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123 Proskauer Lawyers Named to 2026 Best Lawyers in America® List

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Four Partners Selected as Lawyer of the Year and 80 Lawyers Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®

NEW YORK, August 21, 2025 – Proskauer is proud to announce that 203 of its lawyers have been included in the 2026 edition of *Best Lawyers®.* One hundred and twenty-three lawyers across 40 practices were named Best Lawyers in America®, while 80 attorneys in 31 practices were named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, which recognizes the next generation of legal professionals.

Best Lawyers also selected four Proskauer partners as Lawyer of the Year, a distinction awarded to only one lawyer in a specific practice area and geographic location each year.

Lawyers of the Year:

- Mark Batten: Labor Law – Management, Boston
- Joseph Leccese: Sports Law, New York City
- Richard Westling: Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Nashville*
- Bart Williams: Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Los Angeles

Recognition by *Best Lawyers®* is based entirely on peer review. Lawyers nominated for consideration are voted on by currently recognized Best Lawyers working in the same practice area and located in the same geographic region.

View a complete list of all the Proskauer lawyers ranked in the 2026 edition of *Best Lawyers in America®.*

About Proskauer

The world’s leading organizations and global players choose Proskauer to represent them when they need it the most. With 800+ lawyers in key financial centers around the world, we are highly regarded for our expertise combined with our pragmatic and commercial approach. Proskauer is the place to turn when a matter is complex, innovative and game-changing. We work seamlessly across practices, industries and jurisdictions with asset managers, private equity and venture capital firms, Fortune 500 and FTSE companies, major sports leagues, entertainment industry legends and other industry-redefining companies.

**Mr. Westling is now based in Proskauer’s Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. offices.*

Related Professionals

- **Bart H. Williams**
  Partner
- **Joseph M. Leccese**
  Chairman Emeritus of the Firm
- **Mark W. Batten**
  Partner
- **Richard Westling**
  Partner