

65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named ‘Lawyer of the Year’

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Foster Garvey is proud to announce that 65 of its attorneys have been recognized in the 2025 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*®, highlighting the firm's reputation across the legal industry and deep commitment to excellence. Additionally, Spokane attorneys [Ryan Jensen](#) and [John Nelson](#), and Portland attorney [Paul Trinchero](#) each earned the “Lawyer of the Year” distinction in their respective areas.

This recognition by *Best Lawyers* reflects the immense dedication and high-caliber talent of Foster Garvey attorneys as well as the trust and support of their clients and their colleagues across the legal industry. Additionally, the “Lawyer of the Year” awards earned by this year's three honorees demonstrate the attorneys' steadfast leadership in their fields and the deep respect they have developed among their peers.

“Lawyers of the Year” 2025

- [Ryan K. Jensen](#) – Corporate Law (Spokane, WA)
- [John R. Nelson](#) – Litigation - Labor and Employment (Spokane, WA)
- [Paul H. Trinchero](#) – Litigation - Real Estate (Portland, OR)

The Best Lawyers in America® 2025

Portland, OR

Contact

Thomas F. Ahearne
Jason M. Ayres
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Vincent P. Cacciottoli
Philip J. Carstens
R. Daniel Carter
Devra R. Cohen
Deborah A. Crabbe
Brad C. Deutsch
P. Stephen DiJulio
Greg Duff
Joy Ellis
Peter A. Evalds
Tim J. Filer
Gary E. Fluhrer
Cynthia M. Fraser
Michael J. Gamsky
Emily Harris Gant
Chelsea J. Glynn
Marc R. Greenough
Claire F. Hawkins
Paul Heer
Bryan Helfer
Allen D. Israel
Ryan K. Jensen

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- [Jason M. Ayres](#) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Banking and Finance, Litigation - Bankruptcy
- [Larry J. Brant](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax, Tax Law
- [Vincent P. Cacciottoli](#) – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- [Joy Ellis](#) – Education Law, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- [Cynthia M. Fraser](#) – Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Litigation and Controversy - Tax, Mediation
- [Daniel L. Keppler](#) – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Securities
- [Steven D. Nofziger](#) – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Tax Law
- [Tara J. Schleicher](#) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy
- [Paul H. Trinchero](#) – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Litigation - Real Estate, Litigation - Securities
- [Joseph W. West](#) – Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Real Estate Law
- [Matthew J. Yium](#), Commercial Litigation, Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants

Matthew Kelly
Daniel L. Keppler
Zachary J. King
Tina M. Kyle
William C. Lenz
Mikaela Louie
Lee R. Marchisio
Alyssa A. Melter
Kelly A. Mennemeier
Christopher S. Napier
John Ray Nelson
Steven D. Nofziger
Scott B. Osborne
Steven R. Peltin
Melia A. Preedy
Todd Reuter
Tara J. Schleicher
Patrick J. Schneider
Allison C. Schwartzman
Thomas J. Scott
Diana S. Shukis
Erin Snodgrass
Robert B. Spitzer
Lori Terry Gregory
Paul H. Trinchero
Michael K. Vaska
Chloe Thompson Villagomez
Dan Wadkins
Joseph W. West
Kinnon W. Williams
Adrian Urquhart Winder
Matthew J. Yium
Dan Youngblut

Seattle, WA

- [Thomas F. Ahearne](#) – Appellate Practice, Insurance Law
- [Bradley J. Berg](#) – Health Care Law
- [Deborah A. Crabbe](#) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- [Stephen DiJulio](#) – Appellate Practice
- [Greg Duff](#) – Leisure and Hospitality Law
- [Tim J. Filer](#) – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Banking and Finance, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation -

Securities

- [Gary E. Fluhrer](#) – Real Estate Law
- [Michael J. Gamsky](#) – Securitization and Structured Finance Law
- [Emily Gant](#) – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Leisure and Hospitality Law
- [Marc R. Greenough](#) – Public Finance Law
- [Claire Hawkins](#) – Trademark Law
- [Bryan Helfer](#) – Real Estate Law
- [Allen D. Israel](#) – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Tina M. Kyle](#) – Public Finance Law
- [Lee R. Marchisio](#) – Municipal Law
- [Christopher Napier](#) – Real Estate Law
- [Lori K. Nomura](#) – Health Care Law
- [Scott B. Osborne](#) – Real Estate Law
- [Steven R. Peltin](#) – Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- [Patrick J. Schneider](#) – Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation - Land Use and Zoning
- [Allison C. Schwartzman](#) – Municipal Law, Public Finance Law
- [Diana S. Shukis](#) – Employment Law - Management
- [Erin Snodgrass](#) – Technology Law
- [Robert B. Spitzer](#) – Real Estate Law
- [Lori A. Terry Gregory](#) – Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental, Natural Resources Law
- [Michael K. Vaska](#) – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Health Care
- [Chloe Villagomez](#) – Native American Law
- [Kinnon W. Williams](#) – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- [Adrian Urquhart Winder](#) – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law

Spokane, WA

- [Philip J. Carstens](#) – Tax Law
- [Ryan K. Jensen](#) – Corporate Law, Real Estate Law
- [John R. Nelson](#) – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Environmental, Litigation - Labor and Employment

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- [Todd Reuter](#) – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Real Estate
- [Dan Wadkins](#) – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Law

Tulsa, OK

- [R. Daniel Carter](#) – Appellate Practice, Litigation - Environmental

Washington, D.C.

- [Brad C. Deutsch](#) – Communications Law

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® 2025

- [Jeanne C. Barenholtz](#) – Criminal Defense: White-Collar (New York, NY)
- [Joshua A. Bloomgarden](#) – Corporate Law, Entertainment and Sports Law, Intellectual Property Law (New York, NY)
- [Emily M. Borich](#) – Intellectual Property Law (New York, NY)
- [Andrea L. Bradford](#) – Environmental Law (Seattle, WA)
- [Justice Brooks](#) – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Real Estate (Portland, OR)
- [Devra R. Cohen](#) – Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Environmental Law, Litigation - Antitrust, Litigation - Environmental (Seattle, WA)
- [Peter Evalds](#) – Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Tax Law (Portland, OR)
- [Chelsea Glynn](#) – Land Use and Zoning Law (Portland, OR)
- [Paul Heer](#) – Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (Seattle, WA)
- [Matthew Kelly](#) – Labor and Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment (Seattle, WA)
- [Zachary J. King](#) – Tax Law (Seattle, WA)
- [William C. Lenz](#) – Real Estate Law (Spokane, WA)
- [Mikaela Louie](#) – Health Care Law (Seattle, WA)
- [Alyssa Melter](#) – Labor and Employment Law - Management
- [Kelly A. Mennemeier](#) – Litigation - Intellectual Property; Litigation - Labor and Employment (Seattle, WA)

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- [Melia A. Preedy](#) – Construction Law (Seattle, WA)
- [Thomas J. Scott](#) – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law (Portland, OR)
- [Dan Youngblut](#) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Seattle, WA)

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The “Lawyer of the Year” designation is an award bestowed to only one lawyer with the highest average of votes in their particular practice and region, indicative of a stellar reputation and work ethic. Those receiving the “Ones to Watch” awards indicate attorneys who are earlier in their careers and have demonstrated outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. Learn more about *Best Lawyers* and its recognition methodology at [bestlawyers.com](https://www.bestlawyers.com).