



BENCHMARK
LITIGATION

US AWARDS 2026 SHORTLIST

Wednesday, March 11

Guastavino's
New York

STATE AWARDS

ALABAMA

Barze Taylor Noles Lowther
Bradley
Cunningham Bounds
Lightfoot Franklin & White
Maynard Nexsen
Starnes Davis Florie

ALASKA

Asburn & Mason
Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt
Stoel Rives

ARIZONA

Lewis Roca
Osborn Maledon
Papetti Samuels Weiss McKirgan
Polsinelli

ARKANSAS

Friday, Eldredge & Clark
Quattlebaum Grooms & Tull
Wright Lindsey Jennings

CALIFORNIA

Bird, Marella, Rhow, Lincenberg,
Drooks, & Nessim
BraunHagey & Borden
Bunsow De Mory
Hueston Hennigan
Keller Anderle Scolnick
Kobre & Kim
Latham & Watkins
O'Melveny & Myers
Willenken

COLORADO

Bartlit Beck
Davis Graham
Holland & Hart
Olson Grimsley Kawanabe Hinchcliff &
Murray
Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell

CONNECTICUT

Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey
Hurwitz Sagarin & Slossberg
Robinson & Cole
Wiggin and Dana

DELAWARE

Abrams & Bayliss
Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
Richards Layton & Finger
Ross Aronstam & Moritz
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Covington & Burling
Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel &
Frederick
Sidley Austin
Wilkinson Stekloff
Williams & Connolly

FLORIDA

Akerman
Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod
Greenberg Traurig
Greenspoon Marder
Hunton Andrews Kurth

GEORGIA

Greenberg Traurig
King & Spalding
Smith Gambrell & Russell
Troutman Pepper

HAWAII

Cades Schutte
Carlsmith Ball
Cox Fricke
Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel
Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher

IDAHO

Gjording Fouser
Holland & Hart
Stoel Rives

ILLINOIS

Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum &
Nagelberg
Bartlit Beck
Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan &
Baum
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila

INDIANA

Barnes & Thornburg
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath
MacGill PC
Taft Law

STATE AWARDS

IOWA

Ahlers & Cooney
Dorsey & Whitney
Nyemaster Goode

KANSAS

Foulston Siefkin
Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile Rhodes
Stinson

KENTUCKY

Dentons
Frost Brown Todd
Stites & Harbison
Stoll Keenon Ogden
Wyatt Tarrant & Combs

LOUISIANA

Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman &
Sarver
Fishman Haygood
Jones Walker
Phelps Dunbar
Pipes Miles Beckman

MAINE

Berman & Simmons
Drummond Woodsum
Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios
Verrill Dana

MARYLAND

Kramon & Graham
Miles & Stockbridge
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough
Saul Ewing
Venable

MASSACHUSETTS

Choate Hall & Stewart
Goodwin
Mintz
Nixon Peabody
Saul Ewing
WilmerHale

MICHIGAN

Bodman
Bush Seyferth
Dickinson Wright

MINNESOTA

Bowman and Brooke
Ciresi Conlin
Norton Rose Fulbright
Robins Kaplan
Stinson
Winthrop & Weinstine

MISSISSIPPI

Bradley
Brunini Grantham Grower & Hewes
Butler Snow
Watkins & Eager

MISSOURI

Armstrong Teasdale
Brown & James
Dowd Bennett
Husch Blackwell
Polsinelli
Stinson
UB Greensfelder

MONTANA

Boone Karlberg
Crowley Fleck
Goetz Baldwin & Geddes

NEBRASKA

Baird Holm
Husch Blackwell
Kutak Rock

NEVADA

Bailey Kennedy
Campbell & Williams
Lewis Roca

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Downs Rachlin Martin
Jackson Lewis
McLane Middleton
Nixon Peabody
Sheehan Phinney Bass & Green

NEW JERSEY

Gibbons
Greenberg Traurig
Lowenstein Sandler
Sills Cummis & Gross
Tanenbaum Keale

NEW MEXICO

Modrall Sperling
Rodey Law

STATE AWARDS

NEW YORK

Boies Schiller Flexner
Cravath, Swaine & Moore
Hecker Fink
Holwell Shuster & Goldberg
Kasowitz Benson Torres
Kobre & Kim
Levine Lee
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
Sullivan & Cromwell
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

NORTH CAROLINA

Brooks Pierce
Ellis & Winters
Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson
Smith Anderson
Williams Mullen

