

CLINE WILLIAMS

Cline Williams is proud to reveal that 30 lawyers are listed in the Best Lawyers in America® 2026 edition. Three attorneys were named “Lawyer of Year” and three lawyers were recognized in the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America.

Best Lawyers

- Andre R. Barry
Commercial Litigation
- Gary R. Batenhorst
Franchise Law
- Trenten P. Bausch
Bet-the-Company Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Franchise Law
- Mark A. Christensen
Commercial Litigation
Mediation
Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Donald L. Erftmier, Jr.
Corporate Law
Trusts and Estates
- Richard P. Garden, Jr.
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and
Reorganization Law
Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Don R. Janssen
Tax Law
Trusts and Estates
- Richard P. Jeffries
Commercial Litigation

- Scott D. Kelly
Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
Tax Law
- Theresa D. Koller
Commercial Litigation
- Austin L. McKillip
Construction Law
Litigation – Construction
- John C. Miles
Mutual Funds Law
- Rochelle A. Mullen
Corporate Law
Mergers and Acquisitions
Real Estate Law
- Michael C. Pallesen
Corporate Law
- Keith T. Peters
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- David J. Routh
Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
Securities/Capital Markets Law
Securities Regulation
- Robert J. Routh
Banking and Finance Law
Corporate Law
Financial Services Regulation Law
Mergers and Acquisitions Law
Securities/Capital Markets Law
Securities Regulation
- Susan K. Sapp
Employment Law – Management
- Kevin J. Schneider
Litigation – Construction
Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Michelle Sitorius
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

- Tara A. Stingley
Employment Law – Management
Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Michael J. Whaley
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and
Reorganization Law
- Sean D. White
Trusts and Estates
- Henry L. Wiedrich
Employment Law – Management
Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Andrew R. Willis
Real Estate Law
- Megan S. Wright
Commercial Litigation
Litigation - Securities
Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Jason R. Yungtum
Mergers and Acquisitions

Lawyer of the Year

The “Lawyer of the Year” recognizes individual lawyers who have a high level of integrity, professionalism, and ability. This distinction is based entirely on peer ratings. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as a “Lawyer of the Year.”

The following attorneys received this honor:

- Don R. Janssen
Tax Law
- Tara A. Stingley
Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Megan S. Wright
Litigation - Securities

The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

Tailored to attorneys with fewer than 10 years in practice, Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America spotlights rising legal talent demonstrating excellence in private practice.

- Lily Amare
Commercial Litigation
Labor and Employment Law – Management
Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Nathan D. Clark
Commercial Litigation
Litigation – Intellectual Property
- John F. Zimmer
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and
Reorganization Law

Only about 5% of practicing U.S. attorneys earn a Best Lawyer distinction, underscoring the award's exclusivity. Nearly 30,000 lawyers participated in the voting process, providing, this year alone, more than 3.4 million confidential evaluations to assess roughly 130,000 vetted nominees.

This year's honorees include 81,420 lawyers across 151 practice areas and over 200 geographic regions. Among them, 5,068 also received the distinguished "Lawyer of the Year" title, marking exceptional achievement in their fields.

