

Best Lawyers Recognizes 31 Stone Pigman Attorneys in 2022 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America*

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Best Lawyers in America selected five Stone Pigman attorneys as 2022 "Lawyers of the Year." **Joe Caverly** for Venture Capital Law, **Laura Plunkett** for Trusts and Estates, **Michael Schneider** for Land Use and Zoning Law, **Noel Darce** for Energy Regulatory Law, and **Scott Whittaker** for Mergers and Acquisitions Law are 2022 "Lawyers of the Year" for New Orleans. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as "Lawyer of the Year."

In addition, 31 Stone Pigman attorneys, representing 38 areas of law, were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. The lawyers, and the practice areas in which they are listed, are:

- **Hirschel Abbott**
 - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
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- **Steve Bullock**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Intellectual Property
- **Joe Caverly**
 - 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" New Orleans for Venture Capital Law
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Doug Cochran**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Insurance Law
- **John Colbert**
 - Tax Law
- **Noel Darce**
 - 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" New Orleans for Energy Regulatory Law
 - Utilities Law
- **Mike Fontham**

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- Appellate Practice
- Energy Law
- **Jay Gulotta**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Environmental
 - Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action Defendants
- **Kathryn Knight**
 - Employment Law – Management
 - Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **John Landis**
 - Litigation – Antitrust
 - Litigation – Bankruptcy
- **Mike Landry**
 - Corporate Law
- **Wayne Lee**
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Insurance Law
 - Litigation – Antitrust
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Heather Lonian**
 - Commercial Litigation
- **Paul Masinter**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Securities
- **Brett Mason**
 - Insurance Law
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Larry Orlansky**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Gaming Law
 - Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants
 - Litigation – Securities
- **Laura Walker Plunkett**
 - 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" New Orleans for Trusts and Estates

- Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
- **Edward Poitevent**
 - Energy Law
 - Oil and Gas Law
- **David Rieveschl**
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Securities/Capital Markets Law
- **Michael Schneider**
 - 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" New Orleans for Land Use and Zoning Law
 - Construction Law
 - Leisure and Hospitality Law
 - Real Estate Law
- **Dana Shelton**
 - Energy Regulatory Law
 - Utilities Law
- **James Slaton**
 - Real Estate Law
- **Susan Talley**
 - Banking and Finance Law
 - Project Finance Law
 - Real Estate Law
- **Peter Thomson**
 - Admiralty and Maritime Law
- **Bill Treeby**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Environmental
- **Michael Walshe**
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
 - Commercial Litigation
- **Nick Wehlen**
 - Litigation – Construction
 - Litigation – Securities
- **Scott Whittaker**
 - 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" New Orleans for Mergers and Acquisitions Law

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Law
- Real Estate Law
- Venture Capital Law
- **Rachel Wendt Wisdom**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Labor and Employment
 - Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions Defendants
- **Phil Wittmann**
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Family Law
 - Litigation – Environmental
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Paul Zimmering**
 - Energy Law

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