



The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Includes 189 Frost Brown Attorneys

Additional 52 attorneys named "Ones to Watch"

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A total of 189 Frost Brown Todd (FBT) attorneys were honored as *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2024. The title of "Lawyer of the Year" went to 18 of those attorneys. An additional 52 were included in *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*®. One of the most credible and definitive guides to legal excellence in the U.S., lawyers on the list are divided by geographic region and practice areas. They are reviewed by their peers based on professional expertise and undergo an authentication process to make sure they are in current practice and in good standing.

The "Lawyer of the Year" award is presented annually to a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area. Those who earned "Ones to Watch" are attorneys with outstanding professional excellence who have typically been practicing for five to nine years.

Below is the list of FBT's attorneys who were honored for 2024. The year indicates the first year the attorney was included on the list. The numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 denote that the attorney has been listed for at least that many years, and an asterisk (*) denotes an attorney that is listed for the first time.

CHARLESTON, WV

Vivian H. Basdekis (2021)

Litigation – Banking and Finance

Carrie J. Cecil (*)

Public Finance

Amy King Condaras (2012) [10]

Banking and Finance

Commercial Finance

Carte P. Goodwin (2021)

Appellate Practice

Litigation – Intellectual Property

Craig Griffith (2019) [5]

Tax

William Swann (2022) (Ones to Watch)

Health Care

Jared M. Tully (2019) [5]

Banking and Finance

Commercial Litigation

Insurance

Litigation – Banking and Finance

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Alex Zurbuch (2022) (Ones to Watch)

Commercial Litigation

CINCINNATI, OH

Deborah S. Adams (1983) [40]

Employment – Management

Labor – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Thomas D. Anthony (2008) [15]

Health Care

David S. Bence (2008) [15]

Banking and Finance

John F. Bennett (2018) [5]

Litigation – Intellectual Property

Litigation – Patent

Kai Bitter (*)

Corporate

Matthew C. Blickensderfer (2013) [10]

Commercial Litigation

Litigation – Antitrust

Julie M. Bruns (2022)

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Workers' Compensation – Employers

Aaron Byrd (*)

Trusts and Estates

Alexander Czanik (2023) (Ones to Watch)

Intellectual Property

Litigation – Intellectual Property

Litigation – Patent

Joseph J. Dehner (2005) [15]

International Arbitration – Commercial

International Trade and Finance

Douglas R. Dennis (2016) [5]

Commercial Litigation

Ashley J. Earle (2023) (Ones to Watch)

Intellectual Property

Chad N. Eckhardt (*)

Health Care

Arielle M. Fox (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Commercial Litigation

James Charles Frooman (2014) [10]

Commercial Litigation

Thomas L. Gabelman (2007) [15]

Construction

Litigation – Construction

Neil Ganulin (2003) [20] (Lawyer of the Year – International Mergers and Acquisitions)

Corporate

International Mergers and Acquisitions

Securities / Capital Markets

Securities Regulation

Ronald E. Gold (2003) [20]

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization

William C. Gullett (2013) [10]

Corporate

Christopher S. Habel (2006) [15] (Lawyer of the Year – Litigation – Environmental)

Environmental

Litigation – Environmental

Colleen M. Haas (2016)

Commercial Finance

Real Estate

Adam P. Hall (2006) [15]

Commercial Litigation

Hongye Han (*) (Ones to Watch)

Health Care

Stephen N. Haughey (2003) [20]

Environmental

Litigation – Environmental

Water

William D. Hayes (2003) [20]

Environmental

Litigation – Environmental

John S. Higgins (2014) [10]

Construction

Litigation – Construction

Ann Dalton Jennings (2020)

Real Estate

Chris Kim Kahn (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Environmental

Clayton L. Kuhnell (2016) [5]

Patent Law

John C. Krug (2011) [10]

Real Estate

Patricia D. Laub (1997) [25]

Trusts and Estates

Kim Martin Lewis (2007) [15]

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and
Reorganization

Douglas L. Lutz (2007) [15]

