

Big Guns

Washington lawyers may tend to dress alike, but they're not all the same when dealing with problems. Here are 30 of the very best—plus 800 more who are close behind. Hang on to the list—when you really need a lawyer, you might want one of these.

By Kim Isaac Eisler

Some of those on our list of Washington's top lawyers have represented presidents. Others have defended murderers and thieves. Some might have represented—or might yet represent—you.

If the United States is a nation of laws, Washington is a city of lawyers: There are more here per capita than in any other city in the world. There are more here than in many entire countries.

This list of top lawyers in private practice skews toward those who represent people as opposed to corporations. It excludes some important but technical fields of law. But some areas of corporate and constitutional law are so bound up with our city that we couldn't ignore them. That includes lawyers who practice before the Supreme Court, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and federal agencies like the Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Communications Commission.

Most people get through life without having to hire an attorney for anything more serious than drawing up a will or overseeing a real-estate transaction. But

legal trouble can happen to anyone—and often does without warning. Lots of Washingtonians are arrested on criminal charges, from drunk driving to vehicular homicide. You might be called to testify before Congress. More common is a letter from the IRS—or from an attorney representing a departing spouse. You can slip and fall on an unshoveled sidewalk—or someone can fall on yours.

One thing you'll discover if you need one of these lawyers: They don't come cheap. For a good criminal-defense lawyer, the floor is close to \$400 an hour. Rates for the top attorneys reach \$1,000 an hour. Most lawyers bill in six-minute increments, meaning a one-minute call counts as six minutes—a tenth of an hour. So if you call a lawyer for a quick question, try to get six minutes' worth of advice.

Divorce lawyers' fees are the hardest to gauge. Some charge more but work fast. Others are relative dawdlers but charge lower rates. A common number here is \$450 an hour. Try to find a busy divorce lawyer. A busy lawyer wants to get on to the next case. If you walk into an empty

waiting room or the attorney tends to ramble, it could get very expensive.

I have spent much of the past 20 years writing about Washington lawyers. I have met, spoken to, and observed thousands of them. I've become friends with a few.

This is the fifth time that *The Washingtonian* has compiled a list of top lawyers. It is created primarily by peer recommendation. We asked, by telephone and e-mail, some 1,000 attorneys who (excluding themselves and members of their firms) the top practitioners in their fields are and whom they would hire to represent them in a range of areas. Then we checked on those people and asked for their recommendations. We invited them to take shots at one another; many availed themselves of the opportunity. One wrote that a colleague "should not be included on any list of best lawyers. No knowledgeable client would or should retain this individual."

In some areas, such as securities law, there is virtual unanimity about who the

best are. In a contentious field like divorce, it gets hard after the top guy, Sandy Ain. In such cases we talked to clients, judges, and former judges to get their opinions.

In the end we came up with some 800 attorneys—about 1 percent of the estimated 80,000 lawyers around Washington. Among those, we identified 30 to single out as the very best. Such choices involve arbitrary decisions and subjective judgments. We tried to pick people from across the region, from different practice groups, and from different law firms so no firm would have more than two on the top-30 list. In some cases, up-and-comers replaced veterans who had been on the list for many years—not because the older lawyers aren't good at what they do but to recognize newer talent.

Four times in the past we have chosen Washington's number-one lawyer. Previous winners are Robert Bennett of Skadden Arps, Brendan Sullivan of Williams & Connolly, Michele Roberts of Akin Gump, and Robert Barnett of Williams & Connolly.

Senate majority leader Harry Reid says this year's winner couldn't win confirmation as US attorney general. That might keep him from being the nation's top lawyer, but he is Washington's top lawyer.

1. Theodore B. Olson (Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher). Long known as one of the nation's top constitutional lawyers, this native Californian made the winning argument in the landmark case of *Bush v. Gore*, which put President Bush in the White House. Olson's resonant baritone voice matches his wit and reason. Because he arrived in Washington with Ronald Reagan, Olson is perceived in some circles as a spokesman for the right, a view held by few who actually know him.

His clients have included such Democrats as former senator Chuck Robb and Congresswoman Jane Harman. When *Time's* Matt Cooper was ordered to turn over his notes in the Scooter Libby investigation, it was Olson who filed Cooper's appeal to the US Supreme Court. He represents both CNN and Fox, probably the only man who could handle both.

A resident of Great Falls, Olson has argued 47 cases at the Supreme Court—he says his record is 34 wins, ten losses, and two no-decisions; one case is pending. The red-haired descendant of Norwegian immigrants was passed over twice for a seat on the Supreme Court by the president he put in the White House.

Olson has always pushed more forcefully for the advancement of protégés such as controversial federal-court nominee Miguel Estrada. He is a top adviser to Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani.

Olson turned 61 on September 11, 2001—the day his first wife, Barbara, died aboard the American Airlines plane that terrorists crashed into the Pentagon. He remarried last year.

2. Brendan V. Sullivan Jr. (Williams & Connolly). He may be Washington's most famous lawyer because of his televised assertion during the Iran-Contra hearings that he was not a potted plant. But his reputation is such that New York Stock Exchange chair Dick Grasso bypassed the entire New York bar to secure Sullivan's services in his defense.

For decades Sullivan has prided himself on the claim that no client of his had served jail time. He suffered a rare loss last year when Cendant Corporation CEO Walter Forbes was convicted of fraud by a Connecticut jury; Forbes is serving a 12-year sentence. It took prosecutors three trials—the first two ended in hung juries—to beat Sullivan. No lawyer can win every case, and Sullivan's now been at it for 38 years. At 65, he remains, in the minds of prosecutors, the most feared courtroom opponent in the nation.

3. Sanford K. "Sandy" Ain (Ain & Bank). For most legal specialties you can have a spirited argument about which of four or five lawyers might be the best. But among divorce lawyers, Sandy Ain is alone at the top. When *Law & Order* star S. Epatha Merkerson thanked him during a nationally televised awards ceremony, Ain was embarrassed. He takes pride in not having people know what he is doing.

Ain disdains the acrimonious aspects of divorce and laments the loss of civility in modern society. He would rather divide assets than assign blame for a failed marriage. Many millionaire divorces, like that of Danaher Corporation's Steven Rales, end up in his hands. He did such a good job for billionaire Sheila Johnson, ex-wife of BET founder Robert Johnson, that she named him general counsel of her growing sports, hotel, and business empire. Along with star partner **Rita Bank**, Ain has trained a stable of younger partners to practice divorce law in his own image.

4. William R. Martin (Sutherland Asbill & Brennan). Athletes provide a rich and never-ending source of litigation, and Billy Martin, a Pittsburgh native who came to Washington to attend Howard

University, has positioned himself to make the most of it. Most recently the unflamboyant Martin was hired to defend Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick on federal and state charges relating to illegal dogfighting.

Politicians occasionally need big-time help, too. Idaho senator Larry Craig has hired Martin to find a way to expunge his guilty plea in the famous foot-tapping incident at the Minneapolis airport. A judge ruled against Craig earlier this year, but the legal battles for both Craig and Vick continue. →

5. Maureen E. Mahoney (Latham & Watkins). The preeminent female litigator at the US Supreme Court, this former clerk for Justice William Rehnquist has argued 18 cases at the high court, winning 16 of them. The 53-year-old daughter of an Indiana personal-injury attorney, Mahoney is fast on her feet, a quick study of arcane issues, and fiercely determined.

She is on most short lists to serve on the Supreme Court herself one day. In the meantime, it doesn't hurt that the good friend who succeeded her as a clerk in Rehnquist's chambers is now the Chief Justice of the United States.

6. Seth P. Waxman (WilmerHale). Waxman, who was solicitor general during the Clinton administration, may be Washington's busiest attorney. He has argued landmark decisions on everything from campaign advertising to patent disputes. He has found time to represent a developer trying to get slot licenses for a casino in Pittsburgh, argued a federal-circuit case worth hundreds of millions to his client TiVo, and is handling the appeals of six Bosnians imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay, five accountants accused of fraud, and a high-tech company claiming that eBay stole its ideas. Whew!

Waxman, no relation to Congressman Henry Waxman, may be trying to stockpile cash before the Democrats regain the White House. He is considered a front-runner for the first Supreme Court vacancy should Hillary Clinton win the White House, a job that would cut his salary by more than a million dollars a year.

