

News & Insights

Best Lawyers Recognizes 94 Dykema Attorneys

Firm Receives 10 “Lawyer of the Year” Honors

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Dykema, a leading national law firm, announced today 94 of the firm’s lawyers, in multiple practice areas and markets, have been recognized in the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* guide. This number of Dykema attorneys on the *Best Lawyers* list represents nearly 25 percent of all lawyers in the firm.

Additionally, 10 of the firm’s practitioners have been named *Best Lawyers’* 2015 “Lawyers of the Year,” an increase from seven on last year’s list. This special distinction is conferred upon a single lawyer within a practice area and metropolitan market.

The Best Lawyers in America® (Copyright 2014 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, SC) is the pre-eminent national listing of outstanding attorneys. This annual guide is derived from exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The 2015 guide recognizes Dykema attorneys in virtually all of the firm’s practice areas. Dykema’s Minneapolis office, which opened in 2013, was represented for the first time in the listing.

“The fact that so many of our attorneys earned *Best Lawyers* recognition shows that our peers recognize the hard work we put into our practices every day,” said Peter M. Kellest, Dykema’s Chairman and CEO. “We believe in the importance of delivering consistently excellent client service and obtaining outstanding results for our clients. I believe this recognition shows that our hard work does not go unnoticed.”

The Dykema attorneys named *Best Lawyers’* 2015 “Lawyers of the Year” are:

- James S. Brady – Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar, Grand Rapids
- John A. Ferroli – Litigation – Environmental, Grand Rapids
- Robert J. Franzinger – Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy), Detroit
- Alan M. Greene – Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Detroit
- Dennis M. Haffey – Litigation – Banking and Finance, Detroit
- Thomas R. Hill – Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants, Chicago
- James P. Kiefer – Corporate Law, Lansing
- Mark A. Metz – Securities Regulation, Detroit
- Melvin J. Muskovitz – Litigation – Labor and Employment, Ann Arbor
- Roselyn (Roz) Parmenter – Health Care Law, Ann Arbor

The Dykema attorneys listed in the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* guide, identified by market and the practice areas for which they have been recognized, are:

Ann Arbor, MI

- Phyllis Adams – Health Care Law
- James M. Cameron, Jr. – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions, Litigation – Municipal, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

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- Marie R. Deveney – Trust and Estates
- Kathrin E. Kudner – Health Care Law
- Melvin J. Muskovitz – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Roselyn (Roz) Parmenter – Health Care Law
- Ronald J. Santo – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management
- Robert P. Tiplady – Litigation – Trust and Estates, Trust and Estates
- Jill M. Wheaton – Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation

Bloomfield Hills, MI

- Maria B. Abrahamsen – Health Care Law
- Bowden V. Brown – Public Finance Law
- Brendan J. Cahill – Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Eric Thomas Carver – Litigation – Trust and Estates, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- Amy M. Christen – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Michael G. Cumming – Trusts and Estates
- Robert L. Duty – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management
- James M. Elsworth – Trusts and Estates
- James P. Feeney – Arbitration, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Adam M. Fishkind – Real Estate Law
- Fred J. Fresard – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Alan M. Greene – Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Real Estate
- Dennis M. Haffey – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions, Litigation – Securities, Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Kyle R. Hauberg – Real Estate Law
- Margaret Adams Hunter – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Howard B. Iwrey – Antitrust Law, Litigation – Antitrust
- Joel D. Kellman – Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law
- Joanne R. Lax – Health Care Law
- Gerald T. Lievois – Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law
- D. Richard McDonald – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation
- Mark A. Metz – Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation
- James D. Obermanns – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Marilyn A. Peters – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Environmental, Litigation – Securities
- Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr. – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Brittany M. Schultz – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Sheryl L. Toby – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy

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- Stephen L. Tupper – Information Technology Law

Chicago, IL

- Ross J. Altman – Construction Law, Real Estate Law
- Richard M. Bendix, Jr. – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Jay S. Berlinsky – Corporate Law
- Michael C. Borders – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Terrence M. Burns – Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Derek L. Cottier – Real Estate Law
- C. Elizabeth Darke – Real Estate Law
- Thomas R. Hill – Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Michael S. Kurtzon – Real Estate Law
- Neil T. Neumark – Real Estate Law
- Andrew P. Scott – Land Use and Zoning Law
- Michael F. Sexton – Real Estate Law
- Ian M. Sherman – Insurance Law

Dallas, TX

- William B. Finkelstein – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Brian R. Forbes – Real Estate Law
- Arlene Switzer Steinfield – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment

Detroit, MI

- Susan Artinian – Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
- J. Michael Bernard – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Thomas S. Bishoff – Commercial Litigation
- Robert A. Boonin – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Michael P. Cooney – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Samuel C. Damren – Commercial Litigation, Mediation
- John A. Entenman (Retired) – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management
- Sherrie L. Farrell – Commercial Litigation
- Robert J. Franzinger – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Environmental, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
- Martin Jay Galvin (Retired) – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Grant P. Gilezan – Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- Steven E. Grob – Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Tax Law
- Mark E. Hauck – Commercial Litigation
- James F. Hermon – Litigation – Labor and Employment

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- Patrick F. Hickey – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – ERISA, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Kathryn J. Humphrey – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Mark D. Jacobs – Environmental Law
- Benjamin W. Jeffers – Litigation – Insurance
- Peter M. Kellett – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation – Securities, Mediation, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Jin-Kyu Koh – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Cameron H. Piggott – Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law
- Carl Rashid, Jr. – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Litigation – Real Estate, Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Real Estate Law, Tax Law
- Thomas M. Schehr – Commercial Litigation
- Thomas S. Vaughn – Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law

Grand Rapids, MI

- James S. Brady – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, DUI/DWI Defense, Family Law, Litigation – Environmental, Litigation – First Amendment, Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy), Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- John A. Ferroli – Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- Stephen S. Muhich – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Brian J. Page – Corporate Law, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law
- Wayne D. Roberts – Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Tax Law

Lansing, MI

- R. Lance Boldrey – Gaming Law, Native American Law
- Sandra M. Cotter – Administrative/Regulatory Law
- Albert Ernst (Retired) – Administrative/Regulatory Law, Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law, Natural Resources Law
- Ann D. Fillingham – Corporate Law, Public Finance Law
- Gary P. Gordon – Administrative/Regulatory Law, Government Relations Practice
- James P. Kiefer – Corporate Law, Public Finance Law
- Lori McAllister – Arbitration, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Insurance
- William J. Perrone – Banking and Finance Law, Government Relations Practice
- W. Alan Wilk – Administrative/Regulatory Law, Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law
- Leonard C. Wolfe – Administrative/Regulatory Law, Gaming Law, Government Relations Practice

Los Angeles, CA

- Daniel J. Stephenson – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property
- John L. Viola – Insurance Law

Minneapolis, MN

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- Timothy D. Kelly – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions, Litigation – Real Estate

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