

Chambliss Attorneys Selected for Best Lawyers in America© 2021

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Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C. is honored to announce *Best Lawyers in America*© named six attorneys as “Lawyer of the Year” in the Chattanooga area among the 23 selected for [The Best Lawyers in America© 2021](#). Eight Chambliss attorneys were named to the inaugural edition of [Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch](#) list.

Best Lawyers® recognized six Chambliss attorneys as 2021 Chattanooga “Lawyer of the Year” for a select group of practice areas:

Attorney Name	2021 Lawyer of the Year, Chattanooga, Practice Area
William M. Barker	Mediation
Richard W. Bethea	Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
J. Nelson Irvine	Mergers and Acquisitions Law
Harold L. North, Jr.	Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
Mark Turner	Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
Paul Weidlich	Patent Law

Each of these lawyers represents a wide variety of clients across the nation on matters ranging from elder law to product liability disputes. Justice William M. Barker focuses his practice on arbitration and mediation. Richard W. Bethea is a litigator, representing and defending clients in a variety of areas: intellectual property, patent, commercial, and product liability. [Harold L. North](#) counsels clients on bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights, as well as commercial litigation matters. Clients turn to [J. Nelson Irvine](#) for matters in corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, and nonprofit and charities law. [Mark Turner](#) concentrates his practice on business financing and transactions. Paul Weidlich counsels clients on intellectual property matters including copyright, patent, and trademark law.

Best Lawyers selects only one lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area as the “Lawyer of the Year.” The publication selects lawyers based on voting averages received during the peer review assessments. Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect each lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same communities and same practice areas for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

Best Lawyers selected eight Chambliss attorneys for the first edition of [Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch](#):

Attorney Name	Practice Area
Stephen Adams	Intellectual Property Law, Patent Law
Charles W. Gilbreath II	Labor and Employment Law – Management
Willa Kalaidjian	Corporate Law, Venture Capital Law
Calvin Marshall	Corporate Law, Health Care Law
Leah Mitchell	Elder Law, Real Estate Law
Martha Culp Millener	Real Estate Law
Jed Roebuck	Corporate Law, Health Care Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
Kirby Yost	Land Use and Zoning, Real Estate Law

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch attorneys are extraordinary attorneys who have been in private practice for less than 10 years in the U.S. These attorneys are typically those who have been in practice for five to nine years and have displayed outstanding professional excellence. This recognition is based on peer review, as well.

“We are proud of the professionalism and service our attorneys show our clients every day. Each of the individuals recognized are very deserving of the acknowledgement,” said President Mark Cunningham. “It is also exciting to see

several of our up and coming leaders recognized in the inaugural edition of Ones to Watch. Our next generation of leaders at Chambliss provide high quality solutions and are actively pursuing ways to expand and enhance our client services.”

Best Lawyers recognized 23 Chambliss attorneys in [The Best Lawyers in America© 2021](#):

Attorney Name	Practice Area
William P. Aiken	Corporate Law, Health Care Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
T. Maxfield Bahner	Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation – First Amendment
William M. Barker	Arbitration, Mediation
Richard W. Bethea	Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
Mark A. Cunningham	Health Care Law
James F. Exum III	Insurance Law
Timothy M. Gibbons	Construction Law
David J. Hill	Copyright Law, Patent Law, Trademark Law
Rosemarie L. Hill	Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation – Labor and Employment
Frederick L. Hitchcock	Energy Law
Richard T. Hudson	Real Estate Law
J. Nelson Irvine	Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Nonprofit / Charities Law
Anthony A. Jackson	Litigation – First Amendment
John G. Jackson	Litigation – Intellectual Property
Hugh J. Moore	Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Municipal
Harold L. North, Jr.	Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
Dana B. Perry	Elder Law, Trusts and Estates
William H. Pickering	Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
Michael N. St. Charles	Real Estate Law
Mark Turner	Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Real Estate Law, Securitization and Structured Finance Law
Paul S. Weidlich	Patent Law
Gregory D. Willett	Trusts and Estates
Jay A. Young	Banking and Finance Law, Project Finance Law

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