7. Robert S. Bennett (Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom). A still-pugnacious former prosecutor, Bob Bennett has more than his share of critics, most of whom like to mention that it has been years since Bennett tried a major case in court. But at 68, Bennett doesn't have to. His greatest skill is getting potential indictments quashed.

In one of his greatest achievements as the top criminal lawyer at one of the nation's most sophisticated firms, Bennett succeeded in stopping a criminal prosecution of accounting giant KPMG that some believe would have destroyed the company. Bennett's roster of all-star clients also includes ex-*New York Times* reporter Judith Miller, ex-World Bank president Paul Wolfowitz, and the family of a Duke University lacrosse player.

"Being a Washington lawyer involves a lot more than showing up in court," says Bennett, who adds that he doesn't remember his last full-scale trial. "It involves knowing where the pressure points are. In the corporate world, if you have to show up in court you have already lost."

8. Carol Elder Bruce (Venable). A graduate of George Washington University's law school, Bruce spent a decade as a prosecutor under four US Attorneys, including the legendary Earl Silbert, before she was named special prosecutor to investigate Interior secretary Bruce Babbitt in 1998. No charges were brought.

Now she litigates cases across the country and as close to her Northern Virginia home as Prince George's County, where she won a not-guilty verdict for a prominent lawyer/accountant who had been charged with bribery and theft of government funds. After a two-week trial and 15 hours of incriminating wiretaps, the jury ruled in her client's favor after less than two hours of deliberation.

Just two months later, Bruce was back in court, having skipped summer vacation, to win a total acquittal on bribery and corruption counts for Blake Esherick, an associate of indicted Washington developer Douglas Jemal's. College students owe her a debt as well. Bruce's legal maneuverings on behalf of a GW student forced the DC government to stop giving criminal citations to underage campus drinkers.

9. Michele A. Roberts (Akin Gump). As a young girl growing up in the Bronx, Roberts was dragged by her mother to courtrooms to watch trials. It was a form of entertainment at the time, but it sowed the seeds of interest in a woman who has become one of the finest trial lawyers in Washington.

After nearly two decades of working court appointments and representing common criminals, Roberts's talent for persuading juries began paying off. She is now a partner at Akin Gump, where her clients wear suits and she draws

an average of nearly \$1 million a year. Roberts already has three major trials scheduled for 2008, including one in which she will defend Valero Energy Corporation in a wrongful-death action.

10. Robert B. Barnett (Williams & Connolly). A case could be made that this courtly Illinois native, now 61, is just about the most influential figure in town. In addition to negotiating memoir deals for the rich and famous—including former Fed chair Alan Greenspan, former British prime minister Tony Blair, second lady Lynne Cheney, and both Clintons—Barnett arranges and negotiates business deals and employment agreements for dozens of government figures and fellow lawyers.

If knowledge is power, Barnett knows more about what people are making and thinking than anyone else in Washington. His bipartisan practice is a legal marvel, and one that would not have succeeded were he not a man of discretion and judgment—which, when you get down to it, is what you really want in a lawyer.

11. Reid H. Weingarten (Steptoe & Johnson). Along with Brendan Sullivan, Weingarten has been the go-to guy for criminal defendants during the last decade. A former trial attorney for the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section, Weingarten soaks up the facts of a case and synthesizes them for a jury as if by magic.

No lawyer has greater command or is quicker on his feet during cross-examination than Weingarten—skills he demonstrated by winning a near-total acquittal for Washington developer Douglas Jemal, whose situation appeared dire when he was indicted on charges of bribery, conspiracy, and defrauding the DC government.

12. Earl Silbert (DLA Piper). Washington has a host of top criminal lawyers who started in the late 1960s in the US Attorney's office—Robert Bennett and Sidley Austin's Thomas Green are among the most prominent. But ask whom they admire most, and the name that surfaces is Earl J. Silbert, whose two decades at the Justice Department included five years as US Attorney for the District of Columbia.

Silbert was an original prosecutor in the Watergate case and played a key role in bringing the Nixon administration's wrongdoing to light, much to the discomfort of his Nixon-appointed bosses. Now 71, Silbert is still much in demand. Recently he has been seen giving

advice to Chiquita Banana executives in jeopardy for allegedly paying bribes to "terrorist" militia groups in Colombia.

13. William McLucas (WilmerHale). When a corporate board and a CEO come to loggerheads, Bill McLucas often winds up between them. Last year Lucas's internal investigation of United HealthCare Corporations's William McGuire led to the ouster of the one-time golden boy of one of Wall Street's hot companies.

McLucas, a former director of enforcement at the Securities and Exchange Commission, is almost always the lawyer of choice for a business or corporate board with an SEC problem. Among clients who have sought his help are then-senator Bill Frist, who was investigated by the SEC on suspicion of insider trading in HCA, which his family founded. The investigation was closed with no action taken.

14. Peter D. Greenspun (Greenspun, Shapiro, Davis & Leary). Greenspun represents defendants with some of the most hopeless cases, as when a judge picked him to represent convicted sniper John Muhammad. But win-loss records can be deceiving. Few lawyers understand the psychology of juries better than this savvy 54-year-old graduate of George Mason University School of Law. While his defeats are sometimes front-page news, Greenspun's victories are impressive given the nature of his clientele.

Along with his talented friend and now partner, Jonathan Shapiro, he has won freedom for alleged drug pushers, pornographers, and murderers.

15. Robert C. Bonsib (Marcus & Bonsib). If Peter Greenspun is the best "blue-collar" criminal-defense lawyer in Virginia, many believe that accolade in Maryland belongs to Bob Bonsib. A one-time prosecutor, Bonsib won freedom for an FBI agent charged with covering up a police-dog attack on a homeless man.

A Gaithersburg resident who turns 59 this month, Bonsib really turned heads in a 2005 case in which three former officials of the Washington Teachers Union were accused of an embezzlement conspiracy. Two of the three were convicted and received long prison sentences. But Bonsib's client was acquitted after Bonsib, to show his scorn for the charges, sat quietly and saved questions for the end.

Says one attorney: "A lesser lawyer's ego would have rendered him incapable of saying 'I have no questions for this witness' for six weeks. Not Bonsib. He

stayed quiet, gave a closing argument pointing out the deficiencies in the government's case, and walked his client home."

16. Paula M. Junghans (Zuckerman Spaeder). Many regard Zuckerman Spaeder as the city's best boutique law firm. Among its stars is the well-known William Taylor, whose clients have included US senators and other lawyers. But inside the firm, many lawyers stand most in awe of the white-haired, detail-oriented Paula Junghans, who was once acting assistant attorney general for tax at the Department of Justice.

Junghans's expertise on tax matters is unmatched; she's the first person anyone with serious tax issues should seek out. One who has is former Ernst & Young partner Robert Coplan, who, with others, is accused of conspiracy to defraud the IRS, tax evasion, and six other charges.

17. Lanny Breuer (Covington & Burling). Many people wondered why, when both Clinton national-security adviser Sandy Berger and Bush aide Scooter Libby were deemed to have lied to investigators, the former got off with a wrist slap but the latter had to undergo a trial and appeared headed to prison until his sentence was commuted. A key difference might have been in their lawyers. Berger's attorney, Lanny Breuer, is one of the cleverest in Washington. He had to be. During the Clinton administration, Breuer represented the mischievous chief executive during his impeachment trial and four special-counsel investigations.

Breuer's Berger defense was a case study in Washington lawyering. He masterfully parried most of the charges and got Berger a favorable plea despite all damaging evidence. Justice Department veterans say that when a lawyer comes in looking for a light sentence today, he is apt to say, "I want a Berger."

18. Patrick Regan (Regan Zambri & Long). Regan is one personal-injury lawyer who could be a poster boy for legal ethics and integrity in a field often ridiculed as being populated by ambulance chasers. He has negotiated favorable settlements for clients ranging from an Arnold & Porter partner injured by a defective wheelchair to a 23-year-old beaten outside a bar (for whom Regan secured \$4.5 million in compensation).

Most recently, Regan represented the family of slain *New York Times* reporter David Rosenbaum in its \$20-million suit against the District of Columbia for inadequately transporting and treating Rosenbaum after he was attacked on the

street—a suit the family has agreed to drop if the District corrects deficiencies in its emergency-response procedures.

