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125 Shumaker Lawyers Recognized by Best Lawyers

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- H. Michael Bowers: Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- J. Bennett Crites, III: Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- G.P. Diminich: Corporate Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- Felix C. Pelzer: Tax Law, Trusts and Estates

Charlotte

- Lynn F. Chandler: Trusts and Estates
- Philip S. Chubb: Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- David H. Conaway: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Stephanie C. Daniel: Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates
- Daniel R. Hansen: Construction Law, Litigation – Construction
- Warren P. Kean: Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Tax Law
- John D. Kocher: Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Moses Luski: Real Estate Law
- Steven A. Meckler: Commercial Litigation
- John H. Northey III: Real Estate Law
- Scott M. Stevenson: Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Karen H. Stiles: Medical Malpractice Law

- Defendants
- Frederick M. Thurman, Jr.: Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment

Columbus

- David F. Axelrod: Corporate Compliance Law
- Michael E. Born: Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- Michael J. O'Callaghan: Environmental Law

Sarasota

- Anthony J. Abate: Commercial Litigation, Construction Law
- Steven J. Chase: Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law
- Douglas A. Cherry: Copyright Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Trademark Law
- Daniel J. DeLeo: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction
- Cheryl L. Gordon: Tax Law
- Benjamin R. Hanan: Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Gregory M. Marks: Tax Law
- Hunter G. Norton: Commercial Litigation
- Jan W. Pitchford: Real Estate Law
- Malcolm J. Pitchford: Real Estate Law
- Juan C. Villaveces: Real Estate Law

Tampa

- Jaime Austrich: Commercial Litigation
- Willard A. Blair: Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- C. Philip Campbell, Jr.: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – First Amendment, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Chris Cavaliere: Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Ronald A. Christaldi: Health Care Law
- Duane A. Daiker: Appellate Law

- Grant P. Dearborn: Health Care Law
- Hugo S. deBeaubien: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Employment Law – Management
- Megan Proulx Dempsey: Real Estate Law
- Julio C. Esquivel: Corporate Governance Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
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- Michele Leo Hintson: Commercial Litigation
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- Maria del Carmen Ramos: Immigration Law
- Mindi M. Richter: Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent, Trademark Law
- David B. Singer, Real Estate Law
- Darrell C. Smith: Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation
- William R. Swindle: Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- J. Todd Timmerman: Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent, Patent Law, Trademark Law
- Seth P. Traub: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Thomas M. Wood: Commercial Litigation
- Gregory C. Yadley: Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and

Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital
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Toledo

- M. Scott Aubry: Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- John C. Barron: Commercial Litigation, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Thomas C. Blank: Banking and Finance Law, Financial Services Regulation Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation
- Michael M. Briley: Antitrust Law, Transportation Law
- Eric D. Britton: Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Cheri A. Budzynski: Environmental Law
- John H. Burson: Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates
- James R. Carnes: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Labor and Employment, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Railroad Law
- David J. Coyle: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Terrance K. Davis: Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Scott G. Deller: Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Gary R. Diesing: Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Thomas P. Dillon: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Michael E. Dockins: Litigation – Patent
- Robert H. Eddy: Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants
- William H. Gosline: Trusts and Estates
- W. Reed Hauptman: Banking and Finance Law
- Douglas G. Haynam: Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- John W. Hilbert, II: Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Financial Services

- Regulation Law, Real Estate Law
- Regina M. Joseph: Corporate Law, Immigration Law
 - Peter E. Krebs: Corporate Law
 - Phillip H. Lee: Corporate Law
 - John N. MacKay: Banking and Finance Law
 - Timothy C. McCarthy: Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management
 - Michael S. McGowan: Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law, Corporate Law, Tax Law
 - Brian N. McMahon: Franchise Law
 - J. Douglas Miller: Litigation – Patent
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 - Joseph A. Rideout: Real Estate Law
 - James I. Rothschild: Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law
 - Gregory S. Shumaker: Real Estate Law
 - John J. Siciliano: Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
 - Peter R. Silverman: Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Franchise Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Securities, Mediation
 - Joseph S. Simpson: Environmental Law
 - Bennett H. Speyer: Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
 - John L. Straub: Family Law
 - Gregory H. Wagoner: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance
 - Mark D. Wagoner: Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Franchise Law
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 - Martin D. Werner: Banking and Finance Law
 - James F. White, Jr.: Corporate Law,

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- David W. Wicklund: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation – Intellectual Property

Lawyer of the Year:

Sarasota

- Daniel J. DeLeo: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction
- Cheryl L. Gordon: Tax Law

Tampa

- Darrell C. Smith: Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation
- J. Todd Timmerman: Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent, Patent Law, Trademark Law
- Gregory C. Yadley: Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation

Toledo

- John C. Barron: Commercial Litigation, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Douglas G. Haynam: Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- Joseph A. Rideout: Real Estate Law
- James I. Rothschild: Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law
- David F. Waterman: Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Tax Law

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America:

Charleston

- Katie Hinson Lewis: Real Estate Law

Charlotte

- Ronald D.P. Bruckmann: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation
- Clayton R. Williams: Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Columbus

- Marcus A. Miller: Commercial Litigation

Sarasota

- C. Jade Davis: Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Litigation – Construction, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- James E. Fanto: Litigation – Securities
- David B. Heedy: Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- Brett M. Henson: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction
- Andrew J. Oppenheim: Commercial Litigation
- Charles A. Wood: Commercial Litigation

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- Jason W. Davis: Administrative / Regulatory Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Real Estate
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- Matt Newton: Litigation – Real Estate
- Samantha R. Peckham: Insurance Law
- Colin Rice: Real Estate Law

Toledo

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- Wyatt J. Holliday: Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Nicholas A. Huckaby: Commercial Litigation, Labor and Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Matthew T. Kemp: Commercial Litigation
- Nicolas A. Linares: Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates

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