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News

57 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2024 Best Lawyers in America; Two Portland Attorneys Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

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Foster Garvey is pleased to announce that 57 of the firm's attorneys have been named in the 2024 Best Lawyers in America® as Best Lawyers or Ones to Watch, reinforcing the firm's reputation as a best-in-class legal services provider. In addition to receiving these honors, Portland attorneys Larry J. Brant and Vincent P. Cacciottoli have been awarded the prestigious "Lawyer of the Year" distinction for Tax Law and Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, respectively.

"We are incredibly proud to see so many of our colleagues acknowledged by their industry peers and named among this year's honorees. This recognition exemplifies the client-focused service and high-caliber representation that our firm strives to consistently provide," said Foster Garvey Co-Chair Diana Shukis. "Having two of our attorneys named 'Lawyer of the Year' is a remarkable accomplishment and a reflection of their exceptional skill sets and immense contributions in their fields," added Foster Garvey Co-Chair Rafael Stone.

The firm congratulates the following individuals included among the 2024 Best Lawyers lists:

"Lawyer of the Year" Awards

- Larry J. Brant - Tax Law
- Vincent P. Cacciottoli - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Best Lawyers: Seattle, Washington

- Thomas F. Ahearne - Appellate Practice, Insurance Law
- Bradley J. Berg - Health Care Law
- Deborah A. Crabbe - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Stephen DiJulio - Appellate Practice
- Greg Duff - Leisure and Hospitality Law
- Tim J. Filer - Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Securities

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- Gary E. Fluhrer - Real Estate Law
- Michael J. Gamsky - Securitization and Structured Finance Law
- Emily Gant - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Leisure and Hospitality Law
- Steven J. Gillespie - Land Use and Zoning Law
- Marc R. Greenough - Public Finance Law
- Bryan Helfer - Real Estate Law
- Allen D. Israel - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Tina M. Kyle - Public Finance Law
- Christopher Napier - Real Estate Law
- Nancy M. Neraas - Public Finance Law
- Lori K. Nomura - Health Care Law
- Scott B. Osborne - Real Estate Law
- Steven R. Peltin - Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Patrick J. Schneider - Land Use and Zoning Law
- Allison C. Schwartzman - Municipal Law, Public Finance Law
- Diana S. Shukis - Employment Law – Management
- Robert B. Spitzer - Real Estate Law
- Lori A. Terry Gregory - Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental, Natural Resources Law
- Kinnon W. Williams - Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- Adrian Urquhart Winder - Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law

Best Lawyers: Portland, Oregon

- Jason M. Ayres - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Larry J. Brant - Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Tax Law
- Christine P. Brown - Trusts and Estates
- Vincent P. Cacciottoli - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Joy Ellis - Education Law, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Cynthia M. Fraser - Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Mediation
- Daniel L. Keppler - Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Securities
- Steven D. Nofziger - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Tax Law
- Tara J. Schleicher - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Paul H. Trinchero - Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Litigation – Real Estate, Litigation – Securities
- Joseph W. West - Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Real Estate Law
- Matthew J. Yium - Commercial Litigation, Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants

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Best Lawyers: Spokane, Washington

- Philip J. Carstens - Tax Law
- Ryan K. Jensen - Corporate Law, Real Estate Law
- John R. Nelson - Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Environmental, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Todd Reuter - Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Real Estate

Best Lawyers: Washington, D.C.

- Brad C. Deutsch - Communications Law
- Melodie A. Virtue - Communications Law

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

- Jeanne C. Barenholtz - New York; Criminal Defense: White Collar
- Joshua A. Bloomgarden - New York; Corporate Law, Entertainment and Sports Law, Intellectual Property Law
- Andrea L. Bradford - Seattle; Environmental Law
- Devra R. Cohen - Seattle; Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Environmental Law, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation – Environmental
- Peter A. Evalds - Portland; Mergers and Acquisitions Law and Tax Law
- Paul Heer - Seattle; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Zachary J. King - Seattle; Tax Law
- William C. Lenz - Spokane; Real Estate Law
- Lee R. Marchisio - Seattle; Municipal Law, Public Finance Law
- Kelly A. Mennemeier - Seattle; Litigation – Labor and Employment, Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Melia A. Preedy - Seattle; Construction Law
- Thomas J. Scott - Portland; Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
- Dan Zellner - Seattle; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

"We are grateful to our clients for the trust they place in our firm to solve their most complex legal issues, and this recognition serves as a reminder of the importance of our work," said Stone.

Recognition by Best Lawyers is based entirely on peer review. The Best Lawyers methodology is designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical region and legal practice area. The publication employs a sophisticated, conscientious, rational and transparent survey process designed to elicit meaningful and substantive evaluations of the quality of legal services.

The "Lawyer of the Year" designation is an award bestowed to only one lawyer with the highest average of votes in their particular practice and region, indicative of a stellar reputation and work ethic. Those receiving the “Ones to Watch” awards indicate attorneys who are earlier in their careers and have

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