19. Alan Fisch (Kaye Scholer). In 2003 Fisch—then the youngest equity partner at Howrey—won a \$62-million patent-infringement case against Microsoft. Fisch, 41, has taken patent infringement to center stage among practice areas here. Last year he defended Comdata Networks, a leading supplier of electronic gift cards, against patent-infringement charges that could have meant the end of gift-card sales at more than 300 retailers, from JCPenney to Brooks Brothers, just weeks before the Christmas season. Fisch prevailed, and friends joked that he was the Jew who saved Christmas.

Fisch's knowledge of the insides of a vast array of products—including slot machines—has made him a must call for clients from Costco to General Dynamics.

20. Elaine Charlson Bredehoft (Charlson Bredehoft & Cohen). You won't see her face on the side of a bus or plastered on a billboard, but for 23 years this Minnesotan turned Virginian has been the area's most effective personal-injury lawyer. Specializing in employment cases, Bredehoft in 2006 won a \$5-million decision from the historically stingy Virginia Supreme Court in a breach-of-contract case on behalf of an executive fired by his company for alleged mismanagement. She won \$2.2 million for a real-estate agent fired when she got pregnant.

For executives under threat from new corporate owners, Bredehoft, who works out of Reston, has been a savior in a legal landscape not always kind to plaintiffs.

21. Whayne Quin (Holland & Knight). When it comes to Washington real estate, Quin—whose first name was his grandmother's surname—is the legal master. There is hardly a major project of the last 35 years that Quin has not played a role in. He is currently counseling builders and developers on two dozen projects, including new office buildings at Farragut Square and the big Akridge Air Rights project near Union Station. He recently argued a case at the DC Court of Appeals that could turn the old Italian Embassy on 16th Street into a 79-unit condo.

A legend among his peers, Quin gives back as much as he gets. He has served on boards and contributed generously to Children's Hospital, Safe Kids Worldwide, National Building Museum, and many other groups.

22. James Wallace (Wiley Rein). If lawyers are judged by monetary results, it's hard to find anyone more worthy of acclaim than Wallace, a quiet Atlanta native who has a quiet patent-law practice at Wiley Rein, where he is a founding partner. Several years ago he persuaded his partners to let him take on a rare case—one in which he would be paid only if he won. Corporate firms usually work for hourly rates; they seldom gamble.

The target was Research in Motion, the Canadian company that makes the BlackBerry. The client was a Chicago man who claimed to have invented a key piece of technology used in the popular communications device. In the end, Wallace won a \$612-million judgment, one of the largest patent-infringement awards in history—and one worth millions to himself and his 60 equity partners at Wiley Rein.

23. Kenneth R. Feinberg (Feinberg Group). One of the most unusual law practices in Washington is operated by Ken Feinberg, who from 1975 to 1978 served as special counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, then headed by Edward M. Kennedy. After 12 years with a New York-based law firm, Feinberg founded his own practice here in 1993. Unlike most lawyers, who operate in an atmosphere of conflict, Feinberg often is hired as an arbitrator, mediator, and adviser. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Attorney General John Ashcroft chose Feinberg to oversee the distribution of the victim-compensation fund. He was asked to play a similar role after the murder of 32 students at Virginia Tech.

His selection in both cases is testament to his reputation for fairness and integrity. His book about the 9/11 victims fund, *What Is Life Worth: The Unprecedented Effort to Compensate the Victims of 9/11*, is a remarkable story.

24. Thomas C. Green (Sidley Austin). One Washington lawyer who doesn't mind courtroom combat is Tom Green, a burly former artillery-battery commander in Vietnam. There is hardly a Washington fire in recent decades that the Yale law grad hasn't been involved in. He represented General Richard Secord in the Iran-Contra case, Senator Donald Riegle in the 1980s savings-and-loan scandal, and the estate of Jack Kent Cooke in connection with the sale of the Redskins.

Green has five cases on his plate for 2008, including the likely defense of Puerto Rico's Governor Anibal

Acevedo-Vila against allegations of campaign irregularities. There's talk that five trials in a year might send Green, born ten months before Pearl Harbor, into retirement. Says Green, "When they're over, I'll see if I can still get out of bed."

25. David Schertler (Schertler & Onorato). Being charged with a crime is a traumatic—even life-changing—experience, says Schertler, a 51-year-old former prosecutor with an impressive résumé. When clients come knocking, Schertler provides sensitivity and a personal relationship. After his 1982 graduation from law school at the University of Virginia, Schertler worked his way up from trial attorney in the Justice Department to chief of the homicide section in the US Attorney's Office in DC, trying more than 50 jury cases and conducting more than 100 grand-jury investigations along the way.

He founded his and Danny Onorato's litigation firm in 1996. With many members of the old guard in criminal defense nearing retirement, Schertler is viewed by many as the leader of the next generation of top-line defense lawyers.

26. Elizabeth Espin Stern (Baker McKenzie). When Stern joined Baker McKenzie in May 2005, the firm gave her "the map room." The daughter of an Ecuadorian diplomat, Stern heads the firm's global practice from an office with an antique map of the world on its domed ceiling. With good contacts

in embassies, consulates, and labor ministries across the current-day map, this University of Virginia law graduate, fluent in Spanish and French, is the preeminent immigration expert on the executive level. Her weekly updates to clients on fast-changing immigration laws and travel restrictions are must reads for many Washington-based business travelers. Trapped at a border crossing? Call Liz.

27. Joseph Montedonico (Montedonico, Belcuore & Tazzara). A self-described "frustrated physician," this native Washingtonian believes in medicine—and has spent 35 years defending people who wear white coats. Montedonico says the medical-malpractice climate in DC is such that doctors are quitting practice or moving to Maryland and Virginia, where they perceive juries to be less inclined to rule automatically in favor of plaintiffs. At 70 he remains the most trusted advocate for Washington doctors and the one most respected by his opponents.

28. Michael C. Durney (Law Offices of Michael C. Durney). A former deputy assistant attorney general for the tax division at the Department of Justice, Durney is one of the most effective tax lawyers in Washington. From his relaxed offices in Georgetown, the 64-year-old expert is more likely to represent individuals than corporations. His fee—about \$475 an hour—is considerably less than you might pay

at a larger corporate law firm. Durney is equally adept at giving good advice and performing in the courtroom.

29. Cheryl New (Sandground New & Lowinger). Operating out of an office overlooking the Tysons Corner area, New has established one of Washington's most effective family-law practices. The firm's founder, legendary divorce "bomber" Mark Sandground, 75, is as irascible as ever. But New, charging \$450 an hour, is quick to sum up a case and, unlike many of her better-known peers, settles cases with dispatch. Her motto: "Diagnose the problem quickly and solve it with the least amount of pain." One of New's chief assets is her partnership with tax whiz **Jeff Lowinger**, a numbers cruncher who likes to keep the ugly side of domestic cases at bay. Together they form a powerful divorce-law duo.

30. Nancy Fax (Pasternak & Fidis). When colleagues say Nancy Fax has written the book on estate and probate law, they mean it. With advanced degrees in tax from Georgetown University Law Center, Fax founded the standard, *DC Estates, Trust, and Probate Law Digest*, published by the District of Columbia Bar. Headquartered in Bethesda, Fax has an uncanny ability to untangle confusing technical matters. Her understanding of the law and personalized approach have made her a trusted adviser for couples and families planning their estates.

800 Top Lawyers

Here are Washington's best—the top 1 percent—in 28 legal specialties. Where location is not specified, the attorney's principal office is in the District of Columbia. Firm names are not given for solo practices.

The Wise Ones

For \$800 to \$1,000 an hour, you can get legal advice from former US senators, secretaries of State, even attorneys general. Here are Washington's wise men and women—and some of its most expensive legal talents, though you won't find many of them trying cases these days.

James A. Baker III, Baker Botts

Robert S. Bennett, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (in subsequent references called Skadden)

Berl Bernhard, DLA Piper

Thomas Hale Boggs Jr., Patton Boggs

Plato Cacheris, Trout Cacheris

Benjamin R. Civiletti, Venable

William T. Coleman Jr., O'Melveny & Myers

Stuart E. Eizenstat, Covington & Burling

Jamie Gorelick, WilmerHale

Eric H. Holder Jr., Covington & Burling

Earl J. Silbert, DLA Piper

Roger C. Spaeder, Zuckerman Spaeder

Jacob A. Stein, Stein, Mitchell & Mezines

Robert S. Strauss, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld (in subsequent references Akin Gump)

Dick Thornburgh, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis

You're Under Arrest

Sometimes advice isn't enough—you need a great criminal-defense attorney. Expect to pay \$500 to \$800 an hour—with a retainer of \$100,000 to \$200,000—for these white-collar criminal-defense lawyers. Fees are not generally deducted from the retainer—it's more like an insurance policy for the attorney and gets returned after the case.