NORTH DAKOTA

Crowley Fleck
Maring Williams Law Office
Redstone Law Firm
Vogel Law Firm

OHIO

Calfee, Halter & Grisold
Taft Law
Thompson Hine
Tucker Ellis
Zeiger Tigges & Little

OKLAHOMA

Crowe & Dunlevy
GableGotwals
Hall Estill
McAfee & Taft

OREGON

Davis Wright Tremaine
Miller Nash
Perkins Coie
Stoel Rives
Stoll Berne

PENNSYLVANIA

Ballard Spahr
Dechert
Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check
Kirkland & Ellis
Morgan Lewis & Bockius
Reed Smith
Saul Ewing

RHODE ISLAND

Adler Pollock & Sheehan
Nixon Peabody
Partridge Snow & Hahn

SOUTH CAROLINA

Gallivan White & Boyd
Maynard Nexsen
Motley Rice
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough
Turner Padgett Graham & Laney

SOUTH DAKOTA

Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith
Heidepriem Purtell Siegel
Johnson Janklow & Abdallah

TENNESSEE

Bass Berry & Sims
Bradley
Butler Snow
Sherrard & Roe
SimsFunk

TEXAS

Burns Charest
Gibbs & Bruns
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
McKool Smith
Norton Rose Fulbright
Reid Collins & Tsai
Susman Godfrey
Tillotson Johnson & Patton

UTAH

Fabian VanCott
Holland & Hart
Magleby Cataxinos & Greenwood
Parr Brown Gee & Loveless
Parsons Behle & Latimer

VERMONT

Gravel & Shea
Paul Frank + Collins
Sheehey Furlong & Behm

VIRGINIA

Hunton Andrews Kurth
McGuireWoods
Troutman Pepper
Williams Mullen

STATE AWARDS

WASHINGTON

Corr Cronin
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe
Perkins Coie
Summit Law Group

WEST VIRGINIA

Bailey & Glasser
Bowles Rice
Dinsmore & Shohl
Jackson Kelly
Nelson Mullins Riley &
Scarborough

WISCONSIN

Gass Turek
Godfrey & Kahn
Husch Blackwell
Reinhart Boerner Van
Deuren

WYOMING

Davis & Cannon
Hirst Applegate
Holland & Hart

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

ANTITRUST FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
Cravath, Swaine & Moore
Latham & Watkins
Proskauer
Rule Garza Howley
Williams & Connolly

ANTITRUST LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Michael Shuster, Holwell Shuster &
Goldberg
David Marriott, Latham & Watkins
Christopher Ondeck, Proskauer
Joseph Saveri, Saveri Law Firm
Sara Razi, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
Rakesh Kilaru, Wilkinson Stekloff

APPELLATE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick
Milbank
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton &
Garrison
Weil Gotshal & Manges
WilmerHale

APPELLATE LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Elbert Lin, Hunton Andrews Kurth
Michael Kellogg, Kellogg, Hansen,
Todd, Figel & Frederick
Neal Katyal, Milbank
Jeffrey Lamken, MoloLamken
Kannon Shanmugam, Paul, Weiss,
Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
Lisa Blatt, Williams & Connolly

BANKRUPTCY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
Brown Rudnick
Davis Polk & Wardwell
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones
Reid Collins & Tsai
Sullivan & Cromwell

BANKRUPTCY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Elliot Moskowitz, Davis Polk &
Wardwell
Andrew Leblanc, Milbank
Eric Madden, Reid Collins & Tsai
James Bromley, Sullivan & Cromwell

BOUTIQUE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Dunn Isaacson Rhee
Elsberg Baker & Maruri
Hecker Fink
Holwell Shuster & Goldberg
MoloLamken
Reichman Jorgensen Lehman &
Feldberg
Wilkinson Stekloff

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Davis Wright Tremaine
Dunn Isaacson Rhee
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
Kaplan Martin
Olson Grimsley Kawanabe Hinchcliff &
Murray

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Karen Dunn, Dunn Isaacson Rhee
Elbert Lin, Hunton Andrews Kurth
Roberta Kaplan, Kaplan Martin
Sean Grimsley, Olson Grimsley
Kawanabe Hinchcliff & Murray

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

ENTERTAINMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bird, Marella, Rhow, Lincenberg,
Drooks, & Nessim
Greenberg Traurig
Loeb & Loeb
Proskauer

ENTERTAINMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

John Berlinski, Bird, Marella, Rhow,
Lincenberg, Drooks, & Nessim
Ekwan Rhow, Bird, Marella, Rhow,
Lincenberg, Drooks, & Nessim
Matthew Rosengart, Greenberg
Traurig
Luke Nikas, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart &
Sullivan
Alex Weingarten, Willkie Farr &
Gallagher

