

Best Lawyers* Recognizes 33 Stone Pigman Attorneys in the 2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America

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Best Lawyers in America selected five Stone Pigman attorneys as 2024 "Lawyers of the Year." Doug Cochran is recognized as the 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" in Baton Rouge for Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants. Noel Darce for Administrative/Regulatory Law, Wayne Lee for Insurance Law, Michael Schneider for Land Use and Zoning Law, and Scott Whittaker for Corporate Law were recognized as the 2024 "Lawyers of the Year" in New Orleans. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as "Lawyer of the Year."

Additionally, 33 Stone Pigman attorneys, representing 48 areas of law, were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2024 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

- Advertising Law
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Intellectual Property

Joe Caverly

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Venture Capital Law

Doug Cochran

- 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" Baton Rouge for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law

ATTORNEYS

Hirschel T. Abbott, Jr.

Stephen G. Bullock

Joseph L. Caverly

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John W. Colbert

Noel J. Darce

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Peter M. Thomson

Brooke C. Tigchelaar

Michael Q. Walshe, Jr.

Nicholas J. Wehlen

Scott T. Whittaker

Dorothy H. Wimberly

Rachel Wendt Wisdom

HONORS & AWARDS

- Litigation – Insurance

Phillip A. Wittmann

John Colbert

Paul L. Zimmering

- Tax Law

Noel Darce

- 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" New Orleans for Administrative/Regulatory Law
- Energy Regulatory Law
- Utilities Law

Daria Diaz

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental

Mike Fontham

- Appellate Practice
- Energy Law
- Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)

Jay Gulotta

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Environmental
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action Defendants

Kathryn Knight

- Employment Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

John Landis

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation – Antitrust
- Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Construction

Mike Landry

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)

- Corporate Law

Wayne Lee

- 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" New Orleans for Insurance Law
- Antitrust Law
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Antitrust
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Justin Lemaire

- Commercial Litigation

Heather Lonian

- Commercial Litigation

Paul Masinter

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions
- Litigation – Securities

Brett Mason

- Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Insurance Law
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Larry Orlansky

- Commercial Litigation
- Gaming Law
- Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Litigation – Securities

Edward Poitevent

- Energy Law
- Energy Regulatory Law

- Mining Law
- Oil and Gas Law

David Rieveschl

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Securities/Capital Markets Law

Michael Schneider

- 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" New Orleans for Land Use and Zoning Law
- Construction Law
- Leisure and Hospitality Law
- Project Finance Law
- Real Estate Law

Dana Shelton

- Administrative/Regulatory Law
- Energy Regulatory Law
- Utilities Law

James Slaton

- Banking and Finance Law
- Real Estate Law

Susan Talley

- Banking and Finance Law
- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Project Finance Law
- Real Estate Law

Peter Thomson

- Admiralty and Maritime Law

Brooke Tigchelaar

- Family Law

Michael Walshe

- Advertising Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Trusts and Estates

Nick Wehlen

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Construction
- Litigation – Securities

Scott Whittaker

- 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" New Orleans for Corporate Law
- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Cannabis Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Project Finance Law
- Real Estate Law
- Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Venture Capital Law

Dorothy Wimberly

- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants

Rachel Wendt Wisdom

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Law – Individuals
- Employment Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions Defendants

Phil Wittmann

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Family Law

HONORS & AWARDS

- Family Law Mediation
- Litigation – Environmental
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Paul Zimmering

- Energy Law