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BENCHMARK LITIGATION HONORS LIGHTFOOT IN 2026 GUIDE

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Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC received prominent rankings from **Benchmark Litigation** in its prestigious 2026 guide that spotlights prominent litigation firms and attorneys across the United States. Lightfoot is named as a "Highly Recommended" firm. Additionally, 22 of its lawyers have been named either "Litigation Stars" or "Future Stars."

This year's Litigation Stars are:

- **J. Chandler Bailey**
- **Michael L. Bell**
- **Kevin E. Clark**
- **Haley A. Cox**
- **Melody H. Eagan**
- **Samuel H. Franklin**
- **Wesley B. Gilchrist**
- **Henry J. Gimenez**
- **Lee M. Hollis**
- **John M. Johnson**
- **M. Christian King**
- **Lana A. Olson**
- **R. Ashby Pate**
- **Adam K. Peck**
- **Harlan I. Prater IV**
- **Jackson R. Sharman**
- **E. Glenn Waldrop**

This year's Future Stars include:

- **Brandon K. Essig**
- **Rachel M. Lary**
- **David R. Pruet III**
- **Reid C. Carpenter**
- **James W. Gibson**

This is Carpenter and Gibson's first year on the Future Stars list.

Benchmark Litigation is the premier guide dedicated exclusively to identifying top litigation firms in the United States. Each year, it is compiled through extensive research, including interviews with litigators and their clients. The annual Benchmark Litigation Awards celebrate litigators and their firms whose achievements and impact

have shaped the legal landscape over the past 12 months, setting new standards of excellence in the profession.