

7 Haynes Boone Lawyers Listed Among Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America

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PRACTICES Insurance Recovery, Litigation, Employment Litigation, Bankruptcy Litigation, Commercial Real Estate Leasing, Appellate, Privacy and Cybersecurity, Energy Litigation

Lawdragon has included seven Haynes Boone Lawyers from four offices in the inaugural 2023 edition of the Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America guide: [Kit Addleman](#), [David Ammons](#), [Ron Breaux](#), [Nina Cortell](#), [Ben Mesches](#), [Laura O'Donnell](#), and [Leslie Thorne](#).

The guide features “all-star litigators” from 100 firms who excel in representing corporations and other organizations in litigating claims involving antitrust, securities, financial, M&A, intellectual property and patents, product liability, mass tort, white collar, government investigations and energy disputes. *Lawdragon* selected the list from submissions and independent research focused on recent cases and defense verdicts or settlements, “as well as attorneys whose sustained excellence in trials is nothing short of remarkable,” the publication stated.

Read more about Haynes Boone’s featured lawyers:

Partner Kit Addleman – recognized for Complex Litigation, especially SEC Enforcement, Investigations: Kit has built her nationwide practice by advising public companies, officers and directors, investment advisors, private funds and broker-dealers concerning securities investigations. She has successfully defended clients in civil and criminal investigations and litigation by the SEC and Department of Justice, advised clients on compliance with securities regulations, and conducted internal investigations of suspected securities violations. Kit is a co-chair of the Litigation Practice Group and chair of the firm's SEC Enforcement Practice Group.

Partner David Ammons - recognized for Complex Litigation, including Energy, Bankruptcy: As a co-chair of the Litigation Practice Group, David is a commercial trial lawyer with extensive experience handling high-stakes litigation in state, federal, and bankruptcy courts nationwide. Board certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, he represents onshore and offshore oil and gas producers, gas marketing companies, gas pipeline companies, and natural gas liquids processing companies.

Partner Ron Breaux - recognized for Complex Litigation, including Data Security: As chair of the firm's Privacy and Data Security Practice Group, Ron is one of the most experienced litigators in the Dallas market in a number of key practice areas. He has detailed knowledge of complex commercial litigation; products liability; internal and governmental investigations; securities, healthcare and environmental fraud; antitrust; and data security.

Senior Counsel Nina Cortell – recognized for General & Commercial Litigation: Nina has represented corporations, public entities and individuals in cases that have put her at the forefront of Texas litigation practice. Chambers USA, Chambers and Partners, notes her “superlative reputation” and ranks her as a top appellate lawyer in Texas, with a “star” rating (2016-2022). Nina's record includes recent significant victories in both state and federal appellate courts, as well as in

trial courts.

Partner Ben Mesches – recognized for Complex Litigation, including Constitutional, Energy, Appellate: As chair of the Litigation Department, Ben successfully leads appellate and litigation teams in high-stakes constitutional, commercial, and energy cases in state and federal courts across the country. Board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, this year Ben prevailed before the *en banc* Dallas Court of Appeals in a blockbuster case holding that ERCOT is not entitled to sovereign immunity.

Partner Laura O'Donnell – recognized for Complex Litigation, including Employment: Laura serves as a co-chair of the Litigation Practice Group and head of the firm's Wage and Hour Litigation group. She is board certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Her practice includes employment litigation, client counseling, executive investigations, executive agreements, nationwide employment-law compliance projects, and employment aspects of M&A and other corporate transactions. On the litigation front, Laura focuses on the defense of FLSA collective actions, but she also regularly defends employers against a multitude of employment-related claims.

Partner Leslie Thorne – recognized for Complex Litigation, including Insurance Recovery, Energy. A co-chair of the Litigation Practice Group, Leslie has successfully represented the nation's largest and most prominent corporations in jurisdictions throughout the United States and Canada. Leslie is widely recognized as a leader in her field. She has been recognized and is currently ranked in the litigation listings for *Chambers USA*, *Benchmark Litigation*, and *Best Lawyers*. Leslie co-founded and leads the firm's Electric Power Litigation practice group, recognized as one of the nation's 15 best by Legal 500.

Haynes Boone's [Litigation Practice](#) takes a client-centered, creative, flexible and practical approach to commercial litigation. The firm's skilled and experienced trial teams have won numerous successful jury and bench verdicts for their clients. Additionally, the group's nationally recognized appellate team works closely with trial lawyers to ensure a complete and proper record is preserved at trial in case an appeal is filed. They represent a range of clients, in terms of both size and industry.

Haynes Boone is an international corporate law firm with 18 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 600 lawyers, Haynes Boone is ranked among the largest U.S.-based firms by *The National Law Journal*, *The American Lawyer* and *The Lawyer*. It was recognized in the BTI Consulting Group's 2022 "A-Team" report, which identifies the law firms that in-house counsel commend for providing superior client service.