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and
Reorganization

Litigation – Bankruptcy

Kimberly K. Mauer (2007) [15]

Banking and Finance

Kevin N. McMurray (2003) [20]

Environmental

Litigation – Environmental

Martin E. Mooney (1995) [25]

Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
Tax

Richard L. Moore (2021)

Employment – Individuals
Employment– Management

Beth Schneider Naylor (2015) [5]

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Michael J. O’Grady (2008) [15] (Lawyer of the Year – Banking and Finance)

Banking and Finance
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization
Litigation – Bankruptcy
Real Estate

Neal Patel (*)

Advertising

Eric M. Robbins (2011) [10]

Patent Law

Karlyn A. Schnapp Ph.D. (2012) [10]

Patent

Jeffrey S. Shoskin (2009) [15]

Employment – Management
Labor – Management
Litigation – Labor and Employment

David A. Skidmore, Jr. (2005) [15]

Employment – Management

Labor – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Andrew B. Ulmer (2020)

Patent

Alicia Visse–Kroger (2024) (Ones to Watch)

Immigration

Matthew Vale (2022) (Ones to Watch)

Intellectual Property

Vance V. VanDrake III (2016) [5]

Patent Law

Donald L. Warner III (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Public Finance

Real Estate

A.J. Webb (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and
Reorganization

Steven M. Wesloh (2010) [10]

Environmental

Litigation – Environmental

Patrick Woodside (2021)

Public Finance

George E. Yund (1997) [25]

Employment – Management

Labor – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

COLUMBUS, OH

Yazan S. Ashrawi (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Commercial Litigation

Thaddeus M. Boggs (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Eminent Domain and Condemnation

Land Use and Zoning

Municipal

Aaron T. Brogdon (*)

Commercial Litigation

John I. Cadwallader (2003) [20]

Real Estate

James S. Gray (2020)

Real Estate

William M. Harter (2014) [10]

Insurance

Phillip K. Hartmann (2020)

Land Use and Zoning

Emmett M. Kelly (2020)

Public Finance

Russell J. Kutell (2013) [10]

Litigation – Real Estate

Jeffrey N. Lindemann (2012) [10]

Employment – Management

Labor – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Frank J. Reed Jr. (2023)

Government Contracts

Government Relations Practice

Harlan W. Robins (2006)

Banking and Finance

Litigation – Real Estate

Real Estate

David A. Rogers (2005) [15]

Real Estate

Public Finance

Stephen P. Samuels (2007) [15]

Environmental

Litigation – Environmental

Noel C. Shepard (2017) [5]

Workers' Compensation – Employers

Stephen J. Smith, Sr. (2007) [15] (Lawyer of the Year – Communications)

Communications

Litigation – Municipal

Municipal

Zackary L. Stillings (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Commercial Litigation

Thomas V. Williams (2006) [15]

Employment – Management

Labor – Management

Stephen P. Withee (2014) [10]

Construction

DALLAS, TX

Thomas F. Allen, Jr. (2023)

Appellate Practice

Austin Conner (*) (Ones to Watch)

Banking and Finance

Fred Gaona III (*)

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Ray Guy (2006) [15]

Commercial Litigation

Litigation – Banking and Finance

Litigation – Securities

Bobby Majumder (2018) [5]

Corporate

Energy

Ed McQueen (2022)

Banking and Finance

Corporate

Real Estate

Daniel P. Novakov (2009) [15]

Trusts and Estates

Tax

Mark A. Platt (2011) [10]

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and
Reorganization

Litigation – Bankruptcy

**Ryan J. Preston (2018) [5] (Lawyer of the Year – Privacy and Data
Security)**

Information Technology

IT Outsourcing

Privacy and Data Security

Technology

Clay B. Pulliam (2015) [5]

Real Estate

Martin E. Rose (2012) [10]

Aviation

Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Plaintiffs

FLORENCE, KY

Rachael Chamberlain (*) (Ones to Watch)

Tax

James A. Dietz (2008) [15]

Health Care

Robert D. Hudson (2006) [15]