E. Lawrence Barcella Jr., Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker

Richard Beizer, Crowell & Moring

Richard Ben-Veniste, Mayer Brown

Stephen Best, Dewey & LeBoeuf

K. Lee Blalack, O'Melveny & Myers

Stanley M. Brand, Brand Law Group

Lanny A. Breuer, Covington & Burling

Michael R. Bromwich, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson (in subsequent references Fried Frank)

Carol Elder Bruce, Venable

Ralph J. Caccia, Powell Goldstein

Gregory B. Craig, Williams & Connolly

John M. Dowd, Akin Gump

W. Neil Eggleston, Debevoise & Plimpton

Mitchell S. Ettinger, Skadden

Thomas C. Green, Sidley Austin

Howard W. Gutman, Williams & Connolly

James Hamilton, Bingham McCutchen

Richard A. Hibey, Miller & Chevalier

Adam S. Hoffinger, Morrison & Foerster

Mark J. Hulkower, Steptoe & Johnson

Philip Inglima, Crowell & Moring

N. Richard Janis, Janis, Schuelke & Wechsler

William H. Jeffress Jr., Baker Botts

David Krakoff, Mayer Brown

Abbe D. Lowell, McDermott Will & Emery
Michael J. Madigan, Akin Gump
William R. “Billy” Martin, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan
William E. McDaniels, Williams & Connolly
Laura Ariane Miller, Nixon Peabody
John W. Nields, Howrey
Gregory L. Poe, Robbins, Russell, Englert, Orseck, Untereiner & Sauber
Carl S. Rauh, Skadden
Lawrence S. Robbins, Robbins, Russell, Englert, Orseck, Untereiner & Sauber
Michele A. Roberts, Akin Gump
Martha Purcell Rogers, Ober Kaler
Amy R. Sabrin, Skadden
Richard A. Sauber, Robbins, Russell, Englert, Orseck, Untereiner & Sauber
Henry F. Schuelke III, Janis, Schuelke & Wechsler
Brendan V. Sullivan Jr., Williams & Connolly
William W. Taylor III, Zuckerman Spaeder
George J. Terwilliger III, White & Case
Robert P. Trout, Trout Cacheris
Mark H. Tuohy, Vinson & Elkins
Randall J. Turk, Baker Botts
John W. Vardaman, Williams & Connolly
Michael L. Waldman, Robbins, Russell, Englert, Orseck, Untereiner & Sauber
F. Joseph Warin, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Reid H. Weingarten, Steptoe & Johnson
Roger E. Zuckerman, Zuckerman Spaeder

You’re Going to Trial

If you don’t need, or can’t afford, any of the higher-priced lawyers listed earlier, try these top trial lawyers charging in the \$400-to-\$800-an-hour range. Many have more trial experience than their colleagues above.

Thomas Abbenante
Philip H. Armstrong, Armstrong & Page; Rockville
Kathleen Anne Behan, Bailey & Ehrenberg
Bradford A. Berenson, Sidley Austin
Anthony P. Bisceglie, Bisceglie & Walsh
Robert C. Bonsib, Marcus & Bonsib; Greenbelt
Barry Boss, Cozen O’Connor
Stephen Braga, Baker Botts
William C. Brennan Jr., Brennan Sullivan & McKenna; Greenbelt
Blair G. Brown, Zuckerman Spaeder
Preston Burton, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
Joe R. Caldwell, Baker Botts
Francis D. Carter, Zuckerman Spaeder
Barry Coburn, Trout Cacheris
Thomas G. Connolly, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis
Frederick D. Cooke Jr., Rubin, Winston, Diercks, Harris & Cooke
James W. Cooper, Arnold & Porter
G. Allen Dale
Harold Damelin, Blank Rome
Kevin M. Downey, Williams & Connolly
Cary Feldman, Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell
Peter D. Greenspun, Greenspun, Shapiro,

Davis & Leary; Fairfax
Bernard S. Grimm, Cozen & O’Connor
Julia E. Guttman, Baker Botts
Mark D. Hopson, Sidley Austin
Roscoe C. Howard Jr., Troutman Sanders
John F. Hundley, Trout Cacheris
Paul F. Kemp, Venable; Rockville
Alan Kriegel, Skadden
Barry Wm. Levine, Dickstein Shapiro
Michael N. Levy, McKee Nelson
Mark London, London & Mead
Terence J. Lynam, Akin Gump
Christopher B. Mead, London & Mead
Andrea Mosley, Zwerling, Leibig & Mosley; Alexandria
Danny Onorato, Schertler & Onorato
Barry J. Pollack, Kelley Drye Collier Shannon
Stanley J. Reed, Lerch, Early & Brewer; Bethesda
Laura K. Rhodes, Albright & Rhodes; Rockville
Mark J. Rochon, Miller & Chevalier
Peter J. Romatowski, Jones Day
Kathryn H. Ruemmler, Latham & Watkins
Rene Sandler; Rockville
David Schertler, Schertler & Onorato
Jonathan Shapiro, Greenspun, Shapiro, Davis & Leary
Barry Simon, Williams & Connolly
DeMaurice Smith, Patton Boggs
Mary C. Spearing, Baker Botts
W. Randolph Teslik, Akin Gump
Barbara “Biz” Van Gelder, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
Lawrence H. Wechsler, Janis, Schuelke & Wechsler
Peter H. White, Mayer Brown
Andrew T. Wise, Miller & Chevalier
Mitchell Zamoff, Hogan & Hartson
John Kenneth Zwerling, Zwerling, Leibig & Mosley; Alexandria

Sue the Bastards!

You want to sue the fire department that failed to rescue you, the lawyer who blew your case, the doctor who botched your medical care, the blogger who defamed you. It’s time to call a personal-injury attorney. Here are Washington’s best—most honest and effective—lawyers who sue.

Laurie A. Amell, Stein, Mitchell & Mezines
William E. Artz, Arlington
Aaron Book, Webster Book; Leesburg
Reginald Bours; Rockville
Michele Bartoli Cain, Bartoli Cain & Matthews
Joseph Cammarata, Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata, & Siegel
Paulette Chapman, Koonz, McKenney, Johnson, DePaolis & Lightfoot
Wayne Cohen, Cohen & Cohen
Thomas Curcio; Alexandria
Peter DePaolis, Koonz, McKenney, Johnson, DePaolis & Lightfoot; Fairfax
Peter S. Everett, Blankingship & Keith; Fairfax
L. Palmer Foret
John R. Garza, Garza, Regan & Associates;

Rockville
Roger K. Gelb, Gelb & Gelb
Gary Godard, Miller Firm; Alexandria
Peter C. Grenier, Bode & Grenier
Michael D. Hausfeld, Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll
Roger C. Johnson, Koonz, McKenney, Johnson, DePaolis & Lightfoot
Ronald A. Karp, Karp, Frosh, Lapidus, Wigodsky & Norwind; Rockville
Kim Keenan, Jack H. Olender & Associates
Bruce J. Klores
Walter E. Laake Jr., Joseph, Greenwald & Laake; Greenbelt
Lawrence S. Lapidus, Karp, Frosh, Lapidus, Wigodsky & Norwind
Aaron M. Levine
William P. Lightfoot, Koonz, McKenney, Johnson, DePaolis & Lightfoot
Patrick Malone
John Mesirow, Mesirow & Stravitz
Gary Mims; Fairfax
Gerard E. Mitchell, Stein, Mitchell & Mezines
Michael S. Morgenstern; Rockville
Robert F. Muse, Stein, Mitchell & Mezines
Barry Nace, Paulson & Nace
Jack H. Olender
Michelle A. Parfitt, Ashcraft & Gerel
Charles C. Parsons
Patrick M. Regan, Regan Zambri & Long
Sandra H. Robinson, Jack H. Olender & Associates
George W. Shadoan, Shadoan, Michael & Wells; Rockville
Brian C. Shevlin, Shevlin Smith; Fairfax
Allan M. Siegel, Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata, & Siegel
Robert M. Somer, Hilton & Somer; Fairfax
Paul Sprenger, Sprenger + Lang
Robert J. Stoney, Blankingship & Keith; Fairfax
James W. Taglieri, Cadeaux, Taglieri & Notariuso
Salvatore J. Zambri, Regan Zambri & Long
Charles J. Zauzig III, Nichols Zauzig Sandler; Woodbridge

I’ve Been Sued!

