



## Best Lawyers in America Recognizes 201 Spencer Fane Attorneys

Spencer Fane is pleased to announce that 201 of the firm's attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2023 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America* in 70 practice areas.

Of the firm's honorees, 150 attorneys were named Best Lawyers while 51 were named Ones to Watch. The [Ones to Watch](#) list recognizes attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence.

According to its website, *Best Lawyers in America* is one of the nation's leading publications for attorney rankings as well as firm rankings for which it partners with *U.S. News & World Report*. Best Lawyers is published internationally in nearly 70 countries and compiles its rankings based on annual peer-reviews.

Inclusion among Best Lawyers is a significant honor and the firm is proud to have such strong representation in this year's issue.

### 2023 Best Lawyers:

- Orren S. Adams: Corporate Law
- [Timothy Ahrenhoersterbaeumer](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Hilary S. Allen](#):
  - Employment Law – Management
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- [Andy G. Anderson](#): Corporate Law
- Derek A. Ankrom: Commercial Litigation
- [Anne Sumpter Arney](#):
  - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)

- Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
  - Health Care Law
- [Gregory L. Ash](#):
  - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
  - Litigation – ERISA
- [Mary E. Bacon](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Joe Bednar](#):
  - Criminal Defense – General Practice
  - Criminal Defense – White-Collar
- [Michael J. Belo](#):
  - Employment Law – Management
  - Labor Law – Union
- [Michelle L. Berger](#): Real Estate Law
- [Scott E. Blakesley](#):
  - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
  - Trusts and Estates
- [Trace Blankenship](#):
  - Banking and Finance Law
  - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
  - Nonprofit / Charities Law
- [Daniel E. Blegen](#): Commercial Litigation
- Laura J. Bond: Health Care Law
- Charles Robert Bone:
  - Administrative / Regulatory Law
  - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- [Charles W. Bone](#): Administrative / Regulatory Law
- [John P. Branham](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- [Andrew C. Brought](#):
  - Environmental Law
  - Litigation – Environmental
- [Merritt B. Chastain III](#):
  - Employment Law – Management

- Litigation – Labor and Employment
- [Glen A. Civitts](#):
  - Corporate Law
  - Health Care Law
  - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
  - Real Estate Law
  - Securitization and Structured Finance Law
- [Mark A. Cole](#): Health Care Law
- [Marshall T. Cook](#):
  - Litigation – Construction
  - Litigation – Labor and Employment
- [Jamie Cotter](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Charles B. Cowherd](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Frank Crociata](#): Tax Law
- [Bradford J. Cytron](#): Real Estate Law
- [James R. Dankenbring](#):
  - Corporate Compliance Law
  - Corporate Governance Law
  - Corporate Law
  - Securities / Capital Markets Law
  - Tax Law
- [Shannon F. Davies](#): Commercial Litigation
- Jason L. Davis: Real Estate Law
- [Carl R. Desenberg](#): Real Estate Law
- [James T. Drakeley](#): Litigation – Banking and Finance
- Russell W. Dykstra: Municipal Law
- [Gerald F. Ehrlich](#): Corporate Law
- [Kyle L. Elliott](#): Patent Law
- [Robert H. Epstein](#): Real Estate Law
- [Ronald Fano](#): Municipal Law
- [Jonathan P. Farmer](#):
  - Criminal Defense – General Practice
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- [Jonathon L. Farnsworth](#): Corporate Law
- [Andrew M. Federhar](#):

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Land Use and Zoning
- Litigation – Municipal
- Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- [Jeff D. Figge](#): Trusts and Estates
- [Ross H. Freeman](#): Commercial Litigation
- [David E. Funkhouser III](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- [Raj N. Gangadean](#):
  - Corporate Law
  - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Thomas N. George](#): Municipal Law
- [Scott J. Goldstein](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- [Gerald P. Greiman](#):
  - Appellate Practice
  - Commercial Litigation
- Ryan C. Hardy: Commercial Litigation
- [David M. Harris](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Franchise Law
  - Health Care Law
- [Pete Hartweger](#): Corporate Law
- [Joseph Hatley](#): Commercial Litigation
- [William D. Hayward](#): Corporate Law
- [Lewis A. Heaven, Jr.](#):
  - Land Use and Zoning Law
  - Litigation – Land Use and Zoning
  - Real Estate Law
- [Donald G. Heeman](#): Commercial Litigation

- [Richard H. Herold](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Donn H. Herring](#): Health Care Law
- [Thomas Hiatt](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Albert H. Hiller](#): Real Estate Law
- Michael D. Hockley:
  - Environmental Law
  - Litigation – Environmental
- [Helen R. Holden](#):
  - Employment Law – Management
  - Litigation – Labor and Employment
- [Edward Holderle III](#) :
  - Corporate Law
  - Nonprofit / Charities Law
- [Kersten L. Holzhueter](#): Commercial Litigation
- [William E. Hopkins](#): Health Care Law
- [Steven C. Hoth](#): Trusts and Estates
- [Samuel L. Jackson](#): Employment Law – Management
- Sharon O. Jacobs: Environmental Law
- [Thomas W. Jerry](#): Real Estate Law
- [Eric L. Johnson](#):
  - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
  - Litigation – Bankruptcy
- [Jason P. Kathman](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- [John Klevorn III](#): Corporate Law
- [Linda J. Knight](#): Litigation – Insurance
- [Kenneth S. Kramer](#): Real Estate Law
- [Paul W. Kruse](#):
  - Copyright Law
  - Trademark Law
- [James L. Kurtz-Phelan](#): Real Estate Law
- [Adam LaBoda](#): Banking and Finance Law
- [Daniel Lacomis](#): Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- [Bryant Lamer](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Derek Larsen-Chaney](#):

- Real Estate Law
- Trusts and Estates
- [Charles Leder](#): Real Estate Law
- [James A. Lodoen](#):
  - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
  - Litigation – Bankruptcy
- [James R. Loranger](#): Corporate Law
- Kevin J. Maguire: Commercial Litigation
- [Lisa Mayers](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Sam J. McAllester III](#):
  - Banking and Finance Law
  - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- [Kirby McDonough](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Patrick A. McInerney](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Criminal Defense – General Practice
  - Criminal Defense – White-Collar
- Sean R. McKenna:
  - Criminal Defense – White-Collar
  - Health Care Law
  - Litigation – Health Care
- [Patrick T. McLaughlin](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Gilbert F. McNeish](#): Real Estate Law
- [Brandon Meredith](#): Real Estate Law
- [Jessica E. Merrigan](#):
  - Administrative / Regulatory Law
  - Environmental Law
  - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
- [Richard K. Mersman III](#): Real Estate Law
- [Michael Miller](#): Real Estate Law
- [Peter Mirakian III](#): Corporate Law
- [Amy K. Mistler](#): Real Estate Law
- [Kelly C. Mooney](#): Tax Law
- Crawford Moorefield: Tax Law
- [Jeremy A. Moseley](#): Litigation – Insurance

- [John H. Mowbray](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Construction Law
  - Litigation – Construction
- Mike D. Murphy: Commercial Litigation
- [Casey P. Murray](#): Employment Law – Management
- [Dean S. Neuwirth](#): Appellate Practice
- [Mike Nichols](#): Real Estate Law
- [Robin Nolan](#): Real Estate Law
- [Michael F. Patterson](#): Corporate Law
- [Philip A. Pearlman](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- [Raciel Perez](#): Real Estate Law
- [Andrea P. Perry](#):
  - Corporate Law
  - Entertainment Law – Motion Pictures and Television
  - Real Estate Law
- [Eric C. Peterson](#): Commercial Litigation
- George J. Phillips: Corporate Law
- [Barry L. Pickens](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Gary A. Powell](#): Trusts and Estates
- [Leonard J. Pranschke](#): Nonprofit / Charities Law
- [Robert B. Preston](#): Real Estate Law
- [James T. Price](#):
  - Environmental Law
  - Litigation – Environmental
  - Water Law
- [Gerrit M. Pronske](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- [Troy R. Rackham](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants
  - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
  - Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs
  - Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants

- [Andrew R. Ramirez](#): Health Care Law
- [Christopher J. Raybeck](#):
  - Banking and Finance Law
  - Real Estate Law
- [Stephen P. Rickles](#):
  - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
  - Tax Law
  - Trusts and Estates
- [Terence M. Ridley](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Insurance Law
  - Litigation – Insurance
  - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
- [Glenn K. Robbins](#):
  - Copyright Law
  - Litigation – Patent
  - Patent Law
  - Trademark Law
- [Kurt M. Rozelsky](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
  - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- [Scot J. Seabaugh](#):
  - Banking and Finance Law
  - Financial Services Regulation Law
- [David Schatz](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Construction Law
  - Litigation – Construction
- [Scott Seifert](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Melissa Sherman](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Litigation – Real Estate
- [Jason C. Smith](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Erik O. Solverud](#): Litigation – Labor and Employment



- [Evan Stephenson](#):
  - Insurance Law
  - Litigation – Insurance
- [Ellen E. Stewart](#): Health Care Law
- [Jack F. Stringham II](#):
  - Banking and Finance Law
  - Real Estate Law
- [Ravi Sundara](#):
  - Corporate Governance Law
  - Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Robert W. Van Amburgh: Tax Law
- [Julia M. Vander Weele](#): Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- [Richard E. Walters](#): Real Estate Law
- [Melinda M. Ward](#): Trusts and Estates
- [David E. Waters](#):
  - Construction Law
  - Health Care Law
  - Land Use and Zoning Law
  - Municipal Law
  - Real Estate Law
- [Catherine J. Webking](#): Energy Law
- [Douglas M. Weems](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Stephen A. Weinstein](#): Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- [Patrick J. Whalen](#): Trade Secrets Law
- [Kathleen M. Whitby](#): Environmental Law
- [Ruthie White](#): Employment Law – Management
- [Sue K. Willman](#):
  - Employment Law – Management
  - Labor Law – Management
- [Edward M. Yarbrough](#):
  - Criminal Defense: General Practice
  - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
  - DUI / DWI Defense
- [Brian J. Zavislak](#):
  - Commercial Finance Law

- Real Estate Law
- [Alvin L. Zimmerman](#): Family Law
- [Brian W. Zimmerman](#): Employment Law – Management
- [David N. Zimmerman](#):
  - Litigation and Controversy – Tax
  - Tax Law
- [Stephen J. Zralek](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Copyright Law
  - Litigation – Intellectual Property

### **2023 Ones to Watch:**

- [Wale Akinmoladun](#):
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Education Law
- Tomi Akinyemi: Real Estate Law
- Tara A. Bailes: Commercial Litigation
- Anelisa Benavides: Commercial Litigation
- Evan M. Blonigen: Insurance Law
- [Shannon M. Bond](#): Health Care Law
- [Andrea Chase](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- [Jessica E. Chong](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Sarah S. Clutts:
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Litigation – Labor and Employment
  - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- John J. Coatar: Commercial Litigation
- [Courtney Lutz Creal](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Preston Enoch](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Zachary Fairlie](#):

- Banking and Finance Law
  - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Hossein Farzaneh:
  - Corporate Law
  - Real Estate Law
- [Elizabeth Felker](#): Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Elayna M. Fiene: Insurance Law
- [Jessica Gale](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Colin Goodman](#): Health Care Law
- [Arthur D. Gregg](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Sarah E. Heise](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Jacob Hollars](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Litigation – Construction
- [Heather L. Hughes](#): Corporate Law
- [Joseph H. Hunt](#):
  - Labor and Employment Law – Management
  - Litigation – Labor and Employment
- [Camber M. Jones](#):
  - Banking and Finance Law
  - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Nicole E. Karam: Commercial Litigation
- [Kyle Klucas](#): Commercial Litigation
- Jake Kohut III:
  - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
  - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
  - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Knight Lancaster: Corporate Law
- Patrick J. Lawhon: Corporate Law
- [Amanda L. Lewandowski](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Macy L. Matthews](#): Corporate Law
- [Patrick J. McAndrews](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Hannah S. McCalla](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Shelby B. Menard](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Drew P. O'Malley](#): Commercial Litigation

- [Serena B. O'Neil](#): Trusts and Estates
- [Madison Perry](#):
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Labor and Employment Law – Management
  - Litigation – Labor and Employment
- [Brian Peterson](#): Labor and Employment Law – Management
- [William J. Podolsky, III](#): Real Estate Law
- [Emily N. Reed](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Jeremy D. Rucker](#): Corporate Law
- [Kayla L. Scroggins-Uptigrove](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Gulmina Shah](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Benjamin Shantz](#): Commercial Litigation
- Breanna Spackler: Commercial Litigation
- Megan B. Treseder: Insurance Law
- [Bethany M. Vanhooser](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Jonathon A. Watson](#): Labor and Employment Law – Management
- Luke J. Wolf: Commercial Litigation
- [Shelby Wood](#): Real Estate Law