

# Brownstein Attorneys Make the Best Lawyers in America List

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Fifty-five attorneys from Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2014 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, the legal profession's oldest and most respected peer-review publication. Attorneys from seven offices were recognized in 34 different categories ranging from energy and environmental law to government relations practice and bet-the-company litigation.

Best Lawyers also recognized five Brownstein attorneys as Best Lawyers' 2014 Lawyer of the Year in their respective law practice category. These attorneys include: **Perry E. Bendicksen III**, Albuquerque public finance law; **David P. Buchholtz**, Albuquerque banking and finance law and municipal finance law; **Michael F. Feeley**, Denver government relations practice; **Scott S. Slater**, Los Angeles water law; and **Timothy R. Van Valen** Albuquerque litigation and controversy - tax.

Attorneys recognized from Brownstein's Albuquerque office include: **Perry E. Bendicksen III**, banking and finance law, corporate law, leveraged buyouts and private equity law, mergers & acquisitions law and public finance law; **David P. Buchholtz**, banking and finance law, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law, municipal law and public finance law; **Jill K. Sweeney**, public finance law; and **Timothy R. Van Valen**, litigation and controversy - tax and tax law.

Attorneys recognized in the firm's Denver office include: **Steven E. Abelman**, litigation - bankruptcy; **Edward N. Barad**, real estate law; **Bill C. Berger**, employment law - management; **Gregory W. Berger**, tax law; **Norman Brownstein**, government relations practice; **Steven W. Farber**, corporate law; **Hubert A. Farbes, Jr.**, litigation - construction; **Michael F. Feeley**, government relations practice; **Lea Ann Fowler**, real estate law; **Catherine C. Gale**, real estate law; **Neil M. Goff**, tax law; **Lisa Hogan**, litigation - labor and employment; **Bruce A. James**, real estate law; **Robert Kaufmann**, real estate law; **Jeffrey M. Knetsch**, securities/capital markets law; **Mark F. Leonard**, family law; **Mark J. Mathews**, environmental law; **John V. McDermott**, commercial litigation, litigation - banking and finance, litigation - mergers and acquisitions, litigation - securities and securities regulation; **Michael J. Pankow**, banking and finance law, bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law; **James A. Pinto**, patent law, **Ronda L. Sandquist**, environmental law; **Steven O. Sims**, water law; **Steven M. Sommers**, real estate law; **Nancy A. Strelau**, employee benefits (ERISA) law; **Ana Lazo Tenzer**, real estate law; **Lawrence W. Treece**, bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, litigation - antitrust and litigation - securities; and **Carolynne C. White**, land use and zoning law and real estate law.

Attorneys recognized from Brownstein's Las Vegas office include: **David R. Arrajj**, gaming law; **Andrew S. Brignone**, litigation - ERISA; **Albert Z. Kovacs**, corporate law; **Kirk B. Lenhard**, bet-the-company litigation and commercial litigation; **Angela Turriciano Otto**, real estate law; **Tamara Beatty Peterson**, commercial litigation; **Frank A. Schreck**, gaming law; **Ellen Schulhofer**, corporate law; **Adam P. Segal**, litigation - ERISA; and **Sonia Church Vermeys**, corporate law.

Attorneys recognized from the firm's Los Angeles office include: **Deborah Drooz**, litigation - First Amendment; **Barry Langberg**, entertainment law - motion pictures and television, litigation - First Amendment; and **Scott S. Slater**, water law.

Attorneys recognized from Brownstein's Phoenix office include: **Jeffrey W. Crockett**, communications law, energy law and water law; **Janna Day**, government relations practice; **Michael Preston Green**, government

relations practice; and **John C. West**, commercial litigation and health care law.

Attorneys from the firm's Santa Barbara office include: **Steven A. Amerikaner**, land use and zoning law, natural resources law and real estate law; **Christopher A. Jacobs**, real estate law; **Barry B. Langberg**, entertainment law - motion pictures and television and litigation - First Amendment; and **Robert J. Saperstein**, water law.

Additionally **Paul M. O'Gara**, in the firm's Atlantic City office, was recognized for gaming law.

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