



BENCHMARK  
LITIGATION

**US AWARDS 2025**  
**SHORTLIST**

Thursday, March 6

583 Park Avenue

New York

## STATE AWARDS

### ALABAMA

Barze Taylor Noles Lowther  
Bradley  
Lightfoot Franklin & White  
Maynard Nexsen  
Starnes Davis Florie

### ALASKA

Asburn & Mason  
Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt  
Stoel Rives

### ARIZONA

Lewis Roca  
Osborn Maledon  
Papetti Samuels Weiss McKirgan  
Polsinelli

### ARKANSAS

Friday Eldredge & Clark  
Quattlebaum Grooms & Tull  
Wright Lindsey Jennings

### CALIFORNIA

Bird Marella Rhow Lincenberg Dooks  
& Nessim  
Hueston Hennigan  
Latham & Watkins  
Willenken

### COLORADO

Bartlit Beck  
Davis Graham  
Holland & Hart  
Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell

### CONNECTICUT

Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey  
Robinson & Cole  
Wiggin and Dana

### DELAWARE

Abrams & Bayliss  
Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann  
Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell  
Richards Layton & Finger  
Ross Aronstam & Moritz

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Covington & Burling  
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Sidley Austin  
Wilkinson Stekloff  
Williams & Connolly

### FLORIDA

Akerman  
Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod  
Greenberg Traurig  
Greenspoon Marder  
Hunton Andrews Kurth

### GEORGIA

Greenberg Traurig  
King & Spalding  
Smith Gambrell & Russell  
Troutman Pepper

### HAWAII

Cades Schutte  
Carlsmith Ball  
Cox Fricke  
Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel  
Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher

### IDAHO

Gjording Fouser  
Holland & Hart  
Stoel Rives

### STATE AWARDS

#### ILLINOIS

Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum &  
Nagelberg  
Bartlit Beck  
Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan &  
Baum  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila

#### INDIANA

Barnes & Thornburg  
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath  
Taft Law

#### IOWA

Ahlers & Cooney  
Dorsey & Whitney  
Nyemaster Goode

#### KANSAS

Foulston Siefkin  
Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile Rhodes  
Stinson

#### KENTUCKY

Dentons  
Frost Brown Todd  
Stites & Harbison  
Stoll Keenon Ogden  
Wyatt Tarrant & Combs

#### LOUISIANA

Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman &  
Sarver  
Fishman Haygood  
Jones Walker  
Phelps Dunbar  
Pipes Miles Beckman

#### MAINE

Berman & Simmons  
Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios  
Verrill Dana

#### MARYLAND

DLA Piper  
Kramon & Graham  
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough  
Saul Ewing

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Choate Hall & Stewart  
Goodwin  
Nixon Peabody  
Saul Ewing  
WilmerHale

#### MICHIGAN

Bodman  
Bush Seyferth  
Dickinson Wright  
Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge

#### MINNESOTA

Bowman and Brooke  
Norton Rose Fulbright  
Robins Kaplan  
Stinson  
Winthrop & Weinstine

#### MISSISSIPPI

Bradley  
Brunini Grantham Grower & Hewes  
Butler Snow  
Watkins & Eager

#### MISSOURI

Armstrong Teasdale  
Husch Blackwell  
Polsinelli  
Stinson  
UB Greensfelder

#### MONTANA

Boone Karlberg  
Crowley Fleck  
Goetz Baldwin & Geddes

#### NEBRASKA

Baird Holm  
Husch Blackwell  
Kutak Rock

### STATE AWARDS

#### NEVADA

Bailey Kennedy  
Campbell & Williams  
Lewis Roca

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Downs Rachlin Martin  
Jackson Lewis  
McLane Middleton  
Nixon Peabody  
Sheehan Phinney Bass & Green

#### NEW JERSEY

Gibbons  
Greenberg Traurig  
Sills Cummis & Gross  
Tanenbaum Keale

#### NEW MEXICO

Modrall Sperling  
Rodey Law

#### NEW YORK

Cravath Swaine & Moore  
Holwell Shuster & Goldberg  
Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler  
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Brooks Pierce  
Ellis & Winters  
Williams Mullen  
Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson  
Smith Anderson

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Crowley Fleck  
Maring Williams Law Office  
Redstone Law Firm  
Vogel Law Firm

#### OHIO

Calfee Halter & Grisold  
Faruki  
Taft Law  
Thompson Hine  
UB Greensfelder  
Zeiger Tigges & Little

#### OKLAHOMA

Crowe & Dunlevy  
GableGotwals  
Hall Estill  
McAfee & Taft

#### OREGON

Davis Wright Tremaine  
Miller Nash  
Perkins Coie  
Stoel Rives  
Stoll Berne

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Ballard Spahr  
Dechert  
Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller  
Morgan Lewis & Bockius  
Reed Smith  
Saul Ewing