For every lawsuit filed by one of the lawyers just listed, there has to be someone on the other side. Here are the defense attorneys that Washington’s plaintiff lawyers privately say they least like to see.

Stephen L. Altman, Hamilton Altman Canale & Dillon; Fairfax
H. Kenneth Armstrong, Armstrong, Donohue, Ceppos & Vaughan; Rockville
William J. Bachman, Williams & Connolly
Mark Behrens, Shook, Hardy & Bacon
John J. Brandt, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker; McLean
Albert D. Brault, Brault Graham; Rockville
Pamela A. Bresnahan, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease
Dane H. Butswinkas, Williams & Connolly
Mary G. Clark, Williams & Connolly
Kenneth Connor, Wilkes & McHugh; Leesburg

Gerard J. Emig, Gleason, Flynn, Emig & Fogleman; Rockville
Ronda Brown Esaw, McGuireWoods; McLean
Eva Petko Esber, Williams & Connolly
Elizabeth Ewert, Drinker Biddle & Rea th
Hugh Farrell, Farrell & Gunderson; Columbia
Michael F. Flynn Jr., Gleason, Flynn, Emig & Fogleman; Rockville
James P. Gleason Jr., Gleason, Flynn, Emig & Fogleman; Rockville
Robert W. Goodson, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker
Edward Grove III, Brault Palmer Grove White & Steinhilber; Fairfax
Steven A. Hamilton, Hamilton Altman Canale & Dillon; Bethesda
James Heffler, Heffler, Uhl & Taylor; Chevy Chase
Mark M. Jones, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker; McLean
Bradley Kelly; Bethesda
John P. Lynch, McNamee, Hosea, Jernigan, Kim, Greenan & Walker; Greenbelt
Nicholas S. McConnell, Jackson & Campbell
John D. McGavin, Trichilo, Bancroft, McGavin, Horvath & Judkins; Fairfax
Michelle Mangrum, Shook, Hardy & Bacon
Joseph Montedonico, Montedonico, Belcuore & Tazzara
Dwight D. Murray, Jordan Coyne & Savits
Richard L. Nagle, Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle; Fairfax
George O. Peterson, Sands Anderson Marks & Miller; McLean
Joseph G. Petrosinelli, Williams & Connolly
Leo A. Roth Jr., Brault Graham; Rockville
Daniel L. Shea, Brault Graham; Rockville
Ira Shepard, Saul Ewing
Alicia Lehnese Summers; Alexandria Michael S. Sundermeyer, Williams & Connolly
Stephen L. Urbanczyk, Williams & Connolly
John K. Villa, Williams & Connolly
Bruce D. White, Brault Palmer Grove White & Steinhilber; Fairfax
Carolyn H. Williams, Williams & Connolly
James S. Wilson, Brault Graham; Rockville

You're Fired!

If you feel you've been unfairly fired, forced out, or discriminated against at your workplace, you might want a lawyer who specializes in the field. Here are the best.

Lisa Banks, Katz, Marshall & Banks
Lynne Bernabei, Bernabei & Wachtel
Elaine Charlson Bredehoft, Charlson Bredehoft & Cohen; Reston
Gary Brown, Gary Brown & Associates
Barbara Camens, Barr & Camens
Bruce Fredrickson, Webster, Fredrickson, Henrichsen, Correia & Puth
Joseph Gebhardt, Gebhardt & Associates
Douglas B. Huron, Heller, Huron, Chertkof, Lerner, Simon & Salzman
Ronald C. Jessamy
Debra Katz, Katz, Marshall & Banks
Paul Kiyonaga, Kiyonaga & Soltis

Carolyn N. Lerner, Heller, Huron, Chertkof, Lerner, Simon & Salzman
Richard A. Salzman, Heller, Huron, Chertkof, Lerner, Simon & Salzman
Joseph M. Sellers, Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll
Debra Soltis, Kiyonaga & Soltis
Linda Thatcher; Greenbelt
Barry Weintraub; Stafford
Joel Zuckerman, Maxwell & Barke; Rockville

Defending the Employer

Aggrieved employees have their attorneys, so it only makes sense that employers have theirs, too.

Connie Bertram, Winston & Strawn
Mark Blondman, Blank Rome
Barbara B. Brown, Paul Hastings
Theresa Connolly, Isler Dare Ray Radcliffe & Connolly; Vienna
R. Mark Dare, Isler Dare Ray Radcliffe & Connolly; Vienna
Edward Lee Isler, Isler Dare Ray Radcliffe & Connolly; Vienna
Linda M. Jackson, Venable; McLean
Douglas B. Mishkin, Patton Boggs
Sara Z. Moghadam, DLA Piper
Stephen V. Robinson, McGuireWoods
Grace E. Speights, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius

Greetings From the IRS . . .

When you hear from the Internal Revenue Service and it's not about a refund, you want a lawyer who knows tax law. Here are some well versed in both personal and corporate tax matters.

Bernard Bailor, Caplin & Drysdale
Peter Baumbusch, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Herbert N. Beller, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan
John Bray, King & Spalding
James A. Bruton III, Williams & Connolly
Rita A. Cavanagh, Latham & Watkins
William Charyk, Arent Fox
Peter Daub, Baker & McKenzie
H. Stewart Dunn Jr., Ivins, Phillips & Barker
Michael C. Durney
Susan T. Edlavitch, Venable
Gerald A. Feffer, Williams & Connolly
Miriam L. Fisher, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
Eric Fox, Ivins, Phillips & Barker
James T. Fuller, Williams & Connolly
Lawrence Gibbs, Miller & Chevalier
Kenneth W. Gideon, Skadden
Fred T. Goldberg Jr., Skadden
G. Michael Green, Dickstein Shapiro
Theodore Groom
Michael D. Jackley, Joseph, Greenwald & Laake; Greenbelt
Quana Jew, Arent Fox
James P. Joseph, Arnold & Porter
Paula M. Junghans, Zuckerman Spaeder
Gerald A. Kafka, Latham & Watkins
R. Scott Kilgore, WilmerHale
Julian Y. Kim, Latham & Watkins
Kenneth Klein, Mayer Brown

Martin Lobel, Lobel, Novins & Lamont
John B. Magee, McKee Nelson
Scott Michel, Caplin & Drysdale
Lon E. Musslewhite, Williams & Connolly
Cono Namorato, Caplin & Drysdale
Eileen O'Connor, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
Roger C. Ohlrich, Gardner, Ohlrich & Vlach
Arthur Pasternak, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Sam Roberson, Curtin Law Roberson Dunigan & Salans
Blake Rubin, McDermott Will & Emery
Michael I. Sanders, Powell Goldstein
Jennifer A. Sincavage, Janis, Schuelke & Wechsler
Richard Skillman, Caplin & Drysdale
Justin Thornton
Stefan F. Tucker, Venable
Arthur C. Walker Jr., Mayer Brown
Bradley S. Waterman

Protecting Your Heirs

One of the great finds in a financially successful life is a smart estate-and-probate lawyer. Here are some of the best.

W. Shepherdson Abell, Furey, Doolan & Abell; Chevy Chase
Gary Altman, Altman & Associates; Rockville
Ronald D. Aucutt, McGuireWoods; McLean
William L. Babcock Jr.; Alexandria
Frank S. Baldino, Lerch, Early & Brewer; Bethesda
Leigh-Alexandra Basha, Holland & Knight, McLean
Edward Beckwith, Baker and Hostetler
Doris Blazek-White, Covington & Burling
Thomas Campbell, Yates, Campbell, Christopher & Yates; Fairfax
Earl Colson, Arent Fox
John P. Cummins III, Colten Cummins Watson & Vincent; Fairfax
Michael Curtin, Curtin Law Roberson Dunigan & Salans
William E. Davis; Ross, Marsh & Foster
Wayne Eig, Paley, Rothman, Goldstein, Rosenberg, Eig & Cooper; Bethesda
Jay Eisenberg, Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker; Rockville
Nancy G. Fax, Pasternak & Fidis; Bethesda
Dena Feeney, Feeney & Kuwamura; Silver Spring
Marc R. Feinberg, West & Feinberg; Bethesda
Donna Fincher, Vaughan, Fincher & Sotelo; Vienna
Ellen Harrison, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
A. Everett Hoeg, Venable; Vienna
Beth Shapiro Kaufman, Caplin & Drysdale
Don Kozusko, Kozusko Harris Vetter & Wareh
Richard L. Lyon
Rhonda J. MacDonald; Vienna
Robert E. Madden, Powell Goldstein
Mary Ann Mancini, Bryan Cave
Virginia A. McArthur
James E. McNair, Patton Boggs; McLean
Philip O'Donoghue, Furey, Doolan & Abell; Chevy Chase

Lloyd Leva Plaine, Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Ronald E. Recht; Bethesda
Thomas W. Richardson, Arnold & Porter
Paul F. Riekhof, Joseph, Greenwald & Laake; Greenbelt
Alban Salaman, Holland & Knight
Laurence Salans, Curtin Law Roberson Dunigan & Salans
Lewis J. Saret, Moore & Bruce
Douglas L. Siegler, Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Frederick Tansill; McLean
Kelly A. Thompson; Arlington
Robert E. Ward; Bethes da
Munford Yates, Yates, Campbell, Christopher & Yates; Fairfax

Stocks and Trades

If you run—or own lots of stock in—a public company, the Securities and Exchange Commission can complicate your life. It rarely happens to ordinary people, but when it does, you want the best.

