

# THIRTY BERGER SINGERMAN ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED IN THE 2018 EDITION OF BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

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*More than 40% of Firm's Attorneys Receive National Recognition and Five Lawyers Receive "Lawyer of the Year" Designation*

**MIAMI – Aug. 15, 2017** – Berger Singerman, Florida's business law firm, is pleased to announce that 30 of the firm's attorneys were recognized in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

In addition, several partners received the esteemed "Lawyer of the Year" designation, which is given to a select group of individuals in high-profile specialties in large legal communities. Only one attorney per specialty in each community is honored. Partner Charles H. Lichtman was recognized as the Fort Lauderdale Litigation (Bankruptcy) Lawyer of the Year, while Leonard K. Samuels was named the Fort Lauderdale Employment Law Lawyer of the Year. In Miami, Daniel H. Aronson took home the Lawyer of the Year award for Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law and Paul Steven Singerman was named the Miami Litigation (Bankruptcy) Lawyer of the Year recipient. For Tallahassee, Daniel H. Thompson was recognized as Lawyer of the Year in the Water Law specialty.

The growing list of Berger Singerman attorneys honored as *The Best Lawyers in America* includes:

- Daniel H. Aronson (Miami) – Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity, Venture Capital, and Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Paul A. Avron (Boca Raton) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Business Reorganization Law
- Robert W. Barron (Fort Lauderdale) – Corporate and Real Estate
- Howard J. Berlin (Miami) – Business Reorganization
- James L. Berger (Fort Lauderdale) – Real Estate
- Mitchell W. Berger (Fort Lauderdale) – Commercial Litigation
- Franklin H. Caplan (Fort Lauderdale) – Real Estate
- Anthony J. Carriuolo (Fort Lauderdale) – Commercial Litigation
- James D. Gassenheimer (Miami) – Commercial and Bankruptcy Litigation
- Gavin C. Gaukroger (Fort Lauderdale) Commercial Litigation
- David L. Gay (Miami) – Business Reorganization
- Martin J. Genauer (Miami) – Corporate
- Jordi Guso (Miami) – Business Reorganization
- Michael J. Higer (Fort Lauderdale) – Commercial and Real Estate Litigation
- Melanie Ann Hines (Tallahassee) – Administrative/Regulatory and White Collar Litigation
- Ilyse M. Homer (Miami) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Christopher A. Jarvinen (Miami) – Business Reorganization
- Nick Jovanovich (Fort Lauderdale) – Tax

- Lewis M. Killian Jr. (Tallahassee) – Business Reorganization
- Charles H. Lichtman (Fort Lauderdale) – Commercial, Securities and Bankruptcy Litigation
- Dawn M. Meyers (Fort Lauderdale) – Environmental
- Daniel D. Mielnicki (Boca Raton) – Wealth Preservation/Tax
- Sheldon S. Polish (Fort Lauderdale) – Tax
- S. Daniel Ponce (Miami) – Commercial Litigation
- Samuel E. Poole III (Fort Lauderdale) – Environmental and Land Use
- Brian G. Rich (Tallahassee) – Business Reorganization
- Leonard K. Samuels (Fort Lauderdale) – Commercial and Employment Litigation
- Frank Scruggs (Fort Lauderdale) - Commercial and Employment Litigation
- Paul Steven Singerman (Miami) – Business Reorganization, Commercial and Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Daniel H. Thompson (Tallahassee) – Administrative and Environmental Litigation

“We are proud of our 30 team members who have been recognized as amongst *The Best Lawyers in America*. Their recognition is the direct result of their commitment to passionate client service and the results they consistently obtain for our clients,” said Paul Steven Singerman, co-chair of Berger Singerman. “We remain committed to further expanding our deep bench of existing talent with the top practitioners in their respective practice areas and fostering a collaborative environment that motivates our team to continue to provide our clients and referral sources with best-in-class service.”

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. It is based on an intensive peer-review survey in which almost 50,000 leading attorneys cast nearly five million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas. The publication now covers almost 70 countries and 137 practice areas, and *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

Berger Singerman’s recognition by *Best Lawyers* follows other prestigious awards the firm has received, including being named to *The National Law Journal*’s Midsize Hot List for three years in a row, as a top Florida law firm in *Chambers USA*, as a top tier firm in *U.S. News & World Report*’s Best Law Firms list and as a *Law360* Florida Powerhouse. In addition, Berger Singerman was awarded the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce’s South Florida Good to Great award in 2016 and was also the recipient of the same award in 2006.

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## Related Practice Teams

Business Reorganization  
 Business, Finance & Tax  
 Dispute Resolution  
 Government and Regulatory

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