Overview

(August 20, 2020, Washington, DC) — Steptoe has received 97 individual mentions in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and 28 individual mentions in the inaugural Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch. In addition, four Steptoe partners have been named “Lawyer of the Year.”

*Best Lawyers* is based on a peer-review survey in which nearly 94,000 lawyers globally are eligible to vote on the legal abilities of other lawyers based on their specific practice areas around the world. For the 2021 edition of the US guide, some 9.4 million votes were cast. The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch list recognizes lawyers who have been in private practice for less than 10 years in the United States. Selection to this list is also based entirely on peer review.

Only one lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is recognized as the “Lawyer of the Year.” The lawyers being named as “Lawyers of the Year” have received particularly high ratings in this year’s survey by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

The following Steptoe partners are recognized as a “Lawyer of the Year” in their respective practices:

- Paul Ondrask – Litigation: ERISA
- Dave Raskin – Energy Law
- Jim Rocap – Insurance Law
- Sam Sipe – Railroad Law

The following Steptoe lawyers are listed in the 27th edition of *The Best Lawyer in America*:

- Fil Agusti – Litigation: Bankruptcy
- Stewart Baker – Privacy and Data Security Law
- Brigida Benitez – Employment Law: Management
- Steve Brose – Energy Law; Natural Resources Law; Oil and Gas Law
- Joe Caldwell – Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Litigation: Banking and Finance; Litigation: Labor and Employment
- Jasmine Campirides – Trusts and Estates
- John Caracappa – Litigation: Patent
- Jim Carolan – Real Estate Law
- Betty Jo Christian – Transportation Law
- Chuck Cole – Commercial Litigation; Railroad Law
- Robyn Crowther – Commercial Litigation
• Dick Cunningham – International Trade and Finance Law
• Steve Davidson – Commercial Litigation
• Peter Denton – Railroad Law; Transportation Law
• Michael Dockterman – Commercial Litigation; Litigation: Intellectual Property
• Laurie Edelstein – Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation
• Eric Emerson – International Trade and Finance Law
• Susan Esserman – International Trade and Finance Law
• Tom Filarski – Patent Law
• Harold Freilich – Project Finance Law
• Doug Green – Energy Law; Natural Resources Law
• Brian Heberlig – Bet-the-Company Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Toni Ianniello – Insurance Law; Legal Malpractice Law: Defendants
• Mark Johnson – Energy Law
• Walker Johnson – Tax Law
• Damon Kalt – Antitrust Law
• Will Keyser – Energy Law
• Philip Khinda – Securities Regulation
• Ed Krauland – International Trade and Finance Law
• Tony LaRocca – Railroad Law; Transportation Law
• Harry Lee – Insurance Law
• Alice Loughran – Railroad Law
• Lucinda Low – International Arbitration: Governmental; International Trade and Finance Law
• Suzanne Ross McDowell – Nonprofit/Charities Law; Tax Law
• Pantelis Michalopoulos – Communications Law
• Mike Miller – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Charley Mills – Derivatives and Futures Law; Securities/Capital Markets Law
• Mark Moran – International Trade and Finance Law
• Dan Mullen – Energy Law
• Chris Niewoehner – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Melanie Nussdorf – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation: ERISA
• Paul Ondrask – Litigation: ERISA
• Sara Pikofsky – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation: ERISA
• Daniel Poynor – Oil and Gas Law
• Jennifer Quinn-Barabanov – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions: Defendants
• Dave Raskin – Energy Law; Natural Resources Law
• Steve Reed – Natural Resources Law; Oil and Gas Law
• Jeff Reisner – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation
• Rick Roberts – Energy Law
• Jim Rocap – Insurance Law
• Eric Serron – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation: ERISA
• Mark Silverman – Corporate Law; Litigation and Controversy: Tax; Tax Law
• Sam Sipe – Railroad Law; Transportation Law
• Eric Solomon – Tax Law
• Linda Stein – Transportation Law
• Beth Tractenberg – Trusts and Estates
• Roger Warin – Arbitration; Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Legal Malpractice Law: Defendants; Mediation
• Reid Weingarten – Bet-the-Company Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Jason Weinstein – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Phil West – Litigation and Controversy: Tax; Tax Law
• Steve Wheeless – Labor Law: Management; Litigation: Labor and Employment
• Frank Winston – Insurance Law
• Matthew Yeo – International Trade and Finance Law
• Lisa Zarlenga – Tax Law

The following Steptoe lawyers are recognized as Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch:

• Evan Abrams – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Bill Andrichik – Commercial Litigation
• Melanie Ayerh – Commercial Litigation; Environmental Law
• Kristoph Becker – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Gregory Berman – Commercial Litigation
• Anthony Blondo – Intellectual Property Law; Litigation: Patent
• Karen Bruni – Energy Law
• Kate Cappaert – Litigation: Patent
• Scott Elmer – Commercial Litigation
• Matthew Friedman – Communications Law; Technology Law
• Tron Fu – Intellectual Property Law
• Nicole Harrison – Commercial Litigation
• Kate Johnson – Intellectual Property Law; Litigation: Patent
• Robert Kappers – Intellectual Property Law
• Thomas Kirby – Energy Law
• Cara Lawson – Commercial Litigation
• Meghan Newcomer – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Sarah Nural – Transportation Law
• Reem Sadik – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Mark Savignac – Appellate Practice
• Mike Scavelli – Commercial Litigation
• Mikiko Thelwell – Commercial Litigation
• Bill Toth – Antitrust Law; Litigation: Intellectual Property

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About Steptoe

In more than 100 years of practice, Steptoe has earned an international reputation for vigorous representation of clients before governmental agencies, successful advocacy in litigation and arbitration, and creative and practical advice in structuring business transactions. Steptoe has more than 500 lawyers and other professional staff across offices in Beijing, Brussels, Chicago, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Washington. For more information, visit www.steptoe.com.
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Trade Policy & Negotiations
Infrastructure & Project Finance
Professional Liability
Tax
Antitrust/Competition
Capital Markets/Securities