

Haynes Boone's Employee Benefits, Executive Compensation Practice Featured in 2021 Chambers USA Directory

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PRACTICES ERISA and Other Benefits Litigation, Employee Benefits M&A, Wage and Hour Litigation, ESOPs and Other Stock-Based Plans, Health and Welfare Plans, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation, Retirement Plans, Executive and Incentive Compensation

Haynes Boone's employee benefits and executive compensation practice is featured in the *Chambers USA 2021* rankings (Chambers and Partners).

Haynes Boone was ranked in employee benefits and executive compensation – Band 1 in the Dallas, Fort Worth and surrounding area and Band 2 Houston and the surrounding area – in the 2021 list.

Chambers shared feedback about Haynes Boone's employee benefits and executive compensation team from market sources, who commented:

- "The team is dedicated to our company and has the most ERISA experience of any of the other firms that I have worked with."
- (The firm is) "strong on the technical side of U.S. employee benefits, has a good knowledge of our arrangements, and strong client focus."
- "The thing I like most is that the lawyers are very responsive and promptly return calls and emails."

Chambers USA ranked [Susan Wetzel](#) – partner and chair of the firm's Employee Benefit and Executive Compensation Practice Group – among the leading employee benefits and executive compensation lawyers in Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds. It also ranked Partner [Jesse Gelsomini](#) and Counsel [Brian Giovannini](#) as Notable Practitioners in Texas: Houston & Surrounds.

Chambers shared the following praise from clients and sources about the lawyers:

Wetzel: "She's just very responsive and also incredibly knowledgeable in the benefits space, which is very valuable to us. She is at the forefront of handling difficult claims and is business-minded." "She is quick to respond and very good at turning work around." "She is extremely knowledgeable and has a range of experience. She is a tough negotiator and represents clients well."

Gelsomini: "He is able to turn things around quickly and efficiently." "He is a very talented lawyer with a very deep knowledge of the insurance and medical fields."

Giovannini: "He is very supportive, client-focused and able to effectively collaborate to deliver a strong outcome. He is hard-working, diligent and has strong attention to detail." "He is experienced with ERISA matters and knows his clients' history."

The firm's Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Practice Group advises leading companies in all areas of employee benefits and executive compensation. The team delivers the

practical and useful counsel that clients need, especially in this heavily regulated area where rules are constantly evolving. Several of the firm's lawyers have worked in corporate environments, and all routinely provide the day-to-day advice and guidance necessary for clients to properly construct and administer various plans and take full advantage of the operational, financial, and tax benefits that the law.