

53 McGlinchey Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch

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46 attorneys named Best Lawyers, 2 honored as Lawyers of the Year, and 7 named Ones to Watch

McGlinchey is proud to announce that 53 of its attorneys have been recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*. The recognized attorneys represent 33 practice areas across 11 of the firm's offices, with 22 attorneys recognized in two or more practice areas. This year, five attorneys were newly selected to the *Best Lawyers* lists.

Additionally, two of McGlinchey's Baton Rouge attorneys were named "Lawyer of the Year." Only one attorney from each designated metropolitan area is named a "Lawyer of the Year" in each practice area. The honor is awarded based on voting averages received during peer-review assessments during the research process for *Best Lawyers*.

- **Michael D. Ferachi** – "Lawyer of the Year," Baton Rouge: Litigation- Banking and Finance
- **Samuel A. Bacot** – "Lawyer of the Year," Baton Rouge: Real Estate Law

These 46 McGlinchey attorneys have been recognized in the 2023 edition of Best Lawyers:

Albany, NY

- **Marc J. Lifset** – Financial Services Regulation Law, and Litigation – Banking and Finance

Baton Rouge, LA

- **Rodolfo J. "Rudy" Aguilar, Jr.** – Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law, Insurance Law, and Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions
- **Samuel A. Bacot** – Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation – Real Estate, and Real Estate Law
- **Richard A. Curry** – Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Environmental
- **Michael D. Ferachi** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, and Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law

- **Jon Ann H. Giblin** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **R. Marshall Grodner** – Commercial Transactions / UCC Law and Equipment Finance Law
- **Ronnie L. Johnson** – Insurance Law
- **Mary Terrell Joseph** – Banking and Finance Law
- **Christine Lipsey** – Commercial Litigation
- **Jean-Paul Perrault** – Insurance Law
- **Kristi W. Richard** – Insurance Law
- **Anthony Rollo** – Banking and Finance Law, Financial Services Regulation Law, Litigation – Banking and Finance, and Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
- **Michael Rubin** – Appellate Practice, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, and Litigation-Banking and Finance
- **S. Jess Sperry** – Real Estate Law
- **Amanda S. Stout** – Employee Benefits (ERISA), Financial Services Regulation Law, and Labor Law – Management

Birmingham, AL

- **Christopher A. Bottcher** – Litigation – Environmental
- **Paul S. Leonard** – Tax Law
- **T. Dylan Reeves*** – Insurance Law, and Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Plaintiffs

Boston, MA

- **Patrick T. Voke*** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance

Cleveland, OH

- **Mark S. Edelman** – Financial Services Regulation Law
- **David B. Waxman** – Real Estate Law

Dallas, TX

- **Emily Stroope** – Commercial Litigation

Jackson, MS

- **G. Dewey Hembree III** – Commercial Litigation
- **Stephen T. Masley** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Commercial Litigation
- **John T. Rouse** – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **H. Hunter Twiford III** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Municipal, and Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants

Jacksonville, FL

- **William Grimsley*** – Commercial Litigation

New Orleans, LA

- **J. Patrick Beauchamp** – Banking and Finance Law, Public Finance Law
- **Stephen P. Beiser** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, and Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Magdalen Blessey Bickford** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, and Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Mark N. Bodin** – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Francis H. Brown III** – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Rudy J. Cerone** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Katherine Conklin** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Gary G. Hebert** – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Arthur H. Leith** – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Kathleen A. Manning** – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Deirdre C. McGlinchey** – Litigation – Insurance, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Sarah McMillan*** – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Colvin “Woody” Norwood** – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Patrick J. O’Cain** – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Daniel T. Plunkett** – Commercial Litigation, and Government Contracts
- **Stephen W. Rider** – Commercial Litigation
- **Benjamin O. Schupp** – Admiralty and Maritime Law, and Commercial Litigation

Washington, DC

- **Douglas W. Charnas** – Tax Law

The above list includes 13 McGlinchey attorneys who have been recognized by Best Lawyers for more than 15 years, eight attorneys for more than 10 years, and eight attorneys for more than five years. **Colvin Norwood, Jr.** and **Michael Rubin** have been recognized for more than 25 years.

Additionally, seven McGlinchey attorneys have been included in the 2023 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*. This honor recognizes lawyers who have been practicing for 10 or fewer years. These lawyers represent eight practice areas in four of the firm’s offices nationwide.

Baton Rouge, LA

- **Brad Barback** – Construction Law, and Litigation – Construction

Cleveland, OH

- **Stephanie L. Deka*** – Financial Services Regulation Law
- **Stephanie Hand-Cannane** – Commercial Litigation

Nashville, TN

- **Joseph V. Ronderos, Jr.** – Commercial Litigation, and Financial Services Regulation Law

New Orleans, LA

- **Allyson C. Byrd** – Labor and Employment Law – Management
- **Timothy G. Byrd, Jr.** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, and Financial Services Regulation Law
- **Hillary Barnett Lambert** – Energy Law, Public Finance Law, and Real Estate Law

**denotes attorney newly-listed in 2023*

For more than three decades, [Best Lawyers](#) has published lists of attorneys divided by geographic region and practice areas. Honorees are included in Best Lawyers following a peer-review ranking process in which attorneys are evaluated by their peers on the basis of their professional knowledge.

Related people

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