



# Best Lawyers in America Names Four Lawyers of the Year and 79 Best Lawyers from Lathrop Gage

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Aug. 18, 2014)** - The 2015 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*® announced its rankings today which include four Lawyers of the Year and 79 Best Lawyers from Lathrop Gage.

The list accounts for more than 5.5 million peer reviews from lawyers to find the Best Lawyer honorees. Lawyer of the Year is an additional designation for those attorneys who scored highest in a practice area combination through peer reviews.

Lawyers of the Year from Lathrop Gage are:

- Bernard J. Rhodes, First Amendment Law (Kansas City)
- Harry E. Wigner, Jr., Corporate Law (Overland Park)
- Shannon K. Barks, Litigation - Trusts and Estates (Overland Park)
- William G. Beck, Litigation - Environmental (Kansas City)

Best Lawyers from Lathrop Gage are:

## **Boston**

Giulio A. DeConti

Biotechnology Law  
Copyright Law Patent Law  
Trademark Law

## **Boulder**

Curtis A. Vock

Patent Law

## **Chicago**



Russell R. Eggert

Environmental Law  
Litigation - Environmental

H. Steven Graham

Banking and Finance Law  
Real Estate Law

Allan J. Sternstein

Litigation - Intellectual Property

### **Denver**

Angela Ekker

Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs

George G. Matava

Litigation - Intellectual Property  
Litigation - Patent  
Trademark Law

### **Jefferson City**

Kurt U. Schaefer

Environmental Law

David A. Shorr

Environmental Law  
Natural Resources Law

Jennifer S. Tucker

Administrative / Regulatory Law  
Commercial Litigation



## Kansas City

Robyn L. Anderson

Commercial Litigation

Dave R. Barnard

Litigation - Intellectual Property

William G. Beck

Commercial Litigation

Insurance Law

Litigation - Environmental

Richard N. Bien

Insurance Law

Litigation - Banking and Finance

Litigation - ERISA

Mark A. Bluhm

Corporate Law

Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Sherman A. Botts

Construction Law

Litigation - Construction

Jean Paul Bradshaw II

Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Health Care Law

John T. Coghlan

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

John C. Craft



Government Relations Practice  
Real Estate Law

Don F. Dagenais

Real Estate Law

Peter F. Daniel

Commercial Litigation  
Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants

Kendall Paul Day

Railroad Law

Brian T. Fenimore

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

William F. Ford

Environmental Law  
Litigation - Environmental

Brian C. Fries

Commercial Litigation  
Litigation - Banking and Finance

Gretchen M. Gold

Trusts and Estates

Robert D. Grossman

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

S. Russell Headrick

Commercial Litigation  
Insurance Law



Litigation - ERISA  
Litigation - First Amendment  
Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants

Alfred R. Hupp, Jr.

Immigration Law

Russell D. Jones

Commercial Litigation  
Non-Profit / Charities Law  
Tax Law

Gregory B. Kuhn

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Thomas J. McMahon

Tax Law

Rosalee M. McNamara

Employment Law - Management  
Labor Law - Management

Timothy K. McNamara

Commercial Litigation  
Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants

Joseph W. Medved

Corporate Law  
Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Stephen G. Mitchell

Real Estate Law

James L. Moeller



Litigation - Environmental

Charles F. Myers

Health Care Law

Maurice J. O'Sullivan, Jr.

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Trusts and Estates

Bernard J. Rhodes

First Amendment Law

Litigation - First Amendment

Richard D. Rhyne

Construction Law

Litigation - Construction

Jerome D. Riffel

Gaming Law

Land Use and Zoning Law

Real Estate Law

Nancy Schmidt Roush

Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law

Trusts and Estates

Jack D. Rowe

Employment Law - Management

Labor Law - Management

Litigation - Labor and Employment

William A. Rudy

Technology Law



Thomas A. Ryan

Litigation - Environmental

R. Kent Sellers

Appellate Practice

Thomas H. Stahl

Banking and Finance Law

Financial Services Regulation Law

Carl W. Struby

Corporate Compliance Law

Corporate Law

Securities / Capital Markets Law

Michel A. Thompson

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

David C. Vogel

Employment Law - Management

Joel B. Voran

Trusts and Estates

## **New York**

Thomas H. Curtin

Litigation - Intellectual Property

## **Overland Park**

Shannon K. Barks

Litigation - Trusts and Estates

Trusts and Estates



R. Scott Beeler

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Land Use and Zoning
- Litigation - Real Estate

James B. Betterman

- Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Trusts and Estates

Brett C. Bogan

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)

Peter W. Brown

- Trusts and Estates

Jennifer M. Hannah

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law

Lewis A. Heaven, Jr.

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

Gerald M. Kraai

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Patent Law
- Technology Law
- Trademark Law

Alson R. Martin

- Corporate Law
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law





Tax Law

Lyle D. Pishny

Tax Law  
Trusts and Estates

Andrew R. Ramirez

Health Care Law

Curtis L. Tideman

Commercial Litigation  
Education Law

David E. Waters

Real Estate Law

William K. Waugh III

Non-Profit / Charities Law  
Tax Law  
Trusts and Estates

Kenneth L. Weltz

Railroad Law

Harry E. Wigner, Jr.

Corporate Law  
Real Estate Law

## **Springfield**

Gary R. Cunningham

Mediation

Frank M. Evans III



Commercial Litigation

Neil P. Guion

Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law

Dan R. Nelson

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Lee E. Poppen

Family Law

Randell D. Wallace

Banking and Finance Law

Land Use and Zoning Law

Real Estate Law

## **St. Louis**

Donn H. Herring

Health Care Law

Bennett S. Keller

Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law

Corporate Law

Tax Law

Trusts and Estates

John P. King

Construction Law

Land Use and Zoning Law

Scott H. Malin

Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law

Trusts and Estates



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