

57 McGlinchey Attorneys Recognized in 2022 ‘Best Lawyers in America’ and ‘Ones to Watch’

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Honorees include 46 attorneys named Best Lawyers, 4 of whom were honored as Lawyers of the Year in their practice area and city, and 11 recognized as Ones to Watch

McGlinchey is proud to announce that 57 of its attorneys have been recognized in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*. The recognized attorneys represent 40 practice areas across 11 of the firm’s offices. This year, seven attorneys were newly selected to *Best Lawyers*.

Among the honorees, four McGlinchey attorneys were named “Lawyer of the Year” in their practice area and city. 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*.

McGlinchey attorneys named *Best Lawyers* 2022 “Lawyers of the Year” include:

Baton Rouge, LA

- **R. Marshall Grodner** – Commercial Transactions / UCC Law
- **R. Andrew “Drew” Patty II** – Patent Law
- **Anthony Rollo** – Litigation – Banking and Finance

Birmingham, AL

- **Michael B. Odom** – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law

These 46 McGlinchey attorneys have been recognized in the 2022 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, 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
- **R. Andrew “Drew” Patty** – Copyright Law, Patent Law, and Trademark Law
- **Jean-Paul Perrault** – Insurance Law
- **Kristi W. Richard*** – Insurance Law
- **Anthony Rollo** – Banking and Finance Law, Litigation – Banking and Finance, and Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
- **S. Jess Sperry** – Real Estate Law
- **Amanda S. Stout*** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law and Labor Law – Management

Birmingham, AL

- **Christopher A. Bottcher** – Litigation – Banking and Finance and Litigation – Environmental
- **Christopher P. Couch** – Commercial Finance Law and Financial Services Regulation Law
- **Paul S. Leonard** – Tax Law
- **Michael B. Odom** – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, and Litigation – Real Estate

Cleveland, OH

- **Mark S. Edelman** – Financial Services Regulation Law
- **Emily Honsa Hicks*** – Banking and Finance Law
- **David B. Waxman** – Real Estate Law

Dallas, TX

- **Frank Catalano** – Commercial Litigation
- **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

New Orleans, LA

- **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** – 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

- **Colvin “Woody” Norwood** – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Patrick J. O’Cain** – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Daniel T. Plunkett** – Government Contracts
- **Stephen W. Rider** – Commercial Litigation
- **Benjamin O. Schupp** – Admiralty and Maritime Law and Commercial Litigation

Washington, DC

- **Douglas W. Charnas** – Tax Law

Additionally, 11 McGlinchey attorneys have been included in the 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*. This honor recognizes lawyers who have been practicing for 10 or fewer years. These lawyers represent 12 practice areas in seven of the firm’s offices nationwide.

Baton Rouge, LA

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

Birmingham, AL

- **T. Dylan Reeves** – Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law

Cleveland, OH

- **Stephanie Hand-Cannane** – Commercial Litigation

Fort Lauderdale, FL

- **Joseph A. Apatov** – Commercial Litigation
- **Peter J. Maskow** – Commercial Litigation, Financial Services Regulation Law, Insurance Law, and Litigation – Banking and Finance

Irvine, CA

- **Dhruv M. Sharma** – Commercial Litigation and Financial Services Regulation Law

Nashville, TN

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

New Orleans, LA

- **Timothy G. Byrd, Jr.** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, and Financial Services Regulation Law
- **Sarah Edwards** – 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 2022*

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. [Learn more.](#)

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