

2024 Best Lawyers® Award Recipients

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Friday Eldredge & Clark LLP congratulates the 61 lawyers named to 2024 *The Best Lawyers in America* list:

• Little Rock, AR

○ Christopher J. Heller (2006)

- Administrative / Regulatory Law
- Appellate Practice
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Education Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

○ Robert S. Shafer (2007)

- Appellate Practice

○ William A. Waddell, Jr. (2001)

- Appellate Practice
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Franchise Law
- Litigation – Banking and Finance

○ Kimberly D. Young (2021)

- Appellate Practice
- Litigation – Insurance
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Qui Tam Law

○ Robert T. Smith (2013)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Commercial Finance Law

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- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Tax Law
- **Harry A. Light (2010)**
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Litigation – Bankruptcy
 - Litigation – Intellectual Property
- **Kevin A. Crass (2006)**
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Intellectual Property
 - Litigation – Securities
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **William Mell Griffin III (1997)**
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Insurance
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Elizabeth Robben Murray (2003)**
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Employment Law – Individuals
 - Employment Law – Management
 - Litigation – Labor and Employment
 - Trade Secrets Law
- **David D. Wilson (2012)**
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Jay T. Taylor (2007)**
 - Commercial Finance Law
 - Real Estate Law
 - Securities / Capital Markets Law
- **Jamie H. Jones (2021)**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Insurance
 - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Amy C. Markham (2023)**
 - Construction Law
 - Litigation – Insurance
- **Paul B. Benham III (1989)**

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation
- **Bryan W. Duke (2012)**
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Real Estate Law
 - Securities / Capital Markets Law
 - Tax Law
- **Walter M. Ebel III (1995)**
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Securities / Capital Markets Law
 - Tax Law
- **Price C. Gardner (2001)**
 - Corporate Law
 - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
 - Litigation and Controversy – Tax
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Real Estate Law
 - Securities / Capital Markets Law
 - Tax Law
- **Joseph G. Nichols (2018)**
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Real Estate Law
 - Securities / Capital Markets Law
 - Tax Law
 - Venture Capital Law
- **Thomas P. Leggett (2007)**
 - Economic Development Law
 - Public Finance Law
- **James M. Saxton (1999)**
 - Economic Development Law
 - Oil and Gas Law
 - Real Estate Law
- **Khayyam M. Eddings (2014)**
 - Education Law
 - Employment Law – Individuals
 - Employment Law – Management
- **Bruce B. Tidwell (2010)**
 - Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
 - Health Care Law
 - Real Estate Law

- **David M. Graf (2010)**
 - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Joseph B. Hurst, Jr. (1989)**
 - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Alexandra A. Ifrah (2009)**
 - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **A. Wyckliff Nisbet, Jr. (1989)**
 - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Joshua M. Osborne (2024)**
 - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Brian C. Smith (2021)**
 - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Jeremiah D. Wood (2021)**
 - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **H. Wayne Young (2015)**
 - Employment Law – Individuals
 - Employment Law – Management
 - Labor Law – Management
 - Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Michael S. Moore (2006)**
 - Employment Law – Management
 - Labor Law – Management
 - Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Donald H. Bacon (2005)**
 - Health Care Law
 - Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Timothy Ezell (2023)**
 - Health Care Law
- **Lynda M. Johnson (2001)**
 - Health Care Law
- **James C. Baker, Jr. (2011)**
 - Insurance Law
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Kathy McCarroll (2024)**
 - Insurance Law
- **Michael McCarty Harrison (2021)**
 - Litigation – Insurance
- **Allison J. Cornwell (2010)**
 - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
 - Trusts and Estates

- **Sarah Cotton Patterson (2009)**
 - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
 - Nonprofit / Charities Law
 - Trusts and Estates
- **Katie Watson Bingham (2023)**
 - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
 - Nonprofit / Charities Law
 - Trusts and Estates
- **Martin A. Kasten (2021)**
 - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Michelle Ator (2008)**
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Bradley S. Runyon (2016)**
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- **Laura H. Smith (1991)**
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Ryan A. Bowman (2017)**
 - Municipal Law
 - Public Finance Law
- **W. Taylor Marshall (2020)**
 - Municipal Law
 - Public Finance Law
- **D. Michael Moyers (2019)**
 - Municipal Law
 - Public Finance Law
- **J. Shepherd Russell III (2007)**
 - Municipal Law
 - Project Finance Law
 - Public Finance Law
 - Securitization and Structured Finance Law
- **K. Coleman Westbrook, Jr. (2007)**
 - Nonprofit / Charities Law
 - Trusts and Estates
- **Guy Alton Wade (2005)**
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
 - Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- **Robert B. Beach, Jr. (2007)**
 - Public Finance Law
- **Kristopher B. Knox (2021)**
 - Railroad Law

- **Scott H. Tucker (2008)**
 - Railroad Law
- **Michael Childers (2023)**
 - Real Estate Law
- **James C. Clark (2013)**
 - Real Estate Law
- **W. Thomas Baxter (1993)**
 - Tax Law
 - Trusts and Estates
- **J. Lee Brown (2001)**
 - Tax Law
 - Trusts and Estates
- **Rogers, AR**
 - **Jason N. Bramlett (2010)**
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
 - **Clifford W. Plunkett (2010)**
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
 - **Marshall S. Ney (2009)**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Banking and Finance
 - Litigation – Bankruptcy
 - Litigation – Labor and Employment
 - **E. Conner McNair (2021)**
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Real Estate Law
 - Tax Law

8 Friday Eldredge & Clark LLP Lawyers Named to 2024 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America

- **Rogers, AR**
 - **Katherine C. Campbell (2021)**
 - Antitrust Law
 - Appellate Practice
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Education Law
 - Labor and Employment Law – Management
 - Litigation – Labor and Employment
 - **Kael K. Bowling (2021)**
 - Appellate Practice
 - Banking and Finance Law
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Construction
- Litigation – Real Estate

- **Little Rock, AR**

- **Kathy McCarroll (2021)**

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Insurance Law

- **Lindsey Emerson Raines (2021)**

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Intellectual Property Law

- **Amie K. Wilcox (2022)**

- Health Care Law

- **Tyler D. Bone (2021)**

- Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants

- **Taylor A Stockemer (2024)**

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Tax Law

- **Sarah Giammo (2022)**

- Public Finance Law

12 Named 2024 Best Lawyers® “Lawyer of the Year” in the Little Rock Area.

- **2024**

- **Little Rock**

- J. Lee Brown – Tax Law
- J. Lee Brown – Trusts and Estates
- Bryan W. Duke – Corporate Law
- Price C. Gardner – Litigation and Controversy – Tax
- Harry A. Light – Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Michael S. Moore – Employment Law – Management
- Elizabeth Robben Murray – Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Elizabeth Robben Murray – Employment Law – Individuals
- Sarah Cotton Patterson – Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- J. Shepherd Russell III – Public Finance Law
- J. Shepherd Russell III – Municipal Law
- Robert T. Smith – Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Jay T. Taylor – Real Estate Law
- William A. Waddell, Jr. – Litigation – Banking and Finance
- K. Coleman Westbrook, Jr. – Nonprofit / Charities Law

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