

NEWS & INSIGHTS

3 LIGHTFOOT ATTORNEYS NAMED BIRMINGHAM "LAWYERS OF THE YEAR" AND 47 RECOGNIZED OVERALL IN 2025 EDITION OF BEST LAWYERS®

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Three Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC attorneys have been named "Lawyers of the Year" for Birmingham in the 2025 edition of **The Best Lawyers in America**[©] published by Woodward/White, Inc. This year's guide included 39 lawyers from the firm's Birmingham and Houston offices. Eight Lightfoot attorneys were listed as *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*[®] *in America.*

"Lawyers of the Year" are selected based on exceptional peer feedback in their practice area and geographic region. Only one attorney is recognized as the "Lawyer of the Year" for each practice and location. The Lightfoot attorneys honored are:

Melody H. Eagan

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Michael L. Bell

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

W. Larkin Radney IV

o Environmental Law

The 39 Lightfoot lawyers listed in the 2025 edition of Best Lawyers[®] are:

Birmingham

J. Chandler Bailey

- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Michael L. Bell

- Legal Malpractice Law Defendants
- Medical Malpractice Law Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- o Product Liability Litigation Defendants
- Professional Malpractice Law Defendants

William H. Brooks

- Appellate Practice
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants
- Sports Law

Reid C. Carpenter

- Medical Malpractice Law Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Kevin E. Clark

- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Haley A. Cox

- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Jeffrey P. Doss

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- o Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions Defendants

Melody H. 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

James W. Gibson

- o Commercial Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Law Defendants

Wesley B. Gilchrist

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation Mergers and Acquisitions
- Litigation Securities

Enrique (Henry) J. Gimenez

- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- o Product Liability Litigation Defendants
- Sports Law

Lee M. Hollis

- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

• Elizabeth Huntley

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

John M. (Johnny) Johnson

- o Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation Environmental
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions Defendants
- o Personal Injury Litigation Defendants

Brian P. Kappel

o Commercial Litigation

• M. Christian King

- Appellate Practice
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation Environmental
- Litigation Securities

Rachel M. Lary

- o Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Compliance Law
- Litigation Trusts & Estates
- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation –Defendants

Jonathan R. Little

- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions Defendants
- Personal Injury 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
- o Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Lana A. Olson

Litigation – Environmental

R. Ashby Pate

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants

Adam K. Peck

- Litigation Environmental
- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Laura H. Peck

- o 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

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- 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
- o Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Jack Sharman

- Corporate Compliance Law
- Corporate Governance Law
- o Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- o Electronic Discovery and Information Management Law

Clinton T. Speegle

- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

• John G. (JT) Thompson, Jr.

- o 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

Christopher C. Yearout

- Commercial Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Law Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Houston

Sanford G. (Sandy) Hooper

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Jared I. Levinthal

Commercial Litigation

In addition, eight lawyers received the publication's 2025 "Ones to Watch" recognition, given to attorneys on the rise:

Birmingham

Meghan S. Cole

- Commercial Litigation
- o Litigation Environmental
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

W. McKinley Dunn

- Medical Malpractice Law Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Amaobi J. Enyinnia

- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- o Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Benjamin P. Harmon

- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar

• Rachelle E. Sanchez

- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care Law
- Medical Malpractice Law Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants

Amie A. Vague

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation

Matthew J. Winne

- Product Liability Litigation Defendants
- o Professional Malpractice Law

Houston

Kaitlyn M. Faucett

- o Commercial Litigation
- Litigation Real Estate

Inclusion in Best Lawyers is based entirely on peer review. The methodology is designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical and legal practice area.