

Haynes Boone Earns Most Rankings for Lawyers and Practices in Firm History in Chambers USA 2024

June 6, 2024 Kit Addleman, Purvi Albers, Paul Amiel, David Ammons, Jeffrey Becker, Charles Beckham, David Bell, Michael Boone, Giorgio Bovenzi, Stacy Brainin, Ronald Breaux, Brack Bryant, Barry Buchman, J. Nicholas Bunch, Carlos Carrasco, Jeff Civins, Deborah Coldwell, Randall Colson, Eli Columbus, Nina Cortell, Todd Cabbage, Matthew Deffebach, Karen Denney, Scott Drablos, John Eldridge, Russ Emerson, Tiffany Ferris, Polly Fohn, Matthew Frankle, Jesse Gelsomini, Daniel Geysler, Brian Giovannini, Kathryn Griffin, Peter Halprin, Charles Harris, Tim Johnston, Neal Kaminsky, Chris Kang, Jeremy Kennedy, Bill Kleinman, Stephen Knight, Steven Koch, Jennifer Kreick, Robert Lauer, Lynne Liberato, Diana Liebmann, Jennifer Littlefield, Jennifer Mahar, Daniel Malone, James Markus, Garrett Martin, Ernest Martin, Michael Mazzone, David McCombs, Val McWhorter, Mary Mendoza, Ben Mesches, J. Frasher Murphy, Scott Night, Kelli Norfleet, Laura O'Donnell, John Pachter, Ian Peck, Stephen Pezanosky, Timothy Powers, Laura Prather, Karen Precella, Justin Riess, Kent Rutter, Jonathan Shaffer, Larry Shosid, Erin Simmons, Micah Skidmore, Craig Stahl, Brian Sung, Leslie Thorne, Mark Trachtenberg, Hugh Tucker, Craig Unterberg, Brian Vella, Susan Wetzel, Kurt Gottschall

PRACTICES OSHA, Anti-SLAPP and First Amendment Rights, Appellate, AI and Technology, Derivatives, Construction, Corporate, Patents, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation, Mergers and Acquisitions, Financial Regulatory, Energy, Power and Natural Resources, Finance, Trademark and Advertising, Real Estate Finance, Franchise and Distribution, Oil and Gas, Government Contracts, Oil and Gas Litigation, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Insurance Recovery, Copyright, Intellectual Property, Labor and Employment, Litigation, Real Estate

Haynes Boone achieved its most robust rankings ever in *Chambers USA 2024* (Chambers and Partners), with 89 lawyers and 35 practices ranked from its 16 U.S. offices.

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 firm's highlights from the *Chambers USA 2024* directory include:

- Three lawyers were ranked Band 1 nationally, the highest tier: [Deborah Coldwell](#) (Franchising), [Jonathan Shaffer](#) (Government Contracts: Bid Protests) and [Craig Stahl](#) (Oil and Gas Litigation).
- Nine lawyers were ranked Band 1 in state directories: [Kit Addleman](#) (Litigation: White Collar Crime and Government Investigations), [Purvi Patel Albers](#) (IP: Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secrets), [Charles Beckham Jr.](#) (Bankruptcy/Restructuring), [Nina Cortell](#) (Litigation: Appellate), [Ernest Martin](#) (Insurance), [David McCombs](#) (Intellectual Property), [Val McWhorter](#) (Construction: Mediators), [Brian Vella](#) (Construction) and [Susan Wetzel](#) (Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation).
- Three practices were added nationally: Banking and Finance, Energy: Oil and Gas (Transactional) and Occupational Safety and Health.
- Two practices were added to the state and regional rankings: Litigation: General Commercial (Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounds) and Banking and Finance (New York).

The following Haynes Boone practice groups were ranked this year:

Nationwide

- Banking and Finance
- Derivatives
- Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation
- Energy: Oil and Gas (Transactional)
- Financial Services Regulation: Banking (Compliance)
- First Amendment Litigation
- Franchising
- Government Contracts: The Elite
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Oil and Gas Litigation

California

- Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution

Colorado

- Corporate/M&A

New York

- Banking and Finance
- Real Estate: Mainly Corporate and Finance
- Real Estate: Mainly Dirt

North Carolina

- Banking and Finance

Texas

- Banking and Finance
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Corporate/M&A: The Elite
- Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation (Dallas, Fort Worth, and Surrounds; and Houston and Surrounds)
- Energy: State Regulatory and Litigation (Electricity)
- Environment
- Healthcare
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secrets
- Labor and Employment
- Litigation: Appellate
- Litigation: General Commercial (Texas: Austin and Surrounds and Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounds)
- Litigation: White Collar Crime and Government Investigations
- Real Estate
- Technology: Corporate and Commercial

Virginia

- Construction

Below are the individually recognized Haynes Boone lawyers and their respective practice areas:

