Overview
(August 23, 2021, Washington, DC) — Steptoe has received 68 individual nods in the 2022 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, with six partners named “Lawyer of the Year.” An additional 23 lawyers have been recognized in the second edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch.

Best Lawyers is based on a peer-review survey in which all candidates recognized on the previous list are eligible to vote on other nominated lawyers working in the same practice and located in the same geographic region. For the 2022 edition of the US guide, some 10.8 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 and metropolitan areas:

- Larry Hill – Litigation and Controversy: Tax (New York)
- Steve Reed – Natural Resources Law (Washington, DC)
- Eric Serron – Litigation: ERISA (Washington, DC)
- Eric Solomon – Tax Law (Washington, DC)
- Roger Warin – Legal Malpractice Law: Defendants (Washington, DC)
- Steve Wheeless – Labor Law: Management (Washington, DC)

The following Steptoe lawyers are listed in the 28th edition of The Best Lawyer in America:

- Fil Agusti – Litigation: Bankruptcy
- Stewart Baker – Privacy and Data Security Law
- Brigida Benitez – Employment Law: Management
- Michael Bromwich – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Steve Brose – Energy Law; Natural Resources Law; Oil and Gas Law
- Donna Byrne – Energy 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
- 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
• Eric Emerson – International Trade and Finance Law
• Susan Esserman – International Trade and Finance Law
• Tom Filarski – Patent Law
• Harold Freilich – Project Finance Law
• Sarah Gordon – Insurance Law
• Doug Green – Energy Law
• Brian Heberlig – Bet-the-Company Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Larry Hill – Litigation and Controversy: Tax
• Toni Ianniello – Insurance Law; Legal Malpractice Law: Defendants
• Mark Johnson – Energy Law
• Walker Johnson – Tax Law
• Damon Kalt – Antitrust Law
• Will Keyser – Energy Law
• Ed Krauland – International Trade and Finance Law
• Matt Kulkin – Derivatives; Futures 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
• Pantelis Michailopoulos – Communications Law
• Mike Miller – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Charley Mills – Derivatives and Futures Law; Securities/Capital Markets Law
• Dan Mullen – Energy Law
• Chris Niewoehner – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Melanie Nußdorf – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation: ERISA
• Jay Nuttall – Litigation: Patent, Patent Law
• Paul Ondrasik – Litigation: ERISA
• Sara Pikofsky – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation: ERISA
• Daniel Pynnor – Oil and Gas Law
• Jennifer Quinn-Barabanov – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions: Defendants
• Elinor Ramey – Tax Law
• Dave Raskin – Energy Law; Natural Resources Law
• Meredith Rathbone – International Trade and Finance 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
• Bob Shuftan – Litigation: Environmental
• Eric Solomon – Tax Law
• Linda Stein – Transportation Law
• Beth Tractenberg – Trusts and Estates
• Amanda Varma – Tax Law
• Roger Warin – Arbitration; Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Legal Malpractice Law: Defendants; Mediation
• Michael Weiner – Antitrust Law; Litigation – Antitrust
• Reid Weingarten – Bet-the-Company Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Jason Weinstein – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
• Jeff Weiss – International Trade and Finance Law
• 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
- Azar Alexander – Commercial Litigation
- Bill Andrichik – Commercial Litigation
- Melanie Ayerh – Commercial Litigation; Environmental Law
- Lauren Azebu – Tax Law
- Khristoph Becker – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Gregory Berman – Commercial Litigation
- Karen Bruni – Energy Law
- Kate Cappaert – Litigation: Patent, Patent Law
- Matthew Friedman – Communications Law; Technology Law
- Tron Fu – Intellectual Property Law
- Nicole Harrison – Commercial Litigation
- Robert Kappers – Intellectual Property Law
- Thomas Kirby – Energy Law
- Cara Lawson – Commercial Litigation
- Morgan Lucas – Commercial Litigation
- Meghan Newcomer – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Reem Sadik – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Mark Savignac – Appellate Practice
- Mike Scavelli – Commercial Litigation
- Anna Targowska – Litigation: Patent
- Bill Toth – Antitrust Law; Litigation: Intellectual Property

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