



Lawdragon launched the Hall of Fame component to our Lawdragon 500 guide in 2015. In the Hall of Fame's fifth year, we added 41 lawyers to the permanent group of honorees, including renowned law firm leader and litigator Linda Addison of Norton Rose Fulbright. Additions also include leaders of complex corporate transactions, the plaintiff bar, our judiciary and the public interest world.



### **Nancy Abell - Paul Hastings**

Abell has been one of the nation's top corporate employment lawyers for decades, leading her firm's global practice, litigating the most pressing issues of the day, and breaking barriers through the UCLA Law Women LEAD effort she co-founded.

### **Linda Addison - Norton Rose**

Her career has included remarkable achievements, serving as the first woman editor of the University of Texas Law Review; lead counsel in more than 50 trials; the leader of Norton Rose U.S.; and Founding President of the Center for Women in Law.



### **Corinne Ball - Jones Day**

Ball's work in bankruptcy law is unsurpassed, leading Chrysler through its successful Chapter 11 reorganization and the City of Detroit in its restructuring. She heads Jones Day's New York Restructuring & European Distress Investing practices.

### **Charlene Barshefsky - WilmerHale**

WilmerHale's senior international partner has made remarkable contributions to global business and international relations, as the U.S. Trade Representative who negotiated China's historic entry into the WTO.



### **Hilarie Bass - Bass Institute for Diversity & Inclusion**

The longtime leader of Greenberg Traurig rose to presidency of the ABA and now leads the Bass Institute, which she founded to increase women in senior management and diversity throughout organizations.

### **David Beck - Beck Redden**

The much-admired leader of the Texas trial bar has been winning the biggest verdicts for more than 50 years while serving as a steadfast supporter of the University of Texas Law School and illustrious trial bars nationwide.



### **Philip Beck - Bartlit Beck**

What to say about the trial lawyer who secured the George W. Bush presidency and a record-setting award for a wrongly convicted man – while building a first-rate firm and serving up victory after victory for corporate clients?

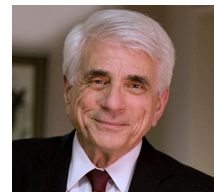


### **Candace Beinecke - Hughes Hubbard**

She smashed barriers in law by becoming the first female chairperson of a major New York firm while building an elite practice and securing serious corporate and philanthropic leadership posts.

### **David Berg - Berg & Androphy**

This author's personality is almost as large as his estimable record of success, from a U.S. Supreme Court victory when he was 28 to countless wins at the outstanding firm he built.



### **John Branca - Ziffren Brittenham**

He is the Lawdragon Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame: The Doors, Aerosmith, the Beach Boys, Dr. Dre, Carlos Santana, Elton John, the Rolling Stones, the estates of Elvis and Janis. Hall of Fame Acts: 30. Music publishing dollars: Billions.

### **Dale Cendali - Kirkland**

From J.K. Rowling to Oracle, Converse to Otter Box, Cendali has been the go-to litigator for the highest of high-profile intellectual property disputes, forging a trail for women lawyers in the field and at Kirkland.



### **Jay Cohen - Paul Weiss**

A top litigator for more than 30 years, Cohen made his mark in high-profile litigation and corporate guidance for clients from Citigroup and Time Warner to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

### **Nina Cortell - Haynes Boone**

This Texas trial lawyer wins for big corporations and has been tops at Haynes & Boone for more than 40 years; she is among the remarkable women alums of the University of Texas Law School, and a founder of its Center for Women in Law.



### **Scott Edelman - Milbank**

Edelman has led a resurgence as Chairman of Milbank while leading high-profile, high-stakes litigation over music rights for Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), Citi Global Markets and Cerberus Capital Management.





### **Dianne Elderkin - Akin Gump**

A rare registered patent lawyer awarded membership in elite trial lawyer organizations, Elderkin has been at the top of the list for complex biotech disputes worth billions.

### **Parker Folse - Susman Godfrey**

An ace trial lawyer in the Susman full house, the onetime Rehnquist clerk and Seattle office anchor is noted for his massive intellectual property, antitrust and financial litigation victories on behalf of Alaskan fishermen, tech entrepreneurs and investors.



### **Robin Gibbs - Gibbs & Bruns**

Among the most admired trial lawyers, Gibbs and his superb litigation firm have made a huge impact across financial, energy, construction and technology cases on both sides of the “v.”

### **Patricia Glaser - Glaser Weil**

Among the nation’s most feared advocates, Glaser shattered more than a few ceilings as a tenacious trial lawyer and law firm leader while serving as a dedicated philanthropist for theater, The Hebrew University and many other organizations.



### **Jamie Gorelick - WilmerHale**

The much-respected head of regulatory & government affairs at WilmerHale crafted remarkable expertise as General Counsel of the Department of Defense before serving as the Deputy Attorney General of the U.S.

### **Stuart Grant - Grant & Eisenhofer**

Quite arguably the most successful plaintiff securities litigator in Chancery court, Grant built a remarkable firm before going to pasture – as a race horse owner! He now works chiefly as a litigation financier with Bench Walk Advisers, which he founded.