William R. Baker III, Latham Watkins
David Becker, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
Gregory Bruch, Foley & Lardner
Stephen J. Crimmins, Mayer Brown
Charles Davidow, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
James Doty, Baker Botts
Ralph Ferrara, Dewey & LeBoeuf
Joseph Goldstein, Mayer Brown
Karl A. Groskaufmanis, Fried Frank
Bruce Hiler, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft
John J. Huber, Latham & Watkins
Paul Huey-Burns, Dechert
Dixie L. Johnson, Fried Frank
Colleen P. Mahoney, Skadden
Michael Mann, Richards Kibbe & Orbe
David B.H. Martin, Covington & Burling
William R. McLucas, WilmerHale
Christian Mixter, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
Richard J. Morvillo, Mayer Brown
John F. Olson, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Harvey Pitt, Kalorama Legal Services
Irving Pollack, Fulbright & Jaworski
Therese Pritchard, Bryan Cave
Richard Rowe, Proskauer Rose
Howard Schiffman, Dickstein Shapiro
John Sturc, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Michael D. Trager, Arnold & Porter
Harry J. Weiss, WilmerHale
Laura S. Wertheimer, WilmerHale
Samuel “Sandy” Winer, Foley & Lardner

To Merge or Not to Merge

Antitrust lawyers do most of their business at the Justice Department trying to get approval for mergers, but they also can be helpful to business owners threatened by a giant.

William Baer, Arnold & Porter
Leiv Blad, Clifford Chance
Robert Bloch, Mayer Brown
George Cary, Cleary Gottlieb

Deborah L. Feinstein, Arnold & Porter
Kathy Fenton, Jones Day
Claudia Higgins, Kaye Scholer
Joseph Kattan, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Donald C. Klawiter, Mayer Brown
William J. Kolasky, WilmerHale
Mark Leddy, Cleary Gottlieb
Daryl Libow, Sullivan & Cromwell
Janet L. McDavid, Hogan & Hartson
A. Douglas Melamed, WilmerHale
Glenn A. Mitchell, Stein, Mitchell & Mezines
Tim Muris, O'Melveny & Myers
John M. Nannes, Skadden
Steven Newborn, Weil, Gotschal & Manges
Richard Parker, O'Melveny & Myers
R. Hewitt Pate, Hunton & Williams
Phillip Proger, Jones Day
Charles “Rick” Rule, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft
Joseph Simons, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
Joe Sims, Jones Day
Tefft W. Smith, Kirkland & Ellis
Michael Sohn, Arnold & Porter
Christine Varney, Hogan & Hartson
Paul Yde, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Margaret M. Zwisler, Latham & Watkins

Got to Get Reorganized?

You've done everything you can, but you need shelter from creditors. As with the tax attorneys, the bankruptcy lawyers in Maryland and Virginia are more likely to help individuals, while those in the big downtown DC firms are more likely to work for corporations.

Lisa F. Al-Bashir, WilmerHale
Scott L. Alberino, Akin Gump
Sam J. Alberts, White & Case
Michael St. Patrick Baxter, Covington & Burling
Michael Bernstein, Arnold & Porter
Paul Bennett Bran, Dickstein Shapiro
Daniel Carrigan, DLA Piper; Reston
Darrell W. Clark, Stinson Morrison Hecker
Nelson Cohen, Zuckerman Spaeder
Edward C. Dolan, Hogan & Hartson
Mary Joanne Dowd, Arent Fox
Norman Eisen, Zuckerman Spaeder
Alan D. Eisler, Stark, Meyers, Eisler, & Leatham; Rockville
Bradford F. Englander, Linowes and Blocher; Bethesda
Morton A. Faller, Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker; Rockville
Larry G. Franceski, Fulbright & Jaworski
Roger Frankel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
H. Jason Gold, Wiley Rein
Craig Goldblatt, WilmerHale
Thomas P. Gorman, Tyler, Barti, Gorman & Ramsdell; Alexandria
James M. Greenan, McNamee, Hosea, Jernigan, Kim, Greenan & Walker; Greenbelt
Lawrence A. Katz, Venable; Vienna
Brian F. Kenney, Miles & Stockbridge; McLean
David Kuney, Sidley Austin

Stephen E. Leach, Leach Travell Britt; McLean
Daniel M. Litt, Dickstein Shapiro
Valerie P. Morrison, Wiley Rein; McLean
William J. Perlstein, WilmerHale
Stanley Samorajczyk, Akin Gump
James R. Schroll, Bean, Kinney & Korman; Arlington
Jeffrey L. Tarkenton, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice
Mark Taylor, Arent Fox
James A. Vidmar Jr., Linowes and Blocher; Bethesda

Food and Drugs

These lawyers typically deal with the Food and Drug Administration—either working to make sure your food is safe or trying to get approval to put products on the shelves.

Ed Basile, King & Spalding
I. Scott Bass, Sidley Austin
Raymond Bonner, Sidley Austin
Bob Brady, Hogan & Hartson
Mark Brown, King & Spalding
Nancy Buc, Buc & Beardsley
Richard Cooper, Williams & Connolly
James Czaban, WilmerHale
Fred Degnan, King & Spalding
Ellen Flannery, Covington & Burling
Richard L. Frank, Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Bode Matz
Mark Heller, Goodwin Procter
Thomas Henteleff, Kleinfeld Kaplan & Becker
Peter Barton Hutt, Covington & Burling
Jonathan Kahan, Hogan & Hartson
Paul Kim, Foley Hoag
Richard Kingham, Covington & Burling
Dan Kracov, Arnold & Porter
Stephen Paul Mahinka, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
Meredith Manning, Hogan & Hartson
Eugene Pfeifer, King & Spalding
James Phelps, Hyman, Phelps & McNamara
Peter Safir, Covington & Burling
Kathleen Sanzo, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
William Schultz, Zuckerman Spaeder
Stephen Terman, Olsson Frank
Dan Troy, Sidley Austin
William Vodra, Arnold & Porter
Ladd Wiley, Akin Gump

Green Like Me—or Not

Own a dry-cleaning company—or a house on a protected lake? If so, the Environmental Protection Agency can make you jump through hoops. These lawyers can help.

Virginia Albrecht, Hunton & Williams
William Anderson, Williams Mullen
Jane Barrett, Blank Rome
Lynn Bergeson, Bergeson & Campbell
Blake Biles, Arnold & Porter
William H. Bode, Bode & Grenier
David Buente, Sidley Austin
Heidi Hughes Bumpers, Jones Day
Henry Diamond, Beveridge & Diamond
Carol Dinkins, Vinson & Elkins
Stephen C. Fotis, Van Ness Feldman

Theodore Garrett, Covington & Burling
Michael Goodstein, Resolution Law Group
Joel Gross, Arnold & Porter
Ridgeway M. Hall, Crowell & Moring
Michael Jones, Kirkland & Ellis
Daniel Joseph, Akin Gump
Laurence Kirsch, Goodwin Procter
Chuck Knauss, Bingham McCutchen
Roger Marzulla
David Menotti, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
Thomas Milch, Arnold & Porter
Richard Penna, Van Ness Feldman
Patrick Rahe, Hogan & Hartson
Kathy Rhyne, King & Spalding
Perry M. Rosen, Akin Gump
Judson Starr, Venable
Margaret Strand, Venable
William Wehrum, Hunton & Williams

On the Air

If you have business with the Federal Communications Commission, you might see some of these people appealing fines, getting new technologies authorized, or working to merge two satellite-radio networks.

