



# Lathrop GPM Attorneys Named to The Best Lawyers in America®, Lawyer of the Year, and Ones to Watch for 2021

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(August 20, 2019) — Today 110 Lathrop GPM attorneys were named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® list, eight of whom were selected "Lawyer of the Year" in their practice area, and 13 additional attorneys were chosen for the inaugural "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for 2021.

For the prestigious "**Lawyer of the Year**" ranking, only one attorney receives the annual award per practice area in each Best Lawyers® market. Following are the Lathrop GPM recipients and the areas in which they are being recognized.

## Lawyer of the Year for 2021:

### **Kansas City, KS**

- Harry E. Wigner, Jr. (Corporate Law)

### **Kansas City, MO**

- Michael J. Abrams (Litigation - Real Estate)
- William G. Beck (Litigation - Environmental)
- Jim B. Betterman (Litigation - Trusts and Estates)
- Richard N. Bien (Litigation - Banking and Finance)
- Bernard J. Rhodes (First Amendment Law)
- Joel B. Voran (Trusts and Estates)

### **Minneapolis, MN**

- David C. Bahls (Litigation and Controversy - Tax)

Best Lawyers recognizes legal excellence. First published in 1983, *The Best Lawyers in America*® list utilizes a national survey of lawyers created to capture the professional abilities from peers and colleagues. Lathrop GPM attorneys are chosen regularly for this highly respected and published ranking.



Following are the Lathrop GPM attorneys named to the overall Best Lawyers list for 2021 and the areas in which they are recognized:

**Best Lawyers in America for 2021:**

**Boston, MA**

- Giulio A. DeConti (Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice; Patent Law; Trademark Law)

**Boulder, CO**

- Curtis A. Vock (Patent Law)

**Chicago, IL**

- Steven Graham (Banking and Finance Law; Real Estate Law)

**Clayton, MO**

- Wendi Alper-Pressman (Banking and Finance Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law)
- Bennett S. Keller (Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Corporate Law; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates)
- Scott H. Malin (Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Trusts and Estates)
- Jared Minkoff (Real Estate Law; Tax Law)
- Christopher T. Pierce (Real Estate Law)
- Eric R. Riess (Corporate Law)
- Colleen McNitt Ruiz (Real Estate Law)

**Dallas, TX**

- Robert Thackston (Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants)

**Denver, CO**

- Douglas J. Traeger (Litigation - Trusts and Estates)
- Alison E. Zinn (Elder Law; Trusts and Estates)

**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**

- Michael J. Abrams (Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Litigation - Real Estate; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants; Trade Secrets Law)
- Robyn L. Anderson (Commercial Litigation)
- William G. Beck (Commercial Litigation; Environmental Law; Insurance Law; Litigation - Environmental)
- Jim B. Betterman (Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates)
- Richard N. Bien (Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Banking and Finance; Litigation - ERISA)
- Mark A. Bluhm (Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Jean Paul Bradshaw II (Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Government Relations Practice; Health Care Law; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants)
- Mara H. Cohara (Commercial Litigation)
- John C. Craft (Government Relations Practice; Real Estate Law)
- Peter F. Daniel (Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants)
- J.A. "Jay" Felton (Product Liability Litigation - Defendants)
- William F. Ford (Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental; Water Law)
- Brian C. Fries (Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance)
- Cameron Garrison (Litigation - Intellectual Property)
- Gretchen M. Gold (Trusts and Estates)
- Jennifer M. Hannah (Commercial Litigation; Construction Law)
- Robert J. Haupt (Litigation - Bankruptcy; Litigation - Land Use and Zoning)
- Russell Headrick (Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - ERISA; Litigation - First Amendment; Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants)
- Brian M. Holland (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy)
- Tedrick A. Housh III (Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- Gregory B. Kuhn (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law)
- Thomas J. McMahon (Tax Law)
- Rosalee M. McNamara (Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management)
- Joseph W. Medved (Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Stephen G. Mitchell (Real Estate Law)
- James L. Moeller (Litigation - Environmental)



