

81 Wiley Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026

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The Best Lawyers in America, in its 2026 edition, has recognized 81 Wiley attorneys – including 24 “Ones to Watch” – among the top legal talent in Washington, DC.

Additionally, Kathleen A. Kirby, co-chair of the Telecom, Media & Technology Practice, was named DC’s “Lawyer of the Year” for First Amendment Law. This is the second consecutive year Kirby has received this distinction, having been honored last year in the Media Law category.

The following attorneys are recognized in the 2026 edition of Best Lawyers:

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- Hannah Bingham – Government Relations Practice (Ones to Watch)
- Michael E. Toner – Government Relations Practice

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- Martha E. Marrapese – Environmental Law
- Hume M. Ross – Administrative/Regulatory Law, Environmental Law (Ones to Watch)
- David B. Weinberg – Environmental Law

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- Ann M. Begley – FDA Law

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- Scott A. Felder – Government Contracts
- Morgan W. Huston – Government Relations Practice (Ones to Watch)
- Paul F. Khoury – Government Contracts
- Scott M. McCaleb – Government Contracts
- Benjamin Phillips, III – Government Relations Practice (Ones to Watch)
- Teresita Regelbrugge – Government Relations Practice (Ones to Watch)
- Cara L. Sizemore – Government Relations Practice (Ones to Watch)
- Craig Smith – Government Contracts
- Brian Walsh – Government Contracts

Insurance

- Mary E. Borja – Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Litigation-Insurance
- Kimberly A. Cereijo – Insurance Law
- Ashley L. Criss – Insurance Law (Ones to Watch)
- Jason P. Cronic – Insurance Law, Litigation-Insurance
- Benjamin C. Eggert – Insurance Law
- Elizabeth Fisher – Appellate Practice, Insurance Law (Ones to Watch)
- Jessica N. Gallinaro – Insurance Law (Ones to Watch)
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