

NEWS & INSIGHTS

THREE LIGHTFOOT ATTORNEYS NAMED BIRMINGHAM “LAWYERS OF THE YEAR” AND 48 RECOGNIZED OVERALL IN 2023 EDITION OF BEST LAWYERS®

14 Attorneys Received “Ones to Watch” Recognition

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Three Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC attorneys have been named “Lawyers of the Year” for Birmingham in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® published by Woodward/White, Inc. The guide included 48 of the firm’s lawyers in this year’s list. Fourteen Lightfoot attorneys were listed as “Ones to Watch.”

Those named “Lawyers of the Year” received the highest overall peer feedback in the listed practice area and geographic region. Only one attorney is recognized as the “Lawyer of the Year” for each specialty and location. The Lightfoot attorneys named are:

- Melody Eagan - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Wesley B. Gilchrist - Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions
- Jack Sharman - Corporate Compliance Law

The 34 Lightfoot lawyers listed in the 2022 edition of Best Lawyers® are:

- J. Chandler Bailey
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Michael L. Bell
 - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- William H. Brooks
 - Appellate Practice
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Reid C. Carpenter
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Kevin E. Clark
 - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Haley A. Cox
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Jeffrey P. Doss
 - Appellate Practice
 - Commercial Litigation

- Melody Eagan
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Brandon K. Essig
 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Sara Anne Ford
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation - Banking and Finance
 - Litigation - Environmental
 - Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions
 - Litigation - Real Estate
 - Litigation - Securities
- Samuel H. Franklin
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation - Antitrust
 - Litigation - Banking and Finance
 - Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions
 - Litigation - Securities
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Wesley B. Gilchrist
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions
- Enrique (Henry) J. Gimenez
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
 - Sports Law
- Lee M. Hollis
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Sanford G. (Sandy) Hooper
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (Houston)
- Elizabeth Huntley
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- John M. (Johnny) Johnson
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation - Environmental
 - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- M. Christian King

- Appellate Practice
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Environmental
- Litigation - Securities
- Rachel M. Lary
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Corporate Compliance Law
 - Litigation - Trusts & Estates
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Terrence W. (Terry) McCarthy
 - Appellate Practice
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation - Insurance
- William H. Morrow
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation - Labor and Employment
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Lana A. Olson
 - Litigation - Environmental
- R. Ashby Pate
 - Appellate Practice
 - Commercial Litigation
- Adam K. Peck
 - Litigation - Environmental
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Laura H. Peck
 - Health Care Law
 - Litigation - Health Care
 - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- J. Bradley Powell
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Harlan I. Prater, IV
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation - Environmental
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- David R. Pruet III

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Real Estate
- W. Larkin Radney IV
 - Environmental Law
 - Litigation - Environmental
- J. Banks Sewell, III
 - Aviation Law
 - Litigation - First Amendment
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Robert J. (Jay) Sewell
 - Corporate Compliance Law
 - Corporate Governance Law
- Jack Sharman
 - Corporate Compliance Law
 - Corporate Governance Law
 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
 - Electronic Discovery and Information Management Law
- John G. (JT) Thompson, Jr.
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Communications Law
 - First Amendment Law
 - Litigation - First Amendment
 - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- E. Glenn Waldrop, Jr.
 - Construction Law
 - Litigation - Construction

In addition, 14 lawyers received the publication's 2022 "Ones to Watch" recognition, given to attorneys on the rise:

- Meghan S. Cole
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- W. McKinley Dunn
 - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Amaobi Enyinnia
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Kaitlyn Faucett
 - Litigation - Real Estate (Houston)

- Benjamin P. Harmon
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Bridget E. Harris
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Brian P. Kappel
 - Commercial Litigation
- Jonathan R. Little
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Communications Law
 - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Rachelle E. Sanchez
 - Health Care Law
 - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Clinton T. Speegle
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Amie A. Vague
 - Appellate Practice
 - Commercial Litigation
- Benjamin S. Willson
 - Corporate Governance and Compliance Law
 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Matthew J. Winne
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Christopher C. Yearout
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

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