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71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to the 2027 Best Lawyers® Lists; Six Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

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Foster Garvey is pleased to announce that 71 attorneys across all six of the firm's offices have been named to the 2027 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*®, demonstrating the firm's continued strength and reputation in the legal industry.

Additionally, several of this year's honorees earned special distinction as "Lawyer of the Year" in their respective jurisdictions and areas of law. Those attorneys include [Ryan Jensen](#), [Sarah Mack](#), [John Nelson](#), [Steve Nofziger](#), [Alice Ost diek](#) and [Matthew Wells](#).

"We are delighted to see so many of our attorneys recognized by Best Lawyers, including our six Lawyer of the Year honorees," said Firm Managing Principal [Emily Gant](#). "These honors reflect the exceptional work that our attorneys do for clients every day and the strength of our team across practices, industries and offices."

The firm congratulates the following individuals included in the 2027 Best Lawyers lists:

Best Lawyers® "Lawyers of the Year" 2027

- Ryan Jensen | Corporate Law (Spokane, WA)
- Sarah Mack | Water Law (Seattle, WA)
- John Nelson | Litigation – Labor and Employment (Spokane, WA)
- Steve Nofziger | Business Organizations, including LLCs and Partnerships (Portland, OR)
- Alice Ost diek | Public Finance Law (Seattle, WA)
- Matthew Wells | Environmental Law (Seattle, WA)

The Best Lawyers in America® 2027

Portland

- 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
- 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. Trincherro | Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law; Litigation – Real Estate; Litigation – Securities
- Matthew J. Yium | Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Real Estate; Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants

Seattle

- Thomas F. Ahearne | Insurance Law
- Bradley J. Berg | Health Care Law
- George E. Bonini | Corporate Law
- Michael S. Brunet | Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management
- Lynne M. Cohee | Environmental Law; Litigation – Environmental; Water Law
- P. Stephen DiJulio | Appellate Practice
- Bradford T. Doll | Environmental Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation – Environmental; Oil and Gas Law
- Jason Donovan | Insurance Law; Litigation – Insurance
- Greg Duff | Leisure and Hospitality Law
- Christopher Emch | Litigation – Health Care
- Tim J. Filer | Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Banking and Finance; Litigation – Intellectual Property; Litigation – Securities
- 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
- Marc R. Greenough | Public Finance Law
- Claire F. Hawkins | Copyright Law; Litigation – Intellectual Property; Trademark Law
- Bryan Helfer | Real Estate Law
- Allen D. Israel | Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Tina M. Kyle | Public Finance Law
- Sarah E. Mack | Administrative / Regulatory Law; Energy Law; Environmental Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation – Environmental; Litigation – Land Use and Zoning; Natural Resources Law; Water Law
- Lee R. Marchisio | Municipal Law
- Christopher Napier | Real Estate Law

- Scott B. Osborne | Real Estate Law
- Alice M. Ostdiek | Municipal Law; Public Finance Law
- Steven R. Peltin | Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Patrick J. Schneider | Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation – Land Use and Zoning
- Allison C. Schwartzman | Municipal Law; Public Finance Law
- Diana S. Shukis | Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Robert B. Spitzer | Real Estate Law
- Jacque St. Romain | Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law
- Nancy Stephens | Trademark Law
- Bob Sterbank | Municipal Law; Real Estate Law
- V. Rafael Stone | Derivatives and Futures Law; Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law
- Lori A. Terry Gregory | Environmental Law; Litigation – Environmental; Natural Resources Law
- Jared Van Kirk | Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Michael K. Vaska | Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Health Care
- Chloe Villagomez | Native American Law
- Ruth Walters | Advertising Law
- Matthew D. Wells | Environmental Law; Oil and Gas Law; Water Law
- Rylan Weythman | Commercial Litigation
- Kinnon W. Williams | Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- Adrian Urquhart Winder | Appellate Practice; Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law

Spokane

- Philip J. Carstens | Tax Law
- Ryan K. Jensen | Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Corporate Law; Real Estate Law
- John R. Nelson | Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Environmental; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Joseph Todd Reuter | Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Real Estate
- Dan Wadkins | Corporate Law

Tulsa

- R. Daniel Carter | Appellate Practice, Litigation – Environmental, Native American Law

Washington, D.C.

- Brad C. Deutsch | Communications Law

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® 2027

New York

- Katherine Cancelliere | Corporate Law
- Alina Kipnis | Intellectual Property Law
- Yeli Zhou | Commercial Litigation | Litigation – Intellectual Property

Portland

- Justice J. Brooks | Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and; Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Real Estate
- Chelsea J. Glynn | Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law

Seattle

- Devra R. Cohen | Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation; Environmental Law; Litigation – Antitrust; Litigation – Environmental
- Julia Doherty | Commercial Litigation
- Anne M. Dorshimer | Transportation Law
- Paul Heer | Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mikaela Louie | Health Care Law; Privacy and Data Security Law
- Noah Mikell | Land Use and Zoning Law
- Melia A. Preedy | Construction Law; Insurance Law

Spokane

- William C. Lenz | Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Real Estate 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.

Individuals 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.

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