#### RHODE ISLAND

Adler Pollock & Sheehan  
Nixon Peabody  
Partridge Snow & Hahn

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

Gallivan White & Boyd  
Maynard Nexsen  
Motley Rice  
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough  
Turner Padgett Graham & Laney

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

Davenport Evans Hurwitz & Smith  
Heidepriem Purtell Siegel  
Johnson Janklow & Abdallah

#### TENNESSEE

Bass Berry & Sims  
Bradley  
Butler Snow

## STATE AWARDS

### TEXAS

Gibbs & Bruns  
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher  
Norton Rose Fulbright  
Reynolds Frizzell  
Susman Godfrey  
Tillotson Law

### UTAH

Fabian VanCott  
Holland & Hart  
Magleby Cataxinos & Greenwood  
Parr Brown Gee & Loveless  
Parsons Behle & Latimer

### VERMONT

Gravel & Shea  
Paul Frank + Collins  
Sheehey Furlong & Behm

### VIRGINIA

Hunton Andrews Kurth  
McGuireWoods  
Williams Mullen  
Troutman Pepper

### WASHINGTON

Corr Cronin  
Ballard Spahr  
Perkins Coie  
Summit Law Group

### WEST VIRGINIA

Bailey & Glasser  
Bowles Rice  
Dinsmore & Shohl  
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough  
Jackson Kelly

### WISCONSIN

Gass Turek  
Godfrey & Kahn  
Husch Blackwell  
Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren

### WYOMING

Davis & Cannon  
Hirst Applegate  
Holland & Hart

### PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

#### ANTITRUST FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton  
Cravath Swaine & Moore  
Latham & Watkins  
Williams & Connolly  
Proskauer

#### ANTITRUST LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**David Marriott**, Cravath Swaine &  
Moore  
**Michael Shuster**, Holwell Shuster &  
Goldberg  
**Christopher Ondeck**, Proskauer  
**Sara Razi**, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett  
**Joseph Saveri**, Saveri Law Firm

#### APPELLATE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher  
Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison  
Williams & Connolly  
WilmerHale  
Weil Gotshal & Manges

#### APPELLATE LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Lisa Blatt**, Williams & Connolly  
**Thomas Hungar**, Gibson Dunn &  
Crutcher  
**Jeffrey Lamken**, MoloLamken  
**Mark Perry**, Weil Gotshal & Manges  
**Kannon Shanmugam**, Paul Weiss  
Rifkind Wharton & Garrison  
**Seth Waxman**, WilmerHale

#### BANKRUPTCY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld  
Brown Rudnick  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Reid Collins & Tsai  
Weil Gotshal & Manges  
Sullivan & Cromwell

#### BANKRUPTCY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Andrew Leblanc**, Milbank  
**Elliot Moskowitz**, Davis Polk &  
Wardwell  
**Eric Madden**, Reid Collins & Tsai  
**Lisa Schweitzer**, Cleary Gottlieb Steen  
& Hamilton  
**Mike Slade**, Kirkland & Ellis  
**David Zensky**, Akin Gump Strauss  
Hauer & Feld

#### BOUTIQUE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Elsberg Baker & Maruri  
Hecker Fink  
Holwell Shuster & Goldberg  
Hueston Hennigan  
MoloLamken  
Wilkinson Stekloff  
Willenken

#### ENTERTAINMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bird Marella Rhow Lincenberg Dooks  
& Nessim  
Greenberg Traurig  
Kendall Brill & Kelly  
Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump & Aldisert  
Loeb & Loeb  
Proskauer

#### ENTERTAINMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Scott Edelman**, Gibson Dunn &  
Crutcher  
**Ekwon Rhow**, Bird Marella Rhow  
Lincenberg Dooks & Nessim  
**John Berlinski**, Bird Marella Rhow  
Lincenberg Dooks & Nessim  
**Matthew Rosengart**, Greenberg  
Traurig  
**Alex Weingarten**, Willkie Farr &  
Gallagher

#### ENVIRONMENTAL FIRM OF THE YEAR

Arnold & Porter  
Bartlit Beck  
Hunton Andrews Kurth  
Sidley Austin

### PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Erica Harris**, Susman Godfrey  
**Andrea Smith**, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher  
**Anna Rotman**, Kirkland & Ellis  
**Michael Shebelskie**, Hunton Andrews  
Kurth

#### INSURANCE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Anderson Kill  
Blank Rome  
Cohen Ziffer Frenchman & McKenna  
Covington & Burling  
Reed Smith  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**John Desmarais**, Desmarais  
**Christopher Larus**, Robins Kaplan  
**Joseph Mueller**, WilmerHale  
**Elizabeth Weiswasser**, Paul Weiss  
Rifkind Wharton & Garrison  
**Matthew Wolf**, Arnold & Porter

