



Best Lawyers in America Names 13 Spencer Fane Attorneys Lawyer of the Year

Spencer Fane is pleased to announce 13 attorneys have been recognized as Lawyer of the Year by the 2026 edition of the [Best Lawyers in America](#). In addition to the Best Lawyer honor, each individual lawyer with the highest overall peer feedback for their specific practice area and geographic region is recognized as the Lawyer of the Year.

Each year, only one attorney is chosen for each specialty and location.

2026 Lawyer of the Year Honorees:

Denver, Colorado

- [Troy Rackham](#): Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants
- [Terence Ridley](#): Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants

Kansas City, Missouri

- [Dan Blegen](#): Arbitration
- [Drew Brought](#): Environmental Law

Las Vegas, Nevada

- Mary Bacon: Litigation – Banking and Finance

Minneapolis, Minnesota

- [Jim Lodoen](#): Litigation – Bankruptcy

Nashville, Tennessee

- [Trace Blankenship](#): Nonprofit / Charities Law
- [Jonathan Farmer](#): Criminal Defense: General Practice

Overland Park, Kansas

- [Andy Ramirez](#): Corporate Law
- [David Waters](#): Health Care Law

Phoenix, Arizona

- [Raj Gangadean](#): Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Santa Fe, New Mexico

- [Thomas Olson](#): Energy Law

Springfield, Missouri

- [Rod Nichols](#): Real Estate Law