



# Best Lawyers in America Names Seven Lawyers of the Year and 80 Best Lawyers from Lathrop Gage

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (August 19, 2015)** - The 2016 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*® announced its rankings Monday which named seven Lawyers of the Year and 80 Best Lawyers from Lathrop Gage.

The list accounts for millions of 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. The recognized attorneys span across all of the firm's offices and practice groups.

Lathrop Gage's Lawyers of the Year:

- Bernard J. Rhodes, Litigation - First Amendment (Kansas City, Mo.)
- Curtis L. Tideman, Education Law (Overland Park, Kan.)
- Dan R. Nelson, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Springfield, Mo.)
- Harry E. Wigner, Jr., Real Estate Law (Overland Park, Kan.)
- Lyle D. Pishny, Tax Law (Overland Park, Kan.)
- Robert D. Grossman, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (Kansas City, Mo.)
- Scott H. Malin, Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law (St. Louis)

Best Lawyers from Lathrop Gage:

## **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

Allan J. Sternstein

Litigation - Intellectual Property

## **Denver**

Angela Ekker

Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs

## **Jefferson City, Mo.**

Jennifer S. Griffin

Administrative / Regulatory Law  
Commercial Litigation

Kurt U. Schaefer

Environmental Law

David A. Shorr



Environmental Law  
Natural Resources Law

**Kansas City, Mo.**

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

H. Steven Graham



Banking and Finance Law  
Real Estate Law

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

Jessica E. Merrigan

Environmental 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

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

Joel B. Voran

Trusts and Estates

## **Los Angeles**

Beth A. Schroeder



Labor Law - Management

**Overland Park, Kan.**

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, Mo.**



Gary R. Cunningham

Mediation

Frank M. Evans III

Commercial Litigation

Dwayne A. Fulk

Corporate Law

Neil P. Guion

Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law

James E. Meadows

Appellate Practice  
Litigation - Real Estate

Dan R. Nelson

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and  
Reorganization Law

Lee E. Poppen

Family Law

Michael D. Textor

Construction Law  
Litigation - Construction  
Real Estate Law

Randell D. Wallace

Banking and Finance Law  
Land Use and Zoning Law  
Real Estate Law



## St. Louis

Donn H. Herring

Health Care Law

Janice E. Hetland

Real Estate 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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