Employment – Management

Labor – Management

Gregory S. Shumate (2013) [10]

Corporate

HOUSTON, TX

Kenneth R. Breitbeil (2022)

Commercial Litigation

Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Kenneth Wayne Bullock II (*)

Admiralty and Maritime

Courtney B. Gahm–Oldham (2023)

Energy

Commercial Litigation

Darren S. Skyles (*)

Health Care

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Thaddeus R. Ailes (2019) [5]

Real Estate

Eric Baker (2021)

Corporate

Michael T. Bindner (2014) [10]

Corporate

Edwin J. Broecker (2014) [10]

Corporate

Terrence L. Brookie (2005) [15] (Lawyer of the Year – Construction; Lawyer of the Year – Litigation – Construction)

Commercial Litigation

Construction

Litigation – Construction

Matthew J. Clark (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Intellectual Property

A.J. Correale (2014) [10]

Copyright

Darren Craig (*)

Commercial Litigation

Energy

Thomas L. Davis (2003) [20]

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Jeffrey S. Dible (2011) [10] (Lawyer of the Year – Litigation – Trusts and Estates; Lawyer of the Year – Trusts and Estates)

Litigation – Trusts and Estates

Litigation and Controversy – Tax

Trusts and Estates

Thomas M. Hanahan (2009) [15]

Banking and Finance

Commercial Finance

Real Estate

Robert L. Hartley (1995) [25]

Commercial Litigation

Kandi Kilkelly Hidde (2013) [10]

Commercial Litigation

Litigation – ERISA

Adam S. Ira (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Insurance

Amy Stewart Johnson (*)

Municipal

Joshua N. Kutch (*) (Ones to Watch)

Construction

Litigation – Construction

Eric Lamb (2020)

Copyright

Patent

Trademark

Tyler S. Lemen (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Construction

Health Care

Medical Malpractice – Defendants

Constance R. Lindman (2020) (Lawyer of the Year – Copyright)

Copyright

Trademark

Denise Barkdull Lund (2023)

Public Finance

Jeffrey J. Mortier (2010) [10]

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Kevin Charles Murray (2010) [10]

Administrative / Regulatory

Anthony W. Overholt (2021)

Civil Rights

Commercial Litigation

Government Relations Practice

Nicholas C. Pappas (2010) [10]

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Eric A. Riegner (2008) [15]

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Randall R. Riggs (2003) [20]

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Matthew R. Schantz (2014) [10]

Patent

Kevin C. Schiferl (2005) [5]

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

April R. Schilling (2020)

Real Estate

Blake Shelby (*)

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Katherine M. Slisz (*) (Ones to Watch)

Commercial Litigation

Maggie L. Smith (2009) [15]

Appellate Practice

Robert B. Thornburg (2016) [5]

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Cameron S. Trachtman (*) (Ones to Watch)

Commercial Litigation

Alexander P. Will (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Government Relations Practice

Amy Wilson (*)

Employment – Management

Heather L. Wilson (2020)

Employment – Management

Allyse E. Wirkkala (2023)

Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants

LEXINGTON, KY

**Jeffrey L. Hallos (2003) [20] (Lawyer of the Year – Corporate;
Lawyer of the Year – Mergers and Acquisitions)**

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Warren J. Hoffmann (2003) [20] (Lawyer of the Year – Energy)

Corporate

Energy

International Mergers and Acquisitions

Mergers and Acquisitions

Mining

Natural Resources

Barry D. Hunter (2010) [10]

Commercial Litigation

Brad Keeton (2023)

Commercial Litigation

Health Care

Bryan K. Mattingly (2013) [10]

Mergers and Acquisitions

Jonathan S. Miller (2021)

Government Relations Practice

Susan J. Pope (2011) [10]

Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Barton T. Rogers (2011) [10]

Trusts and Estates

Paul E. Sullivan (1995) [25]

Commercial Litigation

Corporate

Litigation – Banking and Finance

Deborah Holland Tudor (1997) [25]

Employee Benefits (ERISA)