ENVIRONMENTAL FIRM OF THE YEAR

Arnold & Porter
Bartlit Beck
Hunton Andrews Kurth
Sidley Austin

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Andrea Smith, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
Shannon Broome, Hunton Andrews
Kurth
Cathleen Devlin, Saul Ewing
Erica Harris, Susman Godfrey

GENERAL COMMERCIAL FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cravath, Swaine & Moore
Holwell Shuster & Goldberg
Hueston Hennigan
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
Susman Godfrey
Williams & Connolly

GENERAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Kevin Orsini, Cravath, Swaine & Moore
John Hueston, Hueston Hennigan
Mike Carlinsky, Quinn Emanuel
Urquhart & Sullivan
Jacob Buchdahl, Susman Godfrey
Hallie Levin, WilmerHale

INSURANCE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Anderson Kill
Blank Rome
Cohen Ziffer Frenchman & McKenna
Covington & Burling
Reed Smith
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

INSURANCE LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Robert Horkovich, Anderson Kill
Jim Murray, Blank Rome
Robin Cohen, Cohen Ziffer Frenchman
& McKenna
Eileen McCabe, Mendes and Mount
Bryce Friedman, Simpson Thacher &
Bartlett

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Desmarais
Finnegan
Groombridge Wu Baughman & Stone
Latham & Watkins
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
WilmerHale

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Matthew Wolf, Arnold & Porter
John Desmarais, Desmarais
Michael Ng, Kobre & Kim
Elizabeth Weiswasser, Paul, Weiss,
Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
Joseph Mueller, WilmerHale

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
Debevoise & Plimpton
Freshfields
King & Spalding
White & Case

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Ari MacKinnon, Cleary Gottlieb Steen
& Hamilton
Ina Popova, Debevoise & Plimpton
Greg Williams, Sidley Austin
Julie Bédard, Skadden Arps Meagher
Slate & Flom
Carolyn Lamm, White & Case

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
Harris St. Laurent & Wechsler
Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein
Proskauer
Sanford Heisler Sharp McKnight

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Theane Evangelis, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
Shannon Liss-Riordan, Lichten & Liss Riordan
Kelly Dermody, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein
Neil Abramson, Proskauer
Russell Kornblith, Sanford Heisler Sharp
John Barry, Weil Gotshal & Manges

PLAINTIFF FIRM OF THE YEAR

Berman Tabacco
Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann
DiCello Levitt
Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check
Pomerantz
Reid Collins & Tsai
Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd

PLAINTIFF LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Greg Varallo, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann
Carol Villegas, Labaton Keller Sucharow
Emma Gilmore, Pomerantz
William Reid, Reid Collins & Tsai
Joseph Saveri, Saveri Law Firm
Mark Lanier, The Lanier Law Firm

PRODUCT LIABILITY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Covington & Burling
Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum
Shook Hardy & Bacon
Sidley Austin
Williams & Connolly

PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Phyllis Jones, Covington & Burling
Bart Williams, Proskauer
Jessica Grant, Shook Hardy & Bacon
Jennifer Saulino, Sidley Austin
Brian Stekloff, Wilkinson Stekloff

SECURITIES FIRM OF THE YEAR

Freshfields
Latham & Watkins
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
Sullivan & Cromwell

SECURITIES LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Adam Hakki, A&O Shearman
Koji Fukumura, Cooley
Antony Ryan, Cravath, Swaine & Moore
Andrew Ceresney, Debevoise & Plimpton
Michele Johnson, Latham & Watkins
Jonathan Youngwood, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
Robert Giuffra, Sullivan & Cromwell

TRIAL FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bartlit Beck
Hueston Hennigan
Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick
Susman Godfrey
Wilkinson Stekloff

TRIAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Sean Gallagher, Bartlit Beck
John Hueston, Hueston Hennigan
Jennifer Keller, Keller Anderle Scolnick
Jennifer Saulino, Sidley Austin
Beth Wilkinson, Wilkinson Stekloff

WHITE COLLAR CRIME/ INVESTIGATIONS FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
Hecker Fink
Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
Williams & Connolly

WHITE COLLAR CRIME/ INVESTIGATIONS LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Gary Lincenberg, Bird, Marella, Rhow, Lincenberg, Drooks, & Nessim
Ilan Graff, Fried Frank
Barry Berke, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
Sean Hecker, Hecker Fink
Lisa Zornberg, Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello
William Burck, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
David Zinn, Williams & Connolly