



# 178 Proskauer Lawyers Recognized by "The Best Lawyers in America" 2021 Awards

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**NEW YORK**, August 20, 2020 – Proskauer lawyers from across the Firm's U.S. offices have been selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2021 guide. The guide has been in print for over thirty years and is the result of a sophisticated peer review survey. This year, 145 Proskauer lawyers have been ranked "Best Lawyers" and 33 are ranked in the inaugural "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" list which highlights lawyers who have practiced for 10 years or less.

**In addition, four of our lawyers were recognized as the exclusive "Lawyers of the Year" in their respective practices:**

- Robert Burke - Tax Law (Boston)
- Siegmund Gutman - Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice (Los Angeles)
- David Grunblatt - Immigration Law (New York)
- Lawrence Weinstein - Advertising Law (New York)

"Lawyers of the Year" awards go to individual lawyers with the highest overall peer feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region.

**Proskauer lawyers ranked as "Best Lawyers" include:**

- Neil H. Abramson - Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management (New York)
- Michael J. Album - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (New York)
- Julie M. Allen - Corporate Law (New York)
- Peter J. Antoszyk - Banking and Finance Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Boston)
- Ehud Barak - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (New York)

- Keith R. Barnett - Real Estate Law (Boston)
- John P. Barry - Employment Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment (New York)
- Mark W. Batten - Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment (Boston)
- Steven M. Bauer - Litigation - Intellectual Property; Litigation – Patent; Patent Law (Boston)
- Joseph Baumgarten - Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment (New York)
- Howard J. Beber - Corporate Law; Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law (Boston)
- Martin J. Bienenstock - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy (New York)
- Allan S. Bloom - Employment Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment (New York)
- Elise M. Bloom - Employment Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment (New York)
- Lauren K. Boglivi - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (New York)
- Ira G. Bogner - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (New York)
- Sean T. Boulger - Real Estate Law (Boston)
- Stephen A. Boyko - Banking and Finance Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Boston)
- Harold M. Brody - Employment Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment (Los Angeles)
- Robert D. Burke - Tax Law (Boston)
- Perry A. Cacace - Real Estate Law (New York)
- Michael E. Callahan - Leveraged Buyouts; Private Equity Law (New York)
- Robert A. Cantone - Corporate Law; Technology Law (New York)
- Joseph A. Capraro, Jr. - Patent Law (Boston)
- Michael A. Cardozo - Commercial Litigation (New York)
- Fangli Chen, Ph.D. - Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice; Patent Law (Boston)
- Michael J. Choate - Real Estate Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law (Chicago)
- Robert J. Cleary - Criminal Defense: White-Collar (New York)

- Stuart H. Coleman - Mutual Funds Law (New York)
- Scott P. Cooper - Commercial Litigation; Sports Law (Los Angeles)
- Sandra A. Crawshaw-Sparks - Entertainment Law – Music; Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Charles A. Dale III - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy (Boston)
- Stephen M. Edwards - Public Finance Law; Real Estate Law; Securitization and Structured Finance Law (Boston)
- Nicole A. Eichberger - Litigation – ERISA (New Orleans)
- Steven M. Ellis - Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law (Boston)
- Peter M. Fass - Real Estate Law (New York)
- Scott A. Faust - Labor Law – Management (Boston)
- Michael D. Fernhoff - Tax Law (Los Angeles)
- Ralph C. Ferrara - Commercial Litigation; Corporate Compliance Law; Corporate Governance Law; Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions; Litigation – Securities; Securities / Capital Markets Law; Securities Regulation (Washington, DC)
- Michael A. Firestein - Commercial Litigation (Los Angeles)
- Douglas B. Frank - Real Estate Law (Los Angeles)
- Robert E. Freeman - Sports Law (New York)
- Jacob I. Friedman - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (New York)
- Howard L. Ganz - Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Sports Law (New York)
- Mitchell M. Gaswirth - Tax Law; Trusts and Estates (Los Angeles)
- Evandro C. Gigante - Employment Law – Management (New York)
- Kate Gold - Litigation - Labor and Employment (Los Angeles)
- Richard M. Goldstein - Litigation - Real Estate (New York)
- Ira M. Golub - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (New York)
- Albert W. Gortz - Trusts and Estates (Boca Raton)
- Daryn A. Grossman - Technology Law (New York)
- Deidre A. Grossman - Employment Law – Management (New York)
- David M. Grunblatt - Immigration Law (New York)