LOUISVILLE, KY

Sara L. Abner (*)

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and
Reorganization

Dale E. Ahearn (1993) [30]

Project Finance

Real Estate

Joseph L. Ardery (2006) [15]

Health Care

Jennifer Bame (*) (Ones to Watch)

Labor and Employment – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Jennifer Y. Barber (2019) [5]

Litigation and Controversy – Tax

Tax

Nathan J. Becht (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Real Estate

Nathan L. Berger (2013) [10]

Banking and Finance

Joshua Brock (*) (Ones to Watch)

Real Estate

Bradford Butler (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Real Estate

Tax

Amy Burnette (*)

Banking and Finance

Real Estate

Devon Callaghan (*) (Ones to Watch)

Banking and Finance

Theresa A. Canaday (2013) [10]

Commercial Litigation

Richard S. Cleary (2003) [20]

Labor – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Benjamin Coffman (*) (Ones to Watch)

Real Estate

Steven. M. Crawford (2010) [15]

Litigation – Construction

Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Peter M. Cummins (*)

Commercial Litigation

Litigation – Real Estate

Robert C. Cummings III (*) (Ones to Watch)

Real Estate

Scott Dolson (2006) [15]

Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Tax

John S. Egan (2007) [15] (Lawyer of the Year – Litigation – Bankruptcy; Lawyer of the Year – Public Finance)

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization

Litigation – Bankruptcy

Public Finance

Amanda England (*)

Real Estate

Nathaniel Fowler (*) (Ones to Watch)

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Michelle Fox (2023) (Ones to Watch)

Insurance

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Lauren D. Gadiant (2022) (Ones to Watch)

Commercial Litigation

Real Estate

James A. Giesel (2005) [15] (Lawyer of the Year – Banking and Finance; Lawyer of the Year – Corporate)

Banking and Finance

Corporate Governance

Corporate

Private Funds / Hedge Funds

Securities / Capital Markets

Securities Regulation

Edward Glasscock (1991) [30]

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Thomas C. Gleason (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Commercial Litigation

Litigation – Banking and Finance

Litigation – Securities

Nicolaus Gordon (*) (Ones to Watch)

Public Finance

John W. Gragg (2018) [5]

Real Estate

Miles R. Harrison (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Timothy J. Hagerty (2007) [15] (Lawyer of the Year – Environmental)

Environmental

Litigation – Environmental

Mining

Oil and Gas

Jeffries Mock Hamilton (2021)

Employee Benefits (ERISA)

Barry A. Hines (2006) [15]

Real Estate

Christopher Johnson (2022)

Commercial

Insurance

Litigation – Insurance

Maria Kroeger (*) (Ones to Watch)

Real Estate

Douglas W. Langdon (2013) [10]

Insurance

Litigation – Insurance

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

John T. Lovett (2001) [20] (Lawyer of the Year – Labor – Management)

Employment – Management

Labor – Management

Alan K. MacDonald (2006) [15] (Lawyer of the Year – Mergers and Acquisitions)

Corporate Governance

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Securities / Capital Markets

Securities Regulation

Darnell McCoy (*) (Ones to Watch)

Real Estate

James Nichols (*)

Real Estate

Patrick R. Northam (2007) [15]

Corporate

Energy

Mergers and Acquisitions

Thomas P. O'Brien III (2016) [5] (Lawyer of the Year – Trade Secrets)

Commercial Litigation

Litigation – Intellectual Property

Trade Secrets

Joshua M. O'Bryan (*)

Mergers and Acquisitions

Andrew Palmer (*)

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Patton Pelfrey (1983) [40]

Employment – Management

Labor – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Gene F. Price (2013) [10]

Employee Benefits (ERISA)

Insurance

Kendal Price (*) (Ones to Watch)

Real Estate

Charles M. Pritchett (2005) [15]

Commercial Litigation

Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Christopher Robinson (2021)

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Michael Shull (*)

Construction

Bryan J.K. Sisto (2022) (Ones to Watch)

