs” and “unquestionably as good as they get,” with a “really good ability to tell a story and make it appealing to judges” in a way that “can really make a case come to life.”

With one of the largest full-time appellate teams of any national law firm, Haynes Boone can match clients with appellate lawyers who offer personal experience with specific industries, procedural issues, and courts. Team members have argued appeals before the U.S. Supreme Court, the federal circuit courts of appeals, the Texas Supreme Court, and the Texas courts of appeals, setting precedent for our clients in jurisdictions from coast to coast.

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 more than 575 lawyers, Haynes Boone is ranked among the largest U.S.-based firms by *The National Law Journal*, *The American Lawyer* and *The Lawyer*. It also ranks among the nation’s most recommended law firms by general counsel, according to BTI Consulting Group’s “Most Recommended Law Firms 2019” report.