Kathleen Abernathy, Akin Gump
Jim Baller, Baller Herbst Law Group
Eric Bernthal, Latham & Watkins
William Crispin, Crispin & Greenberg
Gary Epstein, Latham & Watkins
Charles Ferris, Mintz Levin
Theodore Frank, Arnold & Porter
Patrick J. Grant, Arnold & Porter
Jennifer Johnson, Covington & Burling
Andrew Lipman, Bingham McCutchen
Richard Metzger, Lawler, Metzger, Milkman & Keeney
John Rogovin, WilmerHale
Michael Senkowski, Wiley Rein
Bryan Tramont, Wilkinson Barker Knauer
Cheryl Tritt, Morrison & Foerster
Philip Vermeer, Willkie Farr & Gallagher
Richard Wiley, Wiley Rein
Kathryn Zachem, Wilkinson Barker Knauer

What's the Big Idea?

Sometimes something you invented ends up being sold or used by someone you never talked to. Theft of intellectual property, from new windshield wipers to music to computer programs, is common. Some of these lawyers work cases involving millions of dollars and know their way around the Patent and Trademark Office. Many used to work there.

V. James Adduci, Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumburg
Cory Amron, Vorys Sater Seymour and Pease
Sherri Blount, Morrison & Foerster
Barry Bretschneider, Morrison & Foerster
Michael Clayton, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
Donald R. Dunner, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner
Mark Fox Evans, Stern Kessler

Ford Farabow, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner
E. Anthony Figg, Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck
Alan Fisch, Kaye Scholer
Ann K. Ford, DLA Piper
Joel Freed, McDermott Will & Emery
Cecilia Gonzalez, Howrey
Lawrence J. Gotts, Paul Hastings
Edward Gray, Morrison & Foerster
Margaret Kavalaris, Cooley Godward Kronish
Roderick R. McKelvie, Covington & Burling
Richard McMillan Jr., Crowell & Moring
Larry S. Nixon, Nixon & Vanderhyle
George Pappas, Covington & Burling
Joseph M. Potenza, Banner & Witcoff
Thomas Queen, Wiley Rein
Thomas Scott, Goodwin Procter
George Sirilla, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
James Slattery, Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch
Ybet Villacorta, Foley & Lardner
James Wallace Jr., Wiley Rein
William Wallace, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy
W. Mack Webner, Sughrue Mion

School Daze

The Department of Education issues and oversees a maze of rules and regulations, which means lots of lawyers here represent school districts, colleges and universities, and sometimes individuals. A major fight now is whether public schools have to pay for private special-education programs if they don't offer them. Here are people who can help.

Audrey Anderson, Hogan & Hartson
John F. Cafferty, Blankingship & Keith; Fairfax
Grady Carlson, Hunton & Williams; McLean
Thomas J. Cawley, Hunton & Williams; McLean
Alexander Dreier, Hogan & Hartson
Michael Jeffrey Eig; Chevy Chase
Elizabeth Meers, Hogan & Hartson
William B. Reichardt; Fairfax
Gerald S. Rugel; Herndon
Diana M. Savit, Savit & Szymkowitz; Bethesda
Arthur Schmalz, Hunton & Williams; McLean
Maree Sneed, Hogan & Hartson
Robert Wilkins, Venable

Do the Rights Thing

Civil-rights issues can revolve around race, gender, religion, language, disability, and more. Some of these lawyers handle such cases through their firms' pro bono programs, which means a big-firm lawyer will often take an interesting or egregious case for free.

Roderic Boggs, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
Patricia Brannan, Hogan & Hartson
Stephen Chertkof, Heller, Huron, Chertkof, Lerner, Simon & Salzman
David Cole, Georgetown University Law Center
Mark Dann, Gebhardt & Associates

Marc Fleischaker, Arent Fox
Kristen Galles; Alexandria
Elizabeth Sara Gere, Ross, Dixon & Bell
Marcia Greenberger, National Women's Law Center
Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
Harriet Lipkin, DLA Piper
William Mertens; Bethesda
John Payton, WilmerHale
John Relman, Relman & Dane
Kerry Scanlon, Kaye Scholer
David Wachtel, Bernabei & Wachtel
Christine Webber, Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll

Not-So-Golden Years

Advancing age brings issues related to Social Security, retirement, nursing homes, and more. Here's a group knowledgeable about the laws that especially affect older people.

Elliott Andalman, Andalman & Flynn; Silver Spring
Robert Bullock, Elder & Disability Law Center
Jacqueline D. Byrd, Byrd & Byrd; Bowie
Kathleen R. Cossa; Fairfax
Jeffrey J. Downey, DMG Group
William Fralin, Estate Planning and Elder Law Firm; Arlington
Morris Klein; Bethesda

Blowing the Whistle

Reporting your company or agency for wrongdoing can get you fired, and it can get you rewarded. Handling whistleblower suits is a specialized legal practice. Most of these attorneys also practice general employment law.

John Boese, Fried Frank
Alan C. Brown, Enterprise Business Law Group
David Colapinto, Kohn, Kohn & Colapinto
Robert B. Fitzpatrick
Myrrel Hendricks, Gebhardt & Associates
Michael Kohn, Kohn, Kohn & Colapinto
Stephen Kohn, Kohn, Kohn & Colapinto
Mona Lyons
David Marshall, Katz, Marshall & Banks
Kathleen McDermott, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal
John Phillips, Phillips & Cohen
Rick Robinson, Fulbright & Jaworski
Shelley R. Slade, Vogel, Slade & Goldstein
Jason Zuckerman, Employment Law Group

In Uniform

Military life has its own set of challenges—and laws. Here are people who know their way around them.

Eugene Fidell, Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell
Matthew Freedus, Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell
Charles Gittins; Middletown, Va.
Mary T. Hall; Hollywood, Md.
Jonathan Katz, Marks & Katz; Silver Spring
James Klimaski
William Koegel Jr., Steptoe & Johnson

Matthew MacLean, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
F. Whitten Peters, Williams & Connolly
Neal A. Puckett
Douglas Rosinski, Oglethorpe Deakins
Stephen Saltzburg, George Washington University Law School
David P. Sheldon

Where's Your Green Card?

The threat of terrorism has complicated life for everyone—especially for foreign nationals and people doing business internationally. These lawyers can help straighten things out.

Serge Bauer
Andres Benach, Maggio & Kattar
Sam Hsien-Cheng Chang, Wasserman, Mancini & Chang
Rajan Paul Eapen, Eapen Law
Thomas Elliot, Elliot & Maycock
Roberta Freedman, Duane Morris
Andrew Greenfield, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy
Carl Hampe, Baker & McKenzie
Dev A. Kayal, Kayal & Ghosal; Silver Spring
Michael Maggio, Maggio & Kattar
Mark Mancini, Wasserman, Mancini & Chang
Sahlu Mikael
Amy Marmer Nice, Dickstein Shapiro
Eleanor Pelta, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
José Pertierra
Beth Peters, Hogan & Hartson
Elizabeth Quinn, Maggio & Kattar
Denyse Sabagh, Duane Morris
Elizabeth Espin Stern, Baker & McKenzie
Paul W. Virtue, Hogan & Hartson
Aseged Yimer; Silver Spring

Dealing With the World

Few lawyers log more miles than the ones who negotiate trade agreements and settle disputes between parties in different nations.

Charlene Barshefsky, WilmerHale
Mark Clodfelter, Winston & Strawn
John Corette, DLA Piper
Mark Cymrot, Baker Hostetler
Raul Herrera, Arnold & Porter
Michael Kantor, Mayer Brown
Carolyn Lamm, White & Case
Daniel Plaine, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Paul Reichler, Foley Hoag
Ed Rubinoff, Akin Gump
Jonathan Schiller, Boies, Schiller & Flexner
Stephen Schwebel

Running for Office

It's a practice tailor-made for Washington: advising political candidates and groups on how to run for office and advocate change without running afoul of campaign-finance and ethics laws.

