



Best Lawyers in America® 2026 Edition Recognizes 29 Archer Attorneys: 7 Attorneys on “Ones to Watch®” List; 3 Selected for “Lawyer of the Year” Awards

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Archer is pleased to announce that 36 of its attorneys have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2026 edition of Best Lawyers in America®, representing 25 practice areas. Additionally, 3 attorneys received the “Lawyer of the Year” designation, earned by only one lawyer in each practice area and metropolitan region, and 7 attorneys were named to the Best Lawyers: *Ones to Watch®* list.

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Christopher R. Gibson, Archer president and chair of the Litigation Department, was named the Best Lawyers® 2026 Litigation - Environmental “Lawyer of the Year” in Cherry Hill.

Marc A. Rollo, chair of the Environmental Law Practice Group, was named the Best Lawyers® 2026 Environmental Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Cherry Hill.

Gianfranco A. Pietrafesa, a member of the Business Counseling Practice Group, was named Best Lawyers® 2026 Corporate Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Hackensack.

The Archer attorneys recognized by *Best Lawyers®* are:

- **Robert W. Bucknam, Jr.** – Land Use and Zoning Law

- **William J. Caruso** – Government Relations Practice
- **Maureen T. Coghlan** – Litigation - Environmental
- **John C. Connell** – Litigation – First Amendment
- **Gerald E. Darling** – Trusts and Estates
- **Frank R. Demmerly, Jr.** – Trusts and Estates
- **Patrick J. Doran** – Employment Law – Management
- **Noel A. Fleming** – Nonprofit/Charities Law
- **Robert J. Fogg** – Health Care Law
- **Christopher R. Gibson** – Environmental Law; Litigation – Environmental
- **James M. Graziano** – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- **Gary L. Green** – Real Estate Law
- **Michael S. Horn** – Commercial Litigation
- **Jeffrey M. Kolansky** – Employment Law-Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Ellis I. Medoway** – Insurance Law
- **Steven K. Mignogna** – Litigation – Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates
- **Gordon F. Moore** – Tax Law
- **Mark J. Oberstaedt** – Commercial Litigation
- **William J. O’Kane, Jr.** – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Sean T. O’Meara** – Litigation – Construction
- **Stephen M. Packman** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Patrick Papalia** – Commercial Litigation
- **Kayci D. Petenko** – Nonprofit/Charities Law
- **Gianfranco A. Pietrafesa** – Corporate Law
- **Marc A. Rollo** – Environmental Law; Litigation – Environmental
- **Debra S. Rosen** – Environmental Law; Litigation – Environmental
- **William L. Ryan** – Litigation - Construction
- **Shelley R. Smith** – Litigation - Labor and Employment



- **Stephanie J. Zane** – Family Law

The attorneys below were named to the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* list:

- **Kelly M. Barry** – Trusts and Estates
- **Kyra G. Bradley** – Administrative/Regulatory Law; Labor and Employment Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Harrison H.D. Breakstone** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation
- **Matthew M. Nicodemo** – Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- **Amy E. Pearl** – Commercial Litigation
- **Zara A. Wallace** – Real Estate Law; Securities/Capital Markets Law
- **Alexis M. Way** – Commercial Litigation

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