

Chambers USA 2025 Awarded Haynes Boone Most Rankings in Firm History

June 5, 2025 Ronald Breaux, Daniel Geyser, Erin Simmons, Charles Harris, Todd Cabbage, James Markus, Neal Kaminsky, Paul Amiel, Sakina Foster, Timothy Powers, Tim Johnston, Charles Beckham, Eli Columbus, Ian Peck, J. Frasher Murphy, Kelli Norfleet, Stephen Pezanosky, Brian Vella, Jennifer Mahar, Kathryn Griffin, Val McWhorter, Daniel Malone, Larry Shosid, Michael Boone, Brian Sung, Chris Kang, Susan Wetzel, Brian Giovannini, Jesse Gelsomini, Austin Elam, Hugh Tucker, Jeremy Kennedy, Carlos Carrasco, Diana Liebmann, Jennifer Littlefield, Jeff Civins, John Eldridge, Mary Mendoza, Michael Mazzone, Craig Unterberg, Giorgio Bovenzi, Catherine Robb, Laura Prather, Michael Lambert, Deborah Coldwell, Robert Lauer, Edmund Amorosi, John Pachter, Zachary Prince, Jonathan Shaffer, Stacy Brainin, Jennifer Kreick, Ernest Martin, Micah Skidmore, Natalie DuBose, Peter Halprin, Barry Buchman, Greg Van Houten, David McCombs, Russ Emerson, David Bell, Jeffrey Becker, Michael McArthur, Purvi Albers, Tiffany Ferris, Karen Denney, Laura O'Donnell, Matthew Deffebach, Benjamin Pelletier, Ben Mesches, Karen Precella, Kent Rutter, Lynne Liberato, Mark Trachtenberg, Nina Cortell, Polly Fohn, Ryan Pitts, Leslie Thorne, Aimee Furness, Victor Vital, Kit Addleman, J. Nicholas Bunch, Taryn McDonald, Mini Kapoor, Craig Stahl, D.J. Beaty, David Ammons, Garrett Martin, Scott Drablos, Brack Bryant, Steven Koch, Bradford Lavender, Kurt Gottschall, Bill Kleinman, Randall Colson

PRACTICES OSHA, Anti-SLAPP and First Amendment Rights, Appellate, Capital Markets and Securities, AI and Technology, Antitrust and Competition, Derivatives, Construction, Corporate, Patent Office Trials, Securities and Shareholder Litigation, Patents, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation, Mergers and Acquisitions, Patent Prosecution and Counseling, Financial Regulatory, Energy, Power and Natural Resources, Environmental, Finance, Project Finance and Development, Trademark and Advertising, Real Estate Finance, Franchise and Distribution, Oil and Gas, Oil and Gas Litigation, Government Contracts, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Insurance Recovery, Copyright, Intellectual Property, Labor and Employment, Litigation, Real Estate, Restructuring

Haynes Boone set a firm record with 103 lawyers and 41 practices across 16 U.S. offices ranked in *Chambers USA 2025* (Chambers and Partners), including 15 Band 1 lawyers and six newly ranked practices.

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 2025* directory include:

- Three lawyers are ranked Band 1 nationally, the highest tier: [Deborah Coldwell](#) (Franchising), [Laura Prather](#) (First Amendment Litigation), and [Craig Stahl](#) (Oil and Gas Litigation).
- 12 lawyers are ranked Band 1 in state directories: [Kit Addleman](#) (Litigation: White Collar Crime & Gov't Investigations), [Purvi Patel Albers](#) (Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secrets), [Jeffrey Becker](#) (Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secrets), [Charles A. Beckham Jr.](#) (Bankruptcy/Restructuring), [Ernest Martin Jr.](#) (Insurance), [David McCombs](#) (Intellectual Property), [Val McWhorter](#) (Construction: Mediators), [Erin Simmons](#) (Banking and Finance), [Leslie Thorne](#) (Litigation: General Commercial), [Brian Vella](#) (Construction), [Victor Vital](#) (Litigation: Trial Lawyers) and [Susan Wetzel](#) (Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation).

- Four practices were added nationally: Intellectual Property: Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Intellectual Property: Trademark and Copyright, Real Estate and Securities: Regulation: Enforcement.
- Two practices were added to the state and regional rankings: Insurance: Policyholder (District of Columbia) and Antitrust (Texas).
- The Insurance Practice Group has been ranked Band 1 in Texas for 22 years, and the Bankruptcy/Restructuring Practice Group has been ranked Band 1 in Texas for 20 years.

The following Haynes Boone practice groups are ranked this year:

California

- Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution

Colorado

- Corporate/M&A

District of Columbia

- Insurance: Policyholder

New York

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

North Carolina

- Banking & Finance

Texas

- Antitrust
- Banking & Finance
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Corporate/M&A: The Elite
- Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation (Electricity)
- Environment
- Healthcare
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation: Appellate
- Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
- Real Estate
- Technology: Corporate & Commercial

Texas: Austin & Surrounds

- Litigation: General Commercial

Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds

- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
- Litigation: General Commercial

Texas: Houston & Surrounds

- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

USA - Nationwide

- Banking & Finance
- Derivatives
- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
- Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional)
- Financial Services Regulation: Banking (Compliance)
- First Amendment Litigation
- Franchising
- Government Contracts: The Elite
- Intellectual Property: Patent Trial and Appeal Board
- Intellectual Property: Trademark & Copyright
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Oil & Gas Litigation
- Real Estate
- Securities: Regulation: Enforcement

Virginia

- Construction

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

Antitrust

- Texas
 - [Ronald W Breaux](#)

