

Legal 500 Ranks 11 Haynes Boone Practices and Dozens of Attorneys in 2025 USA Directory

June 16, 2025 David McCombs, David O'Dell, Charlene Liu, Tom Chen, J. Andrew Lowes, Jeffrey Wolfson, Ernest Martin, Emily Buchanan, Michael Stoner, Adrian Azer, Natalie DuBose, Peter Halprin, Michael Scanlon, Greg Van Houten, Purvi Albers, Jeffrey Becker, Tiffany Ferris, Erin Hennessy, Joseph Lawlor, Ben Mesches, Leslie Thorne, Brian Sung, Matthew Frankle, Phil Lookadoo, Kim Mai, Daniel Geyser, Kent Rutter, Mark Trachtenberg, David Ammons, D.J. Beaty, Jeffrey Kuehnle, Garrett Martin, Garrett Martin, Michael Mazzone, Craig Stahl, Giorgio Bovenzi, LeAnn Chen, Todd Cabbage, Craig Unterberg

PRACTICES Tax, Insurance Recovery, Trademark and Advertising, Patent Prosecution and Counseling, Appellate, Capital Markets and Securities, Derivatives, Energy Litigation, Financial Regulatory, Oil and Gas Litigation, U.S. Supreme Court

Haynes Boone has 11 practice groups ranked in this year's Legal 500 U.S. directory, with dozens of attorneys named, including a hall of fame honoree.

Notably, Partner [David McCombs](#) achieved Hall of Fame status again for Patents: Prosecution (Including Re-Examination and Post-Grant Proceedings), which Legal 500 defines as lawyers who are "at the very top of the profession." Additionally, [David O'Dell](#), [Ernest Martin Jr.](#), [Daniel Geyser](#) and [David Ammons](#) are ranked as Leading Partners, [Emily Buchanan](#) and [Michael Stoner](#) are ranked as Leading Associates, and [Charlene Liu](#) and [Brian Sung](#) are ranked as Next Generation Partners.

The directory, now in its 37th year, analyzes the capabilities of law firms and lawyers in various markets, based on surveys of more than 300,000 buyers of legal services. The Legal 500 is an independent guide; firms and individuals are recommended purely on merit.

The following Haynes Boone practices and lawyers were ranked among the top 20 of their categories:

Intellectual property - Patents: Prosecution (Including Re-Examination and Post-Grant Proceedings)

- David McCombs – Hall of Fame
- David O'Dell – Leading Partner
- Charlene Liu – Next Generation Partner
- [Tom Chen](#), Brian Gustafson, Charlene Liu, [Andrew Lowes](#), David O'Dell and [Jeffrey Wolfson](#) – Recommended Lawyers
- Client Testimonials:
 - "I may be far from being their largest client, but the Haynes Boone team somehow always manages to make me feel as if I'm their only or most important client."
 - "Tom Chen and Charlene Liu have taken the time to learn my business and industry incredibly well, providing exceptional client support and delivering top-quality work product."

Insurance - Advice to Policyholders

- Ernest Martin Jr. – Leading Partner

- Emily Buchanan and Michael Stoner – Leading Associates
- [Adrian Azer](#), Emily Buchanan, [Barry Buchman](#), [Natalie DuBose](#), [Peter Halprin](#), Ernest Martin, Jr., [Michael Scanlon](#), Michael Stoner and [Greg Van Houten](#) – Recommended Lawyers
- Client Testimonials:
 - “Peter Halprin is energetic and very focused on the client's goals.”
 - “Haynes Boone is very knowledgeable and responsive. We have not had any billing issues with this firm.”

Intellectual Property - Trademarks: Non-Contentious (Including Prosecution, Portfolio Management and Licensing)

- [Purvi Patel Albers](#), [Jeff Becker](#), [David Bell](#), [Tiffany Ferris](#), [Erin Hennessy](#) and [Joseph Lawlor](#) – Recommended Lawyers
- Client Testimonials:
 - “A well-resourced team at the top of their game.”
 - “Erin Hennessey is strategically brilliant, highly responsive, huge industry knowledge, a highly commercial approach and a delight to work with. Erin is our go-to attorney for all U.S.-centric trademark matters.”

Energy - Energy Litigation: Electric Power

- [Ben Mesches](#) and [Leslie Thorne](#) – Recommended Lawyers
- Client Testimonials:
 - “Real bench strength at all levels from junior associates up to senior partners.”
 - “A true knowledge of the industry that allows them to make informed decisions to help businesses legally and commercially.”

Finance - Structured Finance: Derivatives and Structured Products

- Brian Sung – Next Generation Partner
- [Matthew Frankle](#), [Phil Lookadoo](#) and [Kim Mai](#) – Recommended Lawyers
- Client Testimonials:
 - “Haynes Boone is knowledgeable and experienced in equity derivatives matters.”
 - “Matthew Frankle has assisted us in high-profile, complex transactional matters. He is very smart and a trusted advisor.”

The following Haynes Boone practices and lawyers were also ranked this year:

Dispute Resolution - Appellate: Supreme Courts (States and Federal)

- Daniel Geysler – Leading Partner
- Daniel Geysler, Ben Mesches, [Kent Rutter](#) and [Mark Trachtenberg](#) – Recommended Lawyers
- Client Testimonials:
 - “Top-notch team that is efficient and pointed. I receive a high-quality product that gives me confidence that we are putting forth our best arguments and chances of success.”
 - “Andrew Guthrie is fantastic to work with. His commonsense approach to appellate work is very refreshing and easy to digest for the C-suite.”

Dispute Resolution - Appellate: Courts of Appeal (States and Federal)

Energy - Energy litigation: Oil and Gas

- David Ammons – Leading Partner
- David Ammons, [D.J. Beaty](#), [Jeffrey Kuehnle](#), [Garrett Martin](#), [Michael Mazzone](#) and [Craig Stahl](#) – Recommended Lawyers

Finance - Financial Services Regulation – Banking

- [Giorgio Bovenzi](#), [LeAnn Chen](#), [Todd Cabbage](#) and [Craig Unterberg](#) – Recommended Lawyers
- Client Testimonials:
 - “An incredibly strong team in the fund finance space with a very deep bench. Highly commercial, collaborative and incredible technical lawyers. Timing, delivery and always very well staffed with the right mix of senior and junior talent. All of the senior lawyers are very involved.”
 - “A long list of talented lawyers throughout the team led by Craig Unterberg. Craig is brilliant and incredibly hardworking supported by an excellent team.”

Capital Markets: Equity Offerings – Advice to Issuers

U.S. Taxes: Non-Contentious