### **Eric Holder - Covington & Burling**

The highly regarded Obama Attorney General was the first African-American to hold the post and now is an in-demand Covington partner, representing everyone from Microsoft to California, in its battles with the Trump Administration.



#### **Stace Kanter - Skadden**

The longtime Skadden partner made her mark on enormous deals for clients including Rite Aid, Realogy and Pfizer, serving as head of the Global Markets Practice and the firm's Diversity initiative.

#### **David Kappos - Cravath**

One of the world's foremost authorities on intellectual property, this vaunted Cravath partner got his start at IBM, rising to head the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, where he led an overhaul of operations and legislative reform.



#### **Anthony Kennedy - U.S. Supreme Court**

The longtime center of the U.S. Supreme Court made his mark voting conservative on most business issues while recognizing individual freedoms, including marriage equality. After his 2018 retirement, he's teaching again at McGeorge Law.

#### **Thomas Kennedy - Skadden**

This brainy M&A lawyer helps clients from Tumi to Sprint Nextel, and NTL Incorporated to the Dolan Family in their biggest deals while heading Knowledge Management for the global powerhouse firm.



#### **Carolyn Lamm - White & Case**

Among the world's most distinguished international arbitration lawyers, Lamm has made her mark resolving global corporate disputes in a host of arbitral bodies worldwide, while also serving as an ABA leader.

#### **Judy Livingston - Kramer Dillof**

The first woman admitted to the exclusive Inner Circle, she has won 34 verdicts of more than \$1M and helped achieve payments of more than half-a-billion dollars to clients with medical malpractice and personal injury claims.



#### **Patrick McGroder - Beus Gilbert**

The Buffalo, N.Y. native's passion for social justice propelled him to great success helping injured consumers, including the families of firefighters and police officers, winning more than \$600M and demanding change from those responsible.



### **Roger Meltzer - DLA Piper**

A highly regarded dealmaker as a lawyer, he's assembled one of the world's largest law firms, with offices in 40 countries, and now serves as New York-based global co-chair.

### **Thomas Moore - Kramer Dillof**

The plaintiff's lawyer whom other plaintiff's lawyers call when they need help: He's won 92 verdicts of more than \$1M and achieved settlements exceeding \$1B, yet the title this Inner Circle member holds most dear is husband of Judith Livingston.



### **James O'Callahan (1956-2019) - Girardi | Keese**

A wonderful advocate for injured consumers in Los Angeles, the longtime Girardi | Keese partner was admired by lawyers and judges alike for his wit, wisdom, warmth and compassion.

### **C. Allen Parker - Wells Fargo**

This wry and witty dealmaker is among the most admired lawyers in the country, serving as Presiding Partner of Cravath before joining Wells Fargo as general counsel and interim CEO.



### **Kathleen Flynn Peterson - Ciresi Conlin**

She used her formidable expertise as a registered nurse to achieve justice for consumers injured in the healthcare system, winning millions for birth injuries, botched operations and other medical negligence.

### **Miles Ruthberg - Latham**

A longtime Latham leader, Ruthberg excels at the highest-stakes lawsuits, obtaining dismissals at trial of securities claims valued at \$4B and handling more than 100 claims involving accounting and financial issues.



### **Shira Scheindlin - Stroock**

She earned great admiration during her 22 years as a federal judge in the Southern District of New York, and now is much in demand to resolve private disputes and weigh in on mock arguments.



### **Robert Schumer - Paul Weiss**

The longtime M&A lawyer and Paul Weiss mainstay has handled numerous high-profile deals for Time Warner entities, Kate Spade and Oak Hill Capital Partners, among many others.

### **Lawrence Sucharow - Labaton Sucharow**

A leader in the plaintiff securities litigation and class action bar, Sucharow has brought hundreds of cases, recovering billions for investors as well as injured consumers in the Big Tobacco and Volkswagen Clean Diesel litigations.



### **Stephen Susman - Susman Godfrey**

The iconic Susman conceived of a plaintiff financial litigation firm that shared risk with clients; built that eponymous firm into the most highly regarded lawyers corps in the country; won billions; and still regularly rides his bike 20 miles up a mountain.

### **David Tolbert - International Center for Transitional Justice**

An impassioned and resolute advocate for global justice, Tolbert has devoted his career to fostering a path forward after conflicts and massive human rights violations in the former Yugoslavia, Cambodia and Lebanon.



### **F. Joseph Warin - Gibson Dunn**

The master of white-collar work amassed expertise prosecuting more than 50 trials as a U.S. Attorney; he's since overseen a vast range of FCPA and other claims in 40 states and dozens of countries.

### **Seth Waxman - WilmerHale**

The former Solicitor General is among the crème de la crème of U.S. Supreme Court advocates, winning rights for Guantanamo detainees; a ruling to outlaw the death penalty for juvenile offenders; and victories for business clients.

