

# THIRTY BERGER SINGERMAN ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED IN THE 2019 EDITION OF BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

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

**MIAMI – Aug. 15, 2018** – Berger Singerman, Florida's business law firm, is pleased to announce that 30 of the firm's attorneys were recognized in the 2019 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. Fort Lauderdale partner Leonard K. Samuels was named the Labor and Employment Litigation Lawyer of the Year and partner Robert K. Barron was named the Fort Lauderdale Corporate Lawyer of the Year. In Miami, Daniel H. Aronson took home the Lawyer of the Year award for Venture Capital, while Tallahassee based Lewis M. Killian, Jr., was recognized as Lawyer of the Year in the Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor/Rights specialty.

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

Daniel H. Aronson (Miami) – Corporate; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity; Mergers and Acquisitions; Securities/Capital Markets; Venture Capital

Paul A. Avron (Boca Raton) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Business Reorganization

Robert W. Barron (Fort Lauderdale) – Corporate and Real Estate

Howard J. Berlin (Miami) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights/Insolvency and 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

Leslie Gern Cloyd (Fort Lauderdale) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization

James D. Gassenheimer (Miami) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization; Commercial Litigation

Gavin C. Gaukroger (Fort Lauderdale) Commercial Litigation

David L. Gay (Miami) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization; Bankruptcy Litigation

Martin J. Genauier (Miami) – Corporate

Jordi Guso (Miami) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization; Bankruptcy Litigation

Michael J. Higer (Fort Lauderdale) – Commercial, Intellectual Property 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  
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) – Tax  
Sheldon S. Polish (Fort Lauderdale) – Tax and Trusts and Estates  
S. Daniel Ponce (Miami) – Commercial and Real Estate Litigation  
Brian G. Rich (Tallahassee) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization  
Leonard K. Samuels (Fort Lauderdale) – Commercial and Labor and Employment Litigation; Employment Law (Individuals and Management); Labor (Management)  
Marc Stephen Shuster (Miami) – Real Estate  
Frank Scruggs (Fort Lauderdale) – Commercial Litigation and Employment (Management)  
Paul Steven Singerman (Miami) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization; Bankruptcy and Bet-the-Company Litigation

Daniel H. Thompson (Tallahassee) – Administrative and Environmental; Environmental Litigation; Water Law

“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 30 attorneys recognized by *Best Lawyers* follows other prestigious awards and recognitions that the firm has received, including being named a top Florida law firm by *Chambers USA* for 15 consecutive years. Additionally, the firm’s Dispute Resolution team was recognized earlier this year by the *Daily Business Review* as the “2018 Midsize Litigation Department of the Year”. The firm has also been ranked in *The National Law Journal*’s “Midsize Hot List” by the *National Law Journal* for three years in a row, and as a top Florida law firm by *U.S. News and World Report* “Best Law Firms”.

## Related Practice Teams

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

## Related Team Member(s)

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