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and
Reorganization

Corporate

Cory Skolnick (2021)

Commercial Litigation

Litigation – Banking and Finance

**Mark F. Sommer (2003) [20] (Lawyer of the Year – Litigation and
Controversy – Tax)**

Litigation and Controversy – Tax

Tax

**Alison M. Stemler (2005) [15] (Lawyer of the Year – Employee
Benefits (ERISA))**

Employee Benefits (ERISA)

Cynthia L. Stewart (2003) [20]

Copyright

Information Technology

Trademark

Colin Stouffer (*) (Ones to Watch)

Banking and Finance

James Straus (1993) [30]

Banking and Finance

Corporate

Financial Services Regulation

Franchise

Mergers and Acquisitions

William G. Strench (2005) [15]

Corporate Governance

Corporate

Private Funds / Hedge Funds

Securities / Capital Markets

Venture Capital

Thomas Sturgeon (*) (Ones to Watch)

Commercial Litigation

Corporate

Griffin Terry Sumner (2021)

Appellate Practice

Insurance

Laura Theilmann (2021)

Public Finance

Douglas A Walter (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Real Estate

Tax

Robert C. Webb (2007) [15]

Litigation and Controversy – Tax

Allison Weyand (*) (Ones to Watch)

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Geoffrey M. White (2015) [5]

Real Estate

Jason C. Williams (*)

International Mergers and Acquisitions

Mergers and Acquisitions

Laurence Woods III (2003) [20]

Employment – Management

Labor – Management

Kathleen Bigg Wright (2021)

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Emily Ziegler (*) (Ones to Watch)

Real Estate

Brian D. Zoeller (2013) [10]

Construction

Real Estate

NASHVILLE, TN

Nathan L. Berger (2013) [10]

Banking and Finance

Lucas T. Elliot (2013) [10]

Commercial Litigation

Jeremy R. Goolsby (2022) (Ones to Watch)

Commercial Litigation

Brian S. Masterson (2023)

Tax

Mekesha H. Montgomery (2013) [10]

Employment – Management

Courtney Rogers Perrin (*)

Mergers and Acquisitions

Robert V. Sartin (2006) [15]

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and
Reorganization

Litigation – Bankruptcy

John S. Wagster (*)

International Mergers and Acquisitions

PITTSBURGH, PA

Jordan Blask (*)

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and
Reorganization

Real Estate

Kevin Colosimo (2021)

Construction

Energy

Oil and Gas

Edward J. Grattan (2023) (Ones to Watch)

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Katherine Koop Irwin (2022)

Health Care

Labor – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Ron G. Jones (*)

Commercial Litigation

Leah R. LaFramboise (*)

Real Estate

Derrick L. Maultsby Jr. (*) (Ones to Watch)

Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)

Intellectual Property

Janet L. McQuaid

Environmental Law

Sloane B. O'Donnell (2022) (Ones to Watch)

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and
Reorganization

Commercial Litigation

Litigation – Bankruptcy

Litigation Construction

Tara Hopper Rice (*) (Ones to Watch)

Energy

Oil and Gas

Real Estate

ORANGE COUNTY, CA

Ruben Smith (2022)

Real Estate

WASHINGTON D.C.

Daniel T. Falk (2022) (Ones to Watch)

Patent

WEST CHESTER, OH

Kevin L. Cooney (2013) [10]

Banking and Finance

Donald L. Crain (2011) [10]

Employment – Management

Labor – Management

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Alexander L. Ewing (2023)

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Charles B. Galvin (2021) (Ones to Watch)

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Litigation – Real Estate

Scott D. Phillips (2010) [10]

Commercial Litigation

Land Use and Zoning

Litigation – Land Use and Zoning

Litigation – Municipal

Joseph Scholler (2021)

Litigation – Labor and Employment

Todd Wilkowski (2019) [5]

Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law

Construction

(Year) First year the lawyer was listed in any practice area.

(*) Lawyers who are listed for the first time in Best Lawyers.

[#] Anniversary plaque for which lawyer is eligible (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years).

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