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71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trincherro Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

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Foster Garvey is honored to announce that 71 of its attorneys have been recognized in the 2026 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*®, highlighting the firm's prominent reputation across the legal industry and commitment to excellence. A special congratulations to Portland-based attorney Paul Trincherro for earning the "Lawyer of the Year" distinction in Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law.

Best Lawyers is a highly selective, peer-reviewed recognition of top legal professionals. Only 5% of U.S. lawyers and 3% globally earn this honor. 54 Foster Garvey attorneys were selected in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, and 17 were selected in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*®.

The firm congratulates the following individuals included in the 2026 Best Lawyers lists:

"Lawyer of the Year" 2026

- [Paul H. Trincherro](#) - Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law (Portland, OR)

***The Best Lawyers in America*® 2026**

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- [Jason M. Ayres](#) - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- [Larry J. Brant](#) - Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Tax Law
- [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, Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Mediation
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- [Tara J. Schleicher](#) - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy

- [Paul H. Trincherro](#) - Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Litigation - Real Estate, Litigation - Securities
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- [Katherine Cancelliere](#) - Corporate Law
- [Yeli Zhou](#) - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Intellectual Property

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- [Chelsea J. Glynn](#) - Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law
- [Carrie Lofts](#) - Intellectual Property Law
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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 demonstrated outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. Learn more about *Best Lawyers* and its recognition methodology at bestlawyers.com.

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