

Haynes Boone Lawyers and Practices Rank Among Industry Best in Chambers USA 2023

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PRACTICES Insurance Recovery Appeals, Intellectual Property Litigation, AI and Technology, Derivatives, Corporate Strategic M&A, Construction, Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions, Financial Regulatory, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation, Media and Entertainment Litigation, Finance, Trademark and Advertising, Franchise and Distribution, Oil and Gas, Oil and Gas Litigation, Government Contracts, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Copyright, Insurance Recovery, Intellectual Property, Litigation, Media Entertainment and Sports, Real Estate, Restructuring

Haynes Boone lawyers and practices, spanning the firm's 16 U.S. offices, were recognized as industry leaders in *Chambers USA 2023* (Chambers and Partners). *Chambers USA 2023* recognized 75 Haynes Boone lawyers and 31 practices, the highest ever totals for the firm.

Haynes Boone highlights from the *Chambers USA 2023* directory include:

Three practices were added to *Chambers USA's* nationwide directory of top practices: Employee Benefits & Executive Comp; First Amendment Litigation, and Government Contracts: The Elite.

• Three practices were added to the state and regional rankings of top practices: Real Estate: Mainly Dirt (New York); Construction (Virginia); and Litigation: General Commercial (Texas: DFW and Surrounds).

• Four lawyers were ranked Band 1, the highest tier, in *Chambers USA's* nationwide directory:

[Deborah Coldwell](#) (Franchising); [Stephen Knight](#) (Government Contracts: Cost Disputes); [Jonathan Shaffer](#) (Government Contracts: Bid Protests); and [Craig Stahl](#) (Oil and Gas Litigation).

• Eight lawyers were ranked Band 1 in state directories: [Kit Addleman](#) (Litigation: White Collar Crime & Gov't Investigations); [Purvi Patel Albers](#) (IP: Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secrets); [Charles Beckham Jr.](#) (Bankruptcy/Restructuring); [Ernest Martin](#) (Insurance); [David McCombs](#) (Intellectual Property); [Val McWhorter](#) (Construction: Mediators); [Brian Vella](#) (Construction); and [Susan Wetzel](#) (Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation).

"We have *Chambers*-ranked lawyers and practices from coast to coast, in virtually all major specialties," said Haynes Boone Managing Partner [Taylor Wilson](#). "This is a testament to the high regard in which we are held by our clients and the market."

Chambers ranks lawyers and practices based on thousands of interviews with leading practitioners and clients. Ranking criteria include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by legal clients.

The following Haynes Boone practice groups were ranked in the 2023 edition of *Chambers USA*:

Nationwide

- Derivatives
- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
- Financial Services Regulation: Banking (Compliance)
- First Amendment Litigation
- Franchising

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- Government Contracts: The Elite
- Oil and Gas Litigation

California

- Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution

Colorado

- Corporate/M&A

New York

- Real Estate: Mainly Corporate & Finance
- Real Estate Main Dirt

North Carolina

- Banking & Finance

Texas

- Banking & Finance
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Corporate/M&A: The Elite
- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Dallas, Fort Worth, & Surrounds; and Houston & Surrounds)
- Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation (Electricity)
- Environment
- Healthcare
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secrets
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation: Appellate
- Litigation: General Commercial (Texas: Austin & Surrounds and Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds)
- Litigation: White Collar Crime & Gov't Investigations
- Real Estate
- Technology: Corporate & Commercial

Virginia

- Construction

Below are the individually recognized Haynes Boone lawyers and their respective practice area(s):

- [Katherine \(Kit\) Addleman](#) – Securities: Regulation: Enforcement (USA - Nationwide); and Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Texas)
- [Purvi Patel Albers](#) – Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright, and Trade Secrets (Texas)
- [Paul Amiel](#) – Banking & Finance (Texas)
- [David Ammons](#) - Oil and Gas Litigation (USA – Nationwide)