Appellate Law

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Daniel L Geyser](#)

Banking & Finance

- Colorado
 - [Erin Simmons](#)

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- North Carolina
 - [Charles J Harris](#)
 - Holly Loftis
 - [Justin Riess](#)
 - [Todd Cabbage](#)
- Texas
 - [James A Markus](#)
 - [Neal Kaminsky](#)
 - [Paul Amiel](#)
 - [Sakina Foster](#)
 - [Scott G Night](#)
 - [Timothy Powers](#)
 - [Timothy M Johnston](#)

Bankruptcy/Restructuring

- Texas
 - [Charles A. Beckham Jr](#)
 - [Eli Columbus](#)
 - [Ian Peck](#)
 - [J. Frasher Murphy](#)
 - [Kelli Norfleet](#)
 - [Stephen Pezanosky](#)

Construction

- Virginia
 - [Brian Vella](#)
 - [Jennifer Mahar](#)
 - [Kathryn Muldoon Griffin](#)

Construction: Mediators

- Virginia
 - [Val McWhorter](#)

Corporate/M&A

- Colorado
 - [Daniel Malone](#)
- Texas
 - [Larry L. Shosid](#)
 - [Michael Boone](#)

Derivatives

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Brian Sung](#)
 - [Matthew Frankle](#)

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

- Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds
 - [Chris M. Kang](#)
 - [Susan Wetzel](#)
- Texas: Houston & Surrounds
 - [Brian Giovannini](#)
 - [Jesse J. Gelsomini](#)

Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional)

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Austin Elam](#)
 - [Hugh Tucker](#)
 - [Jeremy Kennedy](#)

Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation (Electricity)

- Texas
 - [Carlos Carrasco](#)
 - [Diana Liebmann](#)
 - [Jennifer Littlefield](#)

Environment

- Texas
 - [Jeff Civins](#)
 - [John R Eldridge](#)
 - [Mary S Mendoza](#)
 - [Michael Mazzone](#)

Environment: Mainly Transactional

- Texas
 - [Jeff Civins](#)

Financial Services Regulation: Banking (Compliance)

- USA - Nationwide

- [Craig Unterberg](#)
- [Giorgio Bovenzi](#)

First Amendment Litigation

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Catherine Robb](#)
 - [Laura Prather](#)
 - [Michael Lambert](#)

Franchising

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Deborah S Coldwell](#)
 - [Robert A Lauer](#)

Government Contracts

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Edmund Amorosi](#)
 - [John Pachter](#)
 - [Jonathan Shaffer](#)
 - [Zachary Prince](#)

Government Contracts: Bid Protests

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Jonathan Shaffer](#)

Healthcare

- Texas
 - [Jennifer Kreick](#)
 - [Stacy Brainin](#)

Insurance

- Texas
 - [Ernest Martin](#)
 - [Micah Skidmore](#)
 - [Natalie DuBose](#)

Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Policyholder

- New York
 - [Peter Halprin](#)

Insurance: Policyholder

- District of Columbia
 - [Barry Buchman](#)
 - [Greg Van Houten](#)

Intellectual Property

- Texas
 - [David McCombs](#)
 - [Russell Emerson](#)
- USA - Nationwide
 - [David McCombs](#)

Intellectual Property: Patent Trial and Appeal Board

- USA - Nationwide
 - [David McCombs](#)
 - Eugene Goryunov

Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets

- Texas
 - [David A Bell](#)
 - [Jeffrey Becker](#)
 - [Mike McArthur](#)
 - [Purvi Patel Albers](#)
 - [Tiffany Ferris](#)

Labor & Employment

- Texas
 - [Karen C. Denney](#)
 - [Laura E O'Donnell](#)
 - [Matthew T. Deffebach](#)

Life Sciences: IP/Patent Litigation

- California
 - [Ben Pelletier](#)

Litigation: Appellate

- Texas

- [Ben Mesches](#)
- [Daniel L Geyser](#)
- [Karen S Precella](#)
- [Kent Rutter](#)
- [Lynne Liberato](#)
- [Mark Trachtenberg](#)
- [Nina Cortell](#)
- [Polly Fohn](#)
- [Ryan Pitts](#)

Litigation: General Commercial

- Texas: Austin & Surrounds
 - [Leslie Thorne](#)
- Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds
 - [Aimee Furness](#)
 - [Victor Vital](#)

Litigation: Trial Lawyers

- Texas
 - [Victor Vital](#)

Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

- Texas
 - [Katherine Addleman](#)
 - [Nick Bunch](#)
 - [Ronald W Breaux](#)
 - Ryan Patrick
 - [Stacy Brainin](#)
 - [Taryn McDonald](#)

Occupational Safety and Health

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Matthew T. Deffebach](#)
 - [Mini Kapoor](#)

Oil & Gas Litigation

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Craig Stahl](#)
 - [D.J. Beaty](#)
 - [David Ammons](#)

- [Garrett Martin](#)

Projects

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Hugh Tucker](#)

Real Estate

- Texas
 - [David Brack Bryant](#)
 - [Scott Drablos](#)

Real Estate: Finance

- New York
 - Rebecca Landau
 - [Steven Koch](#)

Real Estate: Mainly Dirt

- New York
 - [Bradford Lavender](#)

Securities: Regulation: Enforcement

- USA - Nationwide
 - [Kit Addleman](#)
 - [Kurt Gottschall](#)

Technology: Corporate & Commercial

- Texas
 - [Bill Kleinman](#)
 - [Randall E Colson](#)

Technology: Outsourcing

- Texas
 - [Randall E Colson](#)