#### GENERAL COMMERCIAL FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cravath Swaine & Moore  
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher  
Holwell Shuster & Goldberg  
Hueston Hennigan  
Susman Godfrey  
Williams & Connolly

#### INSURANCE LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Robin Cohen**, Cohen Ziffer Frenchman  
& McKenna  
**Andrew Frankel**, Simpson Thacher &  
Bartlett  
**Robert Horkovich**, Anderson Kill  
**Eileen McCabe**, Mendes and Mount  
**Omid Safa**, Blank Rome

#### INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton  
Debevoise & Plimpton  
Freshfields  
King & Spalding  
White & Case

#### GENERAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Mike Carlinsky**, Quinn Emanuel  
Urquhart & Sullivan  
**John Hueston**, Hueston Hennigan  
**Hallie Levin**, WilmerHale  
**Kevin Orsini**, Cravath Swaine & Moore  
**Michael Shuster**, Holwell Shuster &  
Goldberg

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Desmarais  
Groombridge Wu Baughman & Stone  
Latham & Watkins  
WilmerHale  
Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison

#### INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Julie Bédard**, Skadden Arps Meagher  
Slate & Flom  
**Ina Popova**, Debevoise & Plimpton  
**Carolyn Lamm**, White & Case  
**Ari MacKinnon**, Cleary Gottlieb Steen  
& Hamilton  
**Greg Williams**, Sidley Austin

### PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

#### LABOR & EMPLOYMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher  
Harris St. Laurent & Wechsler  
Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein  
Proskauer  
Sanford Heisler Sharp McKnight

#### LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Neil Abramson**, Proskauer  
**Kelly Dermody**, Lieff Cabraser Heimann  
& Bernstein  
**Theane Evangelis**, Gibson Dunn &  
Crutcher  
**Shannon Liss-Riordan**, Lichten & Liss  
Riordan  
**Russell Kornblith**, Sanford Heisler  
Sharp McKnight

#### PLAINTIFF FIRM OF THE YEAR

Berman Tabacco  
Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann  
DiCello Levitt  
Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein  
Pomerantz  
Reid Collins & Tsai  
Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd  
Saveri Law

#### PLAINTIFF LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Jason Forge**, Robbins Geller Rudman  
& Dowd  
**Emma Gilmore**, Pomerantz  
**Mark Lanier**, The Lanier Law Firm  
**William Reid**, Reid Collins & Tsai  
**Joseph Saveri**, Saveri Law Firm  
**Carol Villegas**, Labaton Keller  
Sucharow

#### PRODUCT LIABILITY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Covington & Burling  
Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan &  
Baum  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough  
Skadden Arps Meagher Slate & Flom  
Williams & Connolly

#### PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Allison Brown**, Kirkland & Ellis  
**Manuel Cachán**, Skadden Arps  
Meagher Slate & Flom  
**Phyllis Jones**, Covington & Burling  
**Jennifer Saulino**, Sidley Austin  
**Brian Stekloff**, Wilkinson Stekloff  
**Bart Williams**, Proskauer

#### SECURITIES FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cravath Swaine & Moore  
Freshfields  
Latham & Watkins  
Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

#### SECURITIES LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Andrew Ceresney**, Debevoise &  
Plimpton  
**Jason Forge**, Robbins Geller Rudman  
& Dowd  
**Robert Giuffra**, Sullivan & Cromwell  
**Adam Hakki**, A&O Shearman  
**Michele Johnson**, Latham & Watkins  
**Brad Karp**, Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton  
& Garrison

#### TRIAL FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bartlit Beck  
Cravath Swaine & Moore  
Hueston Hennigan  
Susman Godfrey  
Wilkinson Stekloff  
WilmerHale



## PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

### TRIAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR

**Brian Glasser**, Bailey & Glasser  
**John Hueston**, Hueston Hennigan  
**David Marriott**, Cravath Swaine &  
Moore  
**Jennifer Saulino**, Sidley Austin  
**Beth Wilkinson**, Wilkinson Stekloff

### WHITE COLLAR CRIME/ INVESTIGATIONS FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton  
Debevoise & Plimpton  
Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason &  
Anello  
Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison  
Williams & Connolly  
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher

### WHITE COLLAR CRIME/ INVESTIGATIONS LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**Sean Berkowitz**, Latham & Watkins  
**Barry Berke**, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher  
**Sean Hecker**, Hecker Fink  
**David Zinn**, Williams & Connolly  
**Anjan Sahni**, WilmerHale  
**Gary Lincenberg**, Bird Marella Rhow  
Lincenberg Dooks & Nessim

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