- Siegmund Gutman - Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice (Los Angeles)
- Paul M. Hamburger - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (Washington, DC)
- Mark D. Harris - Criminal Defense: White-Collar (New York)
- Colleen M. Hart - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (Los Angeles)
- Stephanie Heilborn - Trusts and Estates (New York)
- Jeffrey A. Horwitz - Corporate Law; Real Estate Law
- Steven D. Hurd - Employment Law – Management (New York)
- Arnold S. Jacobs - Corporate Law (New York)
- David T. Jones - Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law (Boston)
- Scott S. Jones P.C. - Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law; Tax Law (Boston)
- Robert J. Kafin - Environmental Law (New York)
- Wayne D. Katz - Sports Law (New York)
- Andrew M. Katzenstein - Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates (Los Angeles)
- Robert M. Kaufman - Health Care Law (New York)
- Michael P. Kessler - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy (New York)
- Steven L. Kirshenbaum - Corporate Law (New York)
- Edward S. Kornreich - Health Care Law (New York)
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- Gregg M. Mashberg - Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions; Litigation – Securities (New York)
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- Kathleen M. McKenna - Employment Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment (New York)
- Stephen T. Mears - Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law (Boston)
- David S. Miller - Tax Law (New York)
- Sandra Lee Montgomery - Securitization and Structured Finance Law (Los Angeles)
- Ellen H. Moskowitz - Health Care Law (New York)
- Kimberly A. Mottley - Litigation – Patent (Boston)
- Timothy W. Mungovan - Commercial Litigation (Boston)
- Jeffrey D. Neuburger - Information Technology Law; Technology Law (New York)
- Amanda H. Nussbaum - Tax Law (New York)
- Steven E. Obus - Arbitration; Mediation (New York)
- Matthew S. O'Loughlin - International Mergers and Acquisitions (Los Angeles)
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- Brendan J. O'Rourke - Advertising Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property (New York)
- Charles B. Ortner - Entertainment Law – Music (New York)
- Robin A. Painter - Corporate Law; Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law (Boston)
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- Kevin J. Perra - Litigation - Intellectual Property (New York)
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- Howard Z. Robbins - Labor Law – Management (New York)
- Kathy H. Rocklen - Corporate Law (New York)
- Brian S. Rosen - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (New York)
- Marc E. Rosenthal - Insurance Law (Chicago)
- Stuart L. Rosow - Tax Law (New York)
- Bradley I. Ruskin - Commercial Litigation; Sports Law (New York)
- Seth J. Safra - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (Washington, DC)
- Paul A. Salvatore - Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment (New York)
- Lawrence R. Sandak - Employment Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment (New York)
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- William C. Silverman - Criminal Defense: White-Collar (New York)

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- Dietrich L. Snell - Criminal Defense: White-Collar (New York)
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- Mark Theodore - Labor Law – Management (Los Angeles)
- Jay D. Waxenberg - Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates (New York)
- David J. Weinberger - Real Estate Law (New York)
- Lawrence I. Weinstein - Advertising Law (New York)
- Steven O. Weise - Banking and Finance Law; Equipment Finance Law (Los Angeles)
- Christopher M. Wells - Corporate Law; Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law (New York)
- Jennifer Wexler - Immigration Law (New York)
- Bart H. Williams - Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar (Los Angeles)
- Peter J. Young - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy (Los Angeles)
- Richard J. Zall - Health Care Law (New York)

**Proskauer lawyers ranked in the inaugural “Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch” include:**

- Brittany Benavidez - Criminal Defense: White-Collar (New York)
- Nat Birdsall - Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates (New York)
- Alexander Bondarenko - Banking and Finance Law (Boston)
- James Boumil III - Intellectual Property Law (Boston)
- Kimberly Ann Braun - Trusts and Estates (New York)
- Tulio D. Chirinos - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation - Labor and Employment (Boca Raton)
- Joseph E. Clark - Litigation - Labor and Employment (New York)
- Lindsey Olson Collins - Criminal Defense: White-Collar (Washington, DC)

- Daniel Desatnik - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (New York)
- Joshua S. Fox - Entertainment and Sports Law (New York)
- Pinchos Goldberg - Labor and Employment Law – Management (New York)
- Laura E. Goldsmith - Technology Law (New York)
- David Hanna - Intellectual Property Law (Los Angeles)
- Atovia S. Harris - Litigation - Labor and Employment (New Orleans)
- David Heck - Commercial Litigation; Intellectual Property Law (New York)
- Philip A. Kaminski - Banking and Finance Law (New York)
- Lucy F. Kвесkin - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (New York)
- Philippe A. Lebel - Litigation - Labor and Employment (Los Angeles)
- Steve Ma - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Los Angeles)
- Vanessa Maczko - Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates (New York)
- Danielle J. Moss - Labor and Employment Law – Management (New York)
- Bryan Nance - Corporate Law; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (New York)
- Andrew C. Nightingale - Corporate Law; Entertainment and Sports Law (New York)
- Jie Pan - Corporate Law (New York)
- Lee Popkin - Commercial Litigation (New York)
- Jennifer Rigterink - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (New Orleans)
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- Rebecca J. Sivitz - Litigation - Labor and Employment (Boston)
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