

89 MGC Attorneys Recognized in 2026 The Best Lawyers in America®

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COLUMBIA, SC – Law firm McAngus Goudelock & Courie (MGC) is pleased to announce the inclusion of 89 attorneys in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2026 lists. This recognition underscores the firm's extensive reach and commitment to client service nationwide, with accolades spanning 25 practice areas in 11 states.

49 attorneys were named to the flagship *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2026 list. Among this distinguished group, three attorneys were named “Lawyer of the Year” in their respective practice areas: in the Charlotte, NC metro area, John Barringer was recognized as Litigation – Insurance “Lawyer of the Year”; in the Columbia, SC metro area, Mundi George was recognized as Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers “Lawyer of the Year” and in the Myrtle Beach, SC metro area, Dominic Star was recognized as Litigation – Insurance “Lawyer of the Year.”

Additionally, 40 attorneys were named to the *Best Lawyers*®: Ones to Watch 2026 list, which celebrates rising stars in private practice who demonstrate outstanding professional excellence early in their careers.

The Best Lawyers in America®

Asheville, NC

- Joseph Hamrick: Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers
- John Spainhour: Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Insurance

Atlanta, GA

- Lynn Olmert: Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers
- Christopher Whitlock: Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers
- Kathryn Whitlock: Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

Boston, MA

- Timothy Frawley: Litigation – Insurance
- John O’Neil: Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance

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- Barbara O'Donnell: Insurance Law; Litigation – Insurance
- Jessica Park: Insurance Law
- Robert Whitney: Insurance Law

Brentwood, TN

- Paul Brewer: Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Litigation - Construction

Charlotte, NC

- John Barringer: Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance ("Lawyer of the Year"); Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Chuck Cheney: Workers Compensation Law – Employers
- Heather Connor: Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Construction
- John Jeffries: Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Construction; Litigation - Insurance; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- George Kurani: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Sally Moran: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- John Morris: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Robert Starnes: Workers' Compensation – Employers
- Andrew Ussery: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Columbia, SC

- Chad Abramson: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Trippett Boineau: Litigation – Construction; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Sterling Davies: Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Construction; Litigation - Insurance; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Scott Garrett: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Mundi George: Workers' Compensation Law - Employers ("Lawyer of the Year")
- Rusty Goudelock: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Tommy Lydon: Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation;

- Stuart Moore: Workers' Compensation Law - Claimants; Workers' Compensation Law - Employers
- Julie Moose: Commercial Litigation

Greenville, SC

- Mark Allison: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Erroll Anne Hodges: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Shayne Williams: Workers' Compensation Law - Employers

Knoxville, TN

- Josh Wolfe: Construction Law; Insurance Law

Manchester, NH

- Alexander Henlin: Litigation – Insurance

Memphis, TN

- Tom Cassidy: Insurance Law; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Mount Pleasant, SC

- Mark Davis: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Amy Jenkins: Employment Law - Individuals; Employment Law - Management; Litigation - ERISA; Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Allison Nussbaum: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- JD Smith: Litigation - Construction; Litigation - Insurance; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Myrtle Beach, SC

- Dominic Starr: Litigation - Insurance ("Lawyer of the Year")

Oxford, MS

- Jay Atkins: Construction Law; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Providence, RI

- David Zizik: Insurance Law; Reinsurance Law

Raleigh, NC

- Melissa Cleary: Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants; Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- JD Keister: Insurance Law; Litigation – Construction

Ridgeland, MS

- Holly Nash Hodge: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Ginger Robey: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- W. Bienville "Ben" Skipper: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Bobby Thompson: Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Wilmington, NC

- Walt Rapp: Litigation – Insurance

Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch

Asheville, NC

- Richard Haywood: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Atlanta, GA

- Taylor Alig: Insurance Law
- Derron Bowles: Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Construction; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Camille Dizon: Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Professional Malpractice Law
- Mark Edwards: Commercial Litigation
- Ashley Howard: Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law

- Meredith Knight: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Brentwood, TN

- Alston Peek: Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law

Charlotte, NC

- Mason Littlefield: Workers' Compensation Law - Defendants; Workers' Compensation Law - Employers

Columbia, SC

- Brett Bayne: Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Riley Bearden: Insurance Law; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Jason Lockhart: Workers' Compensation Law - Employers
- Elizabeth Millender: Labor and Employment Law - Management
- Matt Moser: Workers' Compensation Law - Defendants; Workers' Compensation Law - Employers
- Adam Ribock: Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Michael Trask: Insurance Law; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Garden City, NY

- Liz Athenas: Intellectual Property Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- Kelsey Miller: Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Insurance Law; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

Greenville, SC

- Kristie Commins: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Madelyn Dukes: Construction Law; Insurance Law; Litigation - Construction; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Ashley Forbes: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Katie Grove: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Amanda Neely: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Manchester, NH

- Iryna Dore: Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Labor and Employment Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment; Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants

Memphis, TN

- Garrett O’Brien: Commercial Litigation; Workers' Compensation Law – Defendants; Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Wade Scofield: Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Mount Pleasant, SC

- Shawn Bevans: Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Jonathan Lane: Labor and Employment Law – Management

Nashville, TN

- Marian Greer: Commercial Litigation

Philadelphia, PA

- Erin Lamb: Construction Law; Insurance Law; Litigation – Construction; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
- Joshua Sonstein: Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Raleigh, NC

- Luke Dalton: Commercial Litigation
- Stephanie Owens Gearhart: Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers
- Cassie Keen: Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers
- Ben Simpson: Workers’ Compensation – Claimants; Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers

Richmond, VA

- Benjamin Woody: Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Ridgeland, MS

- Paul Blake: Insurance Law
- Laura Givens: Commercial Litigation

Wilmington, NC

- Chris Bell: Insurance Law; Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Jason Touns: Workers' Compensation Law - Defendants; Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

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