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## 125 Shumaker Lawyers Recognized by Best Lawyers

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Additionally, 10 lawyers received the "Lawyer of the Year" designation. "Lawyer of the Year" is awarded annually to only one lawyer per practice area in each geographic region who received overwhelming feedback from their peers, making it an exceptional accolade.

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The full list of Shumaker's recognized lawyers and practices include:

#### **Charleston**

- 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
- Timothy C. Garding: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction
- Michele Leo Hintson: Commercial Litigation
- W. Kent Ihrig: Banking and Finance Law, Real Estate Law
- Ernest J. Marquart: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation
- Andrew J. Mayts: Banking and Finance Law, Construction Law
- W. Jan Pietruszka: Employment Law – Individuals, Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Samuel P. Queirolo: Real Estate Law
- 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  
Markets Law, Securities Regulation

**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
- John K. Nelson: Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions
- Thomas G. Pletz: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – First Amendment, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- David J. Rectenwald: Trusts and Estates
- 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
- David F. Waterman: Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Tax Law
- Martin D. Werner: Banking and Finance Law
- James F. White, Jr.: Corporate Law,

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law
- 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

## **Tampa**

- Junior Ambeau: Administrative / Regulatory Law, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law
- Jason W. Davis: Administrative / Regulatory Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Real Estate
- Christina C. Nethero: Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Matt Newton: Litigation – Real Estate
- Samantha R. Peckham: Insurance Law
- Colin Rice: Real Estate Law

## **Toledo**

- Katherine S. Decker: Labor and Employment Law – Management
- 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

- Emily M. Morrison: Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Eric L. Simpson: Real Estate Law
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