Jan Witold Baran, Wiley Rein
Robert Bauer, Perkins Coie
Joe Birkenstock, Caplin & Drysdale
Bobby Burchfield, McDermott Will & Emery

William Canfield, Williams & Jensen
Marc Erik Elias, Perkins Coie
Craig Engle, Arent Fox
Sonia Fois, Arnold & Porter
Ben Ginsberg, Patton Boggs
Laurence Gold, Lichtman, Trister & Ross
Lee Goodman, LeClairRyan
Ken Gross, Skadden
Ki Hong, Skadden
Brett Kappel, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease
John Keeney Jr., Hogan & Hartson
Rob Kelner, Covington & Burling
Carol Laham, Wiley Rein
James Lamb, Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg
Cleta Mitchell, Foley & Lardner
Lawrence Noble, Skadden
Lawrence Norton, Womble Carlyle
Trevor Potter, Caplin & Drysdale
Neil Reiff, Sandler, Reiff & Young
Joseph Sandler, Sandler, Reiff & Young
Scott Thomas, Dickstein Shapiro
Michael Toner, Bryan Cave
Lyn Utrecht, Ryan, Phillips, Utrecht & MacKinnon
Jill Holtzman Vogel

Don't Stop the Presses!

Washington has more journalists than any other city—and more lawyers to protect them. Here are the people savvy reporters call.

Kevin Baine, Williams & Connolly
Robert Bernius, Nixon Peabody
Bruce Brown, Baker Hostetler
Laura Handman, Davis Wright Tremaine
Thomas Hentoff, Williams & Connolly
David Kendall, Williams & Connolly
Lee Levine, Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz
Mark Lynch, Covington & Burling
Thomas McLish, Akin Gump
Theodore B. Olson, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Terence Ross, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Bruce Sanford, Baker Hostetler
Paul Smith, Jenner & Block
Michael Sullivan, Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz
Charles Tobin, Holland & Knight

Let's Make a Deal

Some Washington lawyers have done very well acting as agents for media and sports clients.

Kenneth Adams, Dickstein Shapiro (poker issues)
Robert Ades (sports, radio)
Lon Babby, Williams & Connolly (sports)
Robert Barnett, Williams & Connolly (literary agent)
John Cassidy, Baker Botts (NASCAR)
Gregg Levy, Covington & Burling (NFL)
Gail Ross, Lichtman, Trister & Ross (media law, literary agent)
James Tanner, Williams & Connolly (sports)

You Want to Build What?

Washington has lots of lawyers who deal with zoning, land use, and anything

else having to do with real estate and development in an area complicated by multiple jurisdictions. One thing all these lawyers combined can't do: build a skyscraper in the District.

Stanley D. Abrams, Abrams & West; Bethesda
Richard Bar, Galland, Kharasch, Greenberg, Fellman & Swirsky
John Braswell, Redmon, Peyton & Braswell; Alexandria
Douglas Bregman, Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday; Bethesda
Kenneth Brown, Nichols Zauzig Sandler; Woodbridge
Antonio Calabrese, Cooley Godward Kronish; Reston
Joseph Corish, Bean, Kinney & Korman; Arlington
Thomas Dunigan, Curtin Law Roberson Dunigan & Salans
Maureen Dwyer, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
John Engel, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
Jay Epstien, DLA Piper
Robert Falb, Arent Fox
Wendy Fields, Katten Muchin Rosenman
Brian Frosh, Karp, Frosh, Lapidus, Wigodsky & Norwind; Bethesda
Ronald Gart, Powell Goldstein
Kenneth Gelfarb, Tenenbaum & Saas
Robert Glenn, Holland & Knight; McLean
Michael Goodwin, Arnold & Porter
Warren Gorrell, Hogan & Hartson
Robert Gottlieb, Venable
Jan K. Guben, Venable
John D. Hagner, Womble Carlyle
Daniel Hodin, Paley, Rothman, Goldstein, Rosenberg, Eig & Cooper; Bethesda
Philip Horowitz, Venable
E. Peter Kane, Hunton & Williams; McLean
Carol Weld King, Hogan & Hartson
Jonathan Kinney, Bean, Kinney & Korman; Arlington
Frederick Klein, DLA Piper
Joel Kline, Miller, Miller & Canby; Rockville
Kenneth Logwood, Womble Carlyle
Marianne Loman, Furey, Doolan & Abell; Chevy Chase
Francis McDermott, Hunton & Williams; McLean
Anne K. Planning, Spartin Planning; Alexandria
Wayne Quin, Holland & Knight
Elsie Reid, Furey, Doolan & Abell; Chevy Chase
Michael Ruane, Holland & Knight
Debbie Spartin, Spartin Planning; Alexandria
Chad Tiedemann, Holland & Knight
Martin D. "Art" Walsh, Walsh Colucci Lubeley Emrich & Walsh; Arlington
Sheldon Weisel, Goulston & Storrs
Wendelin White, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
Roger Winston, Ballard, Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll

Honey, It's Over

Divorce hurts. These people can help. Prenuptially, too.

Sanford K. Ain, Ain & Bank
Rita Bank, Ain & Bank
Beth A. Bittel; Fairfax
David Bulitt, Joseph, Greenwald & Laake; Greenbelt
Cynthia Callahan, Dragga, Callahan, Hannon Hessler & Wills; Rockville
Mark Carlin, Ain & Bank
Robin Clark, Clark & Glass; Rockville
Richard J. Colten, Colten Cummins Watson & Vincent; Fairfax
Joseph Condo, Condo Roop Kelly & Byrnes; McLean
Glenn Cooper, Paley, Rothman, Goldstein, Rosenberg, Eig & Cooper; Bethesda
James Ray Cottrell, Gannon & Cottrell; Alexandria
Jonathan Dana, Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell
Linda Delaney, Delaney McKinney; Bethesda
Faith Dornbrand, Pasternak & Fidis
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Jo Benson Fogel; Rockville
Keenan Goldsby, Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell
Ilona Freedman Grenadier, Grenadier, Anderson, Simpson, Starace & Duffett; Alexandria
Linda Haspel, Haspel & McLeod
Hadrian Hatfield, Strickler, Sachitano & Hatfield; Bethesda
Cheryl Lynn Hepfer; Rockville
Heather Hostetter, Strickler, Sachitano & Hatfield; Bethesda
Walter W. Johnson Jr.; Silver Spring
James Korman, Bean, Kinney & Korman; Arlington
Armin "Rick" Kuder, Kuder, Smollar & Friedman
Glenn Lewis
Robert Liotta, Liotta, Dranitzke & Engel
David Masterman, Masterman & Graham; McLean

Margaret McKinney, Delaney McKinney
Gwendolen Lesh McLeod, Haspel & McLeod; Rockville
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Cheryl New, Sandground New & Lowinger; Vienna
Ronald Ogens, Deckelbaum Ogens & Raftery; Bethesda
Joseph Paradiso, Paradiso, Taub, Sinay & Owel; Bethesda
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Linda Ravdin, Pasternak & Fidis; Bethesda
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Deborah Reiser, Lerch, Early & Brewer; Bethesda
Bryan Renehan, Brodsky, Greenblatt, Renehan & Pearlstein; Gaithersburg
Nancy Sachitano, Strickler, Sachitano & Hatfield; Bethesda
Betty Moore Sandler, Nichols Zauzig Sandler; Woodbridge
Carol Schrier-Polak, Bean, Kinney & Korman; Arlington
Wendy H. Schwartz; Fairfax
Richard Shadyac Jr., Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell; Falls Church
Lauren Shea, Ain & Bank
Darcy Shoop, Stein, Sperling, Bennett, De Jong, Driscoll & Gr eenfeig
Robert Shoun, Shoun, Bach, Walinsky & Curran; Fairfax
Paul Smollar, Kuder, Smollar & Friedman
Howard Soypher, Paley, Rothman, Goldstein, Rosenberg, Eig & Cooper; Bethesda
Arlene Starace, Grenadier, Anderson, Simpson, Starace & Duffett; Alexandria
Scott Strickler, Strickler, Sachitano & Hatfield; Bethesda
Robin Taub, Paradiso, Taub, Sinay & Owel; Bethesda
Betty A. Thompson; Arlington
Marna Tucker, Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell
Donna Van Scoy; Rockville
Edna Ruth Vincent, Colten Cummins Watson & Vincent; Fairfax
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Vincent Wills, Dragga, Callahan, Hannon, Hessler & Wills; Rockville
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These constitutional lawyers, most of them former Supreme Court clerks, will take your case to the top.

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Miguel Estrada, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
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Kenneth Geller, Mayer Brown
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