- [Katherine \(Kit\) Addleman](#) – Securities: Regulation: Enforcement (USA - Nationwide) and Litigation: White Collar Crime and Government Investigations (Texas)
- [Purvi Patel Albers](#) – Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secrets (Texas)
- [Paul Amiel](#) – Banking and 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 and Trade Secrets (Texas)
- [Michael Boone](#) – Corporate/M&A (Texas)
- [Giorgio Bovenzi](#) – Financial Services Regulation: Banking (Compliance) (USA - Nationwide)
- [Stacy Brainin](#) – Healthcare (Texas) and Litigation: White Collar Crime and Government Investigations (Texas)
- [Ronald W. Breaux](#) – Antitrust (Texas); and Litigation: White Collar Crime and Government Investigations (Texas)
- [Brack Bryant](#) – Real Estate (Texas)
- [Barry I. Buchman](#) – Insurance: Policyholder (District of Columbia)
- [Nick Bunch](#) – Litigation: White Collar Crime and Government Investigations (Texas)
- [Carlos Carrasco](#) – Energy: State Regulatory and Litigation (Electricity) (Texas)
- [Jeff Civins](#) – Environment (Texas)
- [Deborah S. Coldwell](#) – Franchising (USA – Nationwide)
- [Randall E. Colson](#) – Technology: Corporate and Commercial (Texas) and Technology: Outsourcing (Texas)
- [Eli Columbus](#) – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas)
- [Nina Cortell](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Todd Cabbage](#) – Banking and Finance (North Carolina)
- [Matthew T. Deffebach](#) – Occupational Safety and Health (USA – Nationwide) and Labor and Employment (Texas)
- [Karen Denney](#) – Labor and Employment (Texas)
- [Scott Drablos](#) – Real Estate (Texas)
- [John R. Eldridge](#) – Environment (Texas)
- [Russell Emerson](#) – Intellectual Property (Texas)
- [Tiffany Ferris](#) – Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secrets (Texas)
- [Polly Fohn](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Matthew Frankle](#) – Derivatives (USA – Nationwide)
- [Jesse J. Gelsomini](#) – Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation (Texas: Houston and Surrounds)
- [Daniel Geyser](#) – Appellate Law (USA – Nationwide) and Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Brian Giovannini](#) – Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation (Texas: Houston and Surrounds)
- [Kurt Gottschall](#) – Securities: Regulation: Enforcement (Nationwide)
- [Kathryn Griffin](#) – Construction (Virginia)
- [Peter Halprin](#) – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Policyholder (New York)
- [Charles Harris](#) – Banking and Finance (North Carolina)
- [Timothy Johnston](#) – Banking and Finance (Texas)
- [Neal Kaminsky](#) – Banking and Finance (Texas)
- [Chris Kang](#) – Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation (Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounds)

- [Jeremy Kennedy](#) – Energy: Oil and Gas (Transactional) (USA – Nationwide)
- [Bill Kleinman](#) – Technology: Corporate and Commercial (Texas)
- [Stephen Knight](#) – Government Contracts and Government Contracts: Costs Disputes (USA – Nationwide)
- [Steven Koch](#) – Real Estate: Finance (New York)
- [Jennifer Kreick](#) – Healthcare (Texas)
- Rebecca Landau – Real Estate: Finance (New York)
- [Robert A. Lauer](#) – Franchising (USA – Nationwide)
- Robert LeBlanc – Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secrets (Texas)
- [Lynne Liberato](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Diana Liebmann](#) – Energy: State Regulatory and Litigation (Electricity) (Texas)
- [Jennifer Littlefield](#) – Energy: State Regulatory and Litigation (Electricity) (Texas)
- [Jennifer Mahar](#) – Construction (Virginia)
- [Dan Malone](#) – Corporate/M&A (Colorado)
- [James Markus](#) – Banking and 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)
- [Taryn McDonald](#) – Litigation: White Collar Crime and Government Investigations (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 and Finance (Texas)
- [Kelli Stephenson Norfleet](#) – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas)
- [Laura E. O'Donnell](#) – Labor and Employment (Texas)
- [John Pachter](#) – Government Contracts (USA – Nationwide)
- [Ian Peck](#) – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas)
- [Stephen Pezanosky](#) – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas)
- [Timothy Powers](#) – Banking and Finance (Texas)
- [Laura Lee Prather](#) – First Amendment Litigation (USA – Nationwide)
- [Karen S. Precella](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Justin Riess](#) – Banking and Finance (North Carolina)
- [Kent Rutter](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Jonathan Shaffer](#) – Government Contracts and Government Contracts: Bid Protests (USA – Nationwide)
- [Larry Shosid](#) – Corporate/M&A (Texas)
- [Erin Simmons](#) – Banking and Finance (Colorado)
- [Micah Skidmore](#) – Insurance (Texas)
- [Craig Stahl](#) – Oil and Gas Litigation (USA – Nationwide)
- [Brian Sung](#) – Derivatives (USA – Nationwide)
- [Leslie Thorne](#) – Litigation: General Commercial (Texas: Austin and Surrounds)
- [Mark Trachtenberg](#) – Litigation: Appellate (Texas)
- [Hugh Tucker](#) – Energy: Oil and Gas (Transactional) and Projects (USA – Nationwide)
- [Craig Unterberg](#) – Financial Services Regulation: Banking (Compliance) (USA – Nationwide)
- [Brian Vella](#) – Construction (Virginia)
- [Susan Wetzel](#) – Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation (Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounds)