



“Best Lawyers in America” Recognizes 79 Spencer Fane Attorneys

Spencer Fane is pleased to announce that 79 of the firm’s attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. Attorneys are recognized in their respective practice areas.

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*. Now in its 37th year, *Best Lawyers* is published internationally in nearly 70 countries and compiles its rankings based on annual peer-reviews.

This year, six attorneys join the *Best Lawyers* list for the first time, including Robert Van Amburgh, Jeff Figge, William Hayward, Crawford Moorefield, Aaron Pawlitz, and David Schatz. Inclusion among *Best Lawyers* is a significant honor and the firm is proud to have such strong representation in this year’s issue.

Dallas, TX

Sean R. McKenna

- Health Care Law
- Litigation – Health Care

Denver, CO

[Steven C. Hoth](#)

- Trusts and Estates

[James L. Kurtz-Phelan](#)

- Real Estate Law

[Daniel Lacomis](#)

- Employee Benefits

[Charles Leder](#)

- Real Estate Law

[Philip A. Pearlman](#)

- 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

[Stephen P. Rickles](#)

- Employee Benefits
- Tax Law
- Trusts and Estates

[Ellen E. Stewart](#)

- Health Care Law

Houston, TX

Jason L. Davis

- Real Estate Law

Crawford Moorefield

- Tax Law

[Alvin L. Zimmerman](#)

- Family Law

[Brian W. Zimmerman](#)

- Employment Law – Management

Jefferson City, MO

[Joe Bednar](#)

- Criminal Defense: General Practice
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Kansas City, MO

[Scott E. Blakesley](#)

- Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Trusts and Estates

[Daniel E. Blegen](#)

- Commercial Litigation

[Andrew C. Brought](#)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental

[Michael F. Delaney](#)

- Employment Law – Individuals
- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

[Kyle L. Elliott](#)

- Patent Law

Brent C. Erwood

- Banking and Finance Law

[Norman E. Fretwell](#)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law

[Scott J. Goldstein](#)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

[Joseph Hatley](#)

- Commercial Litigation

[Carl H. Helmstetter](#)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental

Michael D. Hockley

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental

[Eric L. Johnson](#)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation – Bankruptcy

[Ronald L. Langstaff](#)

- Tax Law

[Patrick A. McInerney](#)

- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense: General Practice

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar

[Jessica E. Merrigan](#)

- Administrative / Regulatory Law
- Environmental Law
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants

[Peter Mirakian III](#)

- Corporate Law

[James T. Price](#)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental
- Water Law

[Richard W. Scarritt](#)

- Real Estate Law

[David Schatz](#)

- Litigation – Construction

[Mark A. Thornhill](#)

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar

[Julia M. Vander Weele](#)

- Employee Benefits

[Patrick J. Whalen](#)

- Trade Secrets Law

[Sue K. Willman](#)

- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management

[David N. Zimmerman](#)

- Litigation and Controversy – Tax
- Tax Law

Las Vegas, NV

[John H. Mowbray](#)

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

Minneapolis, MN

[James A. Lodoen](#)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation – Bankruptcy

Overland Park, KS

[Gregory L. Ash](#)

- Employee Benefits
- Litigation – ERISA

[Nick Badgerow](#)

- Arbitration
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Construction
- Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Mediation

Laura J. Bond

- Health Care Law

Robert A. Browning

- Employee Benefits

[Lewis A. Heaven, Jr.](#)

- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Litigation – Land Use and Zoning
- Real Estate Law

[Richard H. Hertel](#)

- Real Estate Law

[Andrew R. Ramirez](#)

- Health Care Law

[Michael F. Saunders](#)

- Antitrust Law

[Melissa Sherman](#)

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Real Estate

[David L. Wing](#)

- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

Phoenix, AZ

[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

[David E. Funkhouser III](#)

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Trusts and Estates

[Richard H. Herold](#)

- Commercial Litigation

[Helen R. Holden](#)

- Employment Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

[Michael F. Patterson](#)

- Corporate Law

[Brian J. Zavislak](#)

- Commercial Finance Law
- Real Estate Law

Plano, TX

[William D. Hayward](#)

- Corporate Law

Robert W. Van Amburgh

- Tax Law

Springfield, MO

[Gary A. Powell](#)

- Trusts and Estates

St. Louis, MO

[Timothy Ahrenhoersterbaeumer](#)

- Commercial Litigation

[Bradford J. Cytron](#)

- Real Estate Law

[James R. Dankenbring](#)

- Corporate Compliance Law
- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Tax Law

[Robert H. Epstein](#)

- Real Estate Law

[Jeff D. Figge](#)

- Trusts and Estates

[Gerald P. Greiman](#)

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation

[David M. Harris](#)

- Commercial Litigation
- Franchise Law
- Health Care Law

[Donn H. Herring](#)

- Health Care Law

[Edward Holderle III](#)

- Corporate Law
- Nonprofit / Charities Law

[Thomas W. Jerry](#)

- Real Estate Law

Robert H. Lattinville

- Sports Law

[Richard K. Mersman III](#)

- Real Estate Law

[Thomas Osterholt Jr.](#)

- Real Estate Law

Aaron Pawlitz

- Corporate Law

[Eric C. Peterson](#)

- Commercial Litigation

[Leonard J. Pranschke](#)

- Nonprofit / Charities Law

[Glenn K. Robbins](#)

- Copyright Law
- Litigation – Patent
- Patent Law
- Trademark Law

[Scot J. Seabaugh](#)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law

[Erik O. Solverud](#)

- Litigation – Labor and Employment

[Ravi Sundara](#)

- Corporate Governance Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law

Ones to Watch

In addition to the attorneys named to *Best Lawyers*, eight associates and two of counsel have been named as *Ones to Watch*. In its inaugural year, the *Ones to Watch* list recognizes attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence.

Dallas, TX

[Preston Enoch](#)

- Commercial Litigation

Las Vegas, NV

[Jessica E. Chong](#)

- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Phoenix, AZ

[Jessica Gale](#)

- Commercial Litigation

Springfield, MO

Tara A. Bailes

- Commercial Litigation

Adlai Groves

- Real Estate Law

St. Louis, MO

[Arthur D. Gregg](#)

- Commercial Litigation

Oklahoma City, OK

Hossein Farzaneh

- Corporate Law
- Real Estate Law

Sarah S. Clutts

- Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Litigation – Trusts and Estates

Kansas City, MO

[Brian Peterson](#)

- Labor and Employment Law – Management

Denver, CO

[Jacob Hollars](#)

- Litigation – Construction