- 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)
- Jerry D. Riffel (Gaming Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law)
- Bridget B. Romero (Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- 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 (Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental)
- 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)
- Kim K. Winter (Insurance Law)
- Brian Woolley (Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management)
- Rebecca S. Yocum (Employment Law - Individuals; Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Litigation - Real Estate)

## **Los Angeles, CA**

- Nancy Sher Cohen (Insurance Law)

## **Minneapolis, MN**

- Jeffrey C. Anderson (Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Megan L. Anderson (Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- Wade T. Anderson (Real Estate Law)
- David C. Bahls (Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law)
- Jesse A. Berg (Health Care Law)
- Jennifer Reedstrom Bishop (Nonprofit/Charities Law)
- Phillip W. Bohl (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law)
- John Brower (Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Ann B. Burns (Trusts and Estates)
- Christopher A. Carlisle (Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Barry F. Clegg (Tax Law)



- Michael R. Cohen (Litigation - Intellectual Property)
- Michael R. Cunningham (Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation)
- Jennifer Debrow (Trademark Law)
- Liz Dillon (Franchise Law)
- Dean Eyler (Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Intellectual Property)
- Marnie E. Fearon (Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Litigation - Real Estate)
- John W. Fitzgerald (Franchise Law)
- Michael R. Gray (Franchise Law)
- Julia Dayton Klein (Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- William D. Klein (Tax Law)
- Gaylen L. Knack (Franchise Law)
- James D. Lamm (Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates)
- Dean A. LeDoux (Litigation - Labor and Employment)
- Charles K. Maier (Litigation - Banking and Finance)
- Bruce W. Mooty (Franchise Law)
- John M. Nichols (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law)
- Ryan R. Palmer (Franchise Law)
- Kirk W. Reilly (Franchise Law)
- Marya P. Robben (Trusts and Estates)
- Max J. Schott II (Franchise Law)
- Virginia S. Schubert (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law)
- Matthew Shea (Trusts and Estates)
- Michael P. Sullivan, Jr. (Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- Daniel R. Tenenbaum (Mergers and Acquisitions Law)
- James A. Wahl (Franchise Law)

#### **Overland Park, KS**

- Scott Beeler (Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Construction; Litigation - Land Use and Zoning; Litigation - Real Estate)
- Peter W. Brown (Trusts and Estates)
- Courtney M. Conrad (Trusts and Estates)
- Larry B. Huebner (Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law)
- Robert J. Lambrechts (Environmental Law)
- Lyle D. Pishny (Corporate Law; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates)



- Randal L. Schultz (Health Care Law)
- Curtis L. Tideman (Commercial Litigation; Education Law)
- David E. Waters (Construction Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Municipal Law; Real Estate Law)
- Harry E. Wigner, Jr. (Corporate Law; Real Estate Law)

#### **Washington, D.C.**

- Mark A. Kirsch (Franchise Law)
- Peter J. Klarfeld (Franchise Law)
- Eric L. Yaffe (Franchise Law)
- Robert L. Zisk (Franchise Law)
- Carl E. Zwisler III (Franchise Law)

The inaugural "**Ones to Watch**" list recognizes attorneys, who are earlier in their careers, for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. Following are the 13 Lathrop GPM attorneys being honored for their early career achievements and the practice areas in which they are recognized.

#### **Ones to Watch for 2021:**

##### **Clayton, MO**

- Emilie W. Eschbacher (Health Care Law)
- Alicia M. Goedde (Commercial Litigation)
- Abbi H. Kirchner (Trusts and Estates)
- Mitchell Martin (Commercial Litigation)
- John N. Mueller (Real Estate Law; Tax Law)

##### **Dallas, TX**

- Sam Garcia (Construction Law)

##### **Denver, CO**

- Alison J. Foster (Energy Law)
- Cynthia M. Teel (Environmental Law)

##### **Kansas City, MO**

- Allyson Cunningham (Environmental Law)
- Sarah E. Lintecum (Environmental Law)



- Elizabeth Duff Mendoza (Labor and Employment Law - Management)

**Minneapolis, MN**

- Lauren O'Neil Funseth (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law)

**Overland Park, KS**

- Christopher B. Nelson (Commercial Litigation)