- [Jeffrey Becker](#) – Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright, and Trade Secrets (Texas)
- [Charles Beckham Jr.](#) – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas)
- [David Bell](#) – Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright, Trade Secrets (Texas)
- [Michael Boone](#) – Corporate/M&A: The Elite (Texas)
- [Giorgio Bovenzi](#) – Financial Services Regulation: Banking (Compliance) (USA - Nationwide)
- [Stacy Brainin](#) – Healthcare (Texas); and Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Texas)
- [Ronald W. Breaux](#) – Antitrust (Texas); and Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Texas)
- [Brack Bryant](#) – Real Estate (Texas)
- [Barry I. Buchman](#) – Insurance: Policyholder (District of Columbia)
- [Jeff Civins](#) – Environment (Texas)
- [Deborah S. Coldwell](#) – Franchising (USA - Nationwide)
- [Randall E. Colson](#) – Technology: Corporate & Commercial (Texas); and Technology: Outsourcing (Texas)
- [Eli Columbus](#) – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas)
- [Nina Cortell](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Matthew T. Deffebach](#) – Occupational Safety and Health (USA - Nationwide); and Labor & Employment (Texas)
- [Karen Denney](#) – Labor & Employment (Texas)
- [Scott Drablos](#) – Real Estate (Texas)
- [John R. Eldridge](#) – Environment (Texas)
- [Russell Emerson](#) – Intellectual Property (Texas)
- [John D. Fognani](#) – Environment (Colorado)
- [Polly Fohn](#) - Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Matthew Frankle](#) – Derivatives (USA - Nationwide)
- [Jesse J. Gelsomini](#) – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Texas: Houston & Surrounds)
- [Daniel Geyser](#) – Appellate Law (USA - Nationwide) and Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Brian Giovannini](#) – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Texas: Houston & Surrounds)
- Melissa Goodman – Labor & Employment (Texas)
- [Kathryn Griffin](#) - Construction (Virginia)
- [Charles Harris](#)- Banking & Finance (North Carolina)
- [Mike A. Hatchell](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Timothy Johnston](#) - Banking & Finance (Texas)
- [Neal Kaminsky](#) – Banking & Finance (Texas)
- [Jeremy Kennedy](#) - Energy: Oil and Gas (Transactional) (USA – Nationwide)
- [Bill Kleinman](#) – Technology: Corporate & Commercial (Texas)
- [Stephen Knight](#) – Government Contracts; Government Contracts: Costs Disputes (USA – Nationwide)
- [Steven Koch](#) – Real Estate: Finance (New York)
- Rebecca Landau – Real Estate: Finance (New York)
- [Robert A. Lauer](#) – Franchising (USA -Nationwide)
- [Lynne Liberato](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Diana Liebmann](#) – Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation (Electricity) (Texas)
- [Jennifer Mahar](#) - Construction (Virginia)
- [Dan Malone](#) – Corporate/M&A (Colorado)
- [James Markus](#) – Banking & Finance (Texas)
- [Ernest Martin](#) – Insurance (Texas)

- [Garrett Martin](#) – Oil and Gas Litigation (USA - Nationwide)
- [Michael Mazzone](#) – Environment (Texas)
- [David McCombs](#) – Intellectual Property (USA - Nationwide) and Intellectual Property (Texas)
- [Val McWhorter](#) (Construction: Mediators)
- [Mary S. Mendoza](#) – Environment (Texas)
- [Ben Mesches](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [J. Frasher Murphy](#) – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas)
- [Scott G. Night](#) – Banking & Finance (Texas)
- [Laura E. O'Donnell](#) – Labor & Employment (Texas)
- [John Pachter](#) – Government Contracts (USA – Nationwide)
- [Ian Peck](#) – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas)
- [Stephen Pezanosky](#) – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas)
- [Timothy Powers](#) – Banking & Finance (Texas)
- [Laura Prather](#) – First Amendment Litigation (USA - Nationwide)
- [Karen S. Precella](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Justin Riess](#) - Banking & Finance (North Carolina)
- [Kent Rutter](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- Michelle Scheffler – Oil & Gas Litigation (USA - Nationwide)
- [Jonathan Shaffer](#) – Government Contracts; Government Contracts: Bid Protests (USA – Nationwide)
- [Larry Shosid](#) - Corporate/M&A (Texas)
- [Micah Skidmore](#) – Insurance (Texas)
- [Craig Stahl](#) – Oil & Gas Litigation (USA - Nationwide)
- [Brian Sung](#) — Derivatives (USA - Nationwide)
- [Leslie Thorne](#) – Litigation: General Commercial (Texas: Austin & Surrounds)
- [Mark Trachtenberg](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Hugh Tucker](#) – Energy: Oil and Gas (Transactional); Projects (USA – Nationwide)
- [Craig Unterberg](#) – Financial Services Regulation: Banking (Compliance) (USA - Nationwide)
- [Brian Vella](#) – Construction (Virginia)
- [Susan Wetzel](#) – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds)