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63 Gunster attorneys make Best Lawyers' list for 2016; 9 named 'Lawyers of the Year'

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (Nov. 2, 2015) – [Gunster](#), one of Florida's oldest and largest full-service business law firms, is pleased to announce that 63 of its attorneys have been selected for the Best Lawyers in America list for 2016.

In addition, nine Gunster attorneys in eight different practice areas and three different geographic regions have been named Lawyers of the Year by Best Lawyers. This sublist is exclusive: only one lawyer in a particular practice area and geographic region is selected each year.

2016 Lawyers of the Year



[David G. Bates](#) –
corporate law, WPB



[G. Joseph Curley](#) –
bet-the-company
litigation, WPB



[William Hennessey](#)
– trusts & estates,
WPB



[Alan S. Lederman](#) –
tax law, Fort
Lauderdale



[John W. Little III](#) –
land use & zoning
law, WPB



[Stephen C. Page](#) –
intellectual property
litigation, WPB



[M. Lynn Pappas](#) –
land use & zoning
law, Jacksonville



[Michael D. Simon](#) –
trusts & estates
litigation, WPB



[David M. Wells](#) –
construction
litigation, Jacksonville

The following attorneys are included on the 2016 'Best Lawyers in America' list:

Administrative/Regulatory Law

[Beth Keating](#)

[George S. LeMieux](#)

Litigation – Antitrust

[David M. Wells](#)

Banking and Finance Law

[Michael V. Mitrione](#)

Bet-the-Company Litigation

[G. Joseph Curley](#)

[David M. Wells](#)

Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)

[Michael V. Mitrione](#)

Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law

[Michael V. Mitrione](#)

Commercial Litigation

[Jack Aiello](#)

[David R. Atkinson Jr.](#)

[Nicole K. Atkinson](#)

[Linda A. Conahan](#)

[Angel A. Cortinas*](#)

[G. Joseph Curley](#)

[William K. Hill](#)

[George S. LeMieux](#)

[John W. Little III](#)

[Edward A. Marod](#)

[Raymond V. Miller](#)

[Stephen C. Page](#)

[Joseph L. Raia](#)

[Joseph G. Santoro](#)

[Gregor J. Schwinghammer Jr.](#)

[Brian M. Seymour](#)

[David M. Wells](#)

Construction Law

[David M. Wells](#)

Corporate Governance Law

[Gregory K. Bader*](#)

Corporate Law

[David G. Bates](#)

[Thomas A. Hickey](#)

[Michael V. Mitrione](#)

[Mark J. Scheer](#)

[Robert C. White Jr.](#)

Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law

[Amy Brigham Boulris](#)

[John W. Little III](#)

[Juan M. Muñiz](#)

[Brian M. Seymour](#)

Litigation – Banking and Finance

[Linda A. Conahan](#)

[William K. Hill](#)

[David M. Wells](#)

Litigation – Construction

[David M. Wells](#)

Litigation – Environmental

[Rick J. Burgess](#)

Litigation – Intellectual Property

[David R. Atkinson Jr.](#)

[Stephen C. Page](#)

Litigation – Labor and Employment

[G. Joseph Curley](#)

[Joseph G. Santoro](#)

Litigation – Land Use and Zoning

[Donald R. Hall](#)

[John W. Little III](#)

[Brian M. Seymour](#)

Litigation – Patent

[David R. Atkinson Jr.](#)

Litigation – Real Estate

[David R. Atkinson Jr.](#)

[Nicole K. Atkinson](#)

[Linda A. Conahan](#)

[Stephen C. Page](#)

[David M. Wells](#)

Litigation – Securities

[David M. Wells](#)

Litigation – Trust and Estates

[Nicole K. Atkinson](#)

[Debra L. Boje](#)

[Fabienne Fahnestock](#)

[William T. Hennessey](#)

[Thomas M. Karr*](#)

[Stephen C. Page](#)

[Lisa A. Schneider](#)

[Michael D. Simon](#)

Litigation and Controversy – Tax

[Alan S. Lederman](#)

[Adi Rappoport](#)

Mergers and Acquisitions Law

[David G. Bates](#)

Real Estate Law

Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

[James B. Davis](#)

Employment Law – Individuals

[Michael R. Freed](#)

Energy Law

[Charles A. Guyton](#)

[Beth Keating](#)

Environmental Law

[Rick J. Burgess](#)

[Terry Cole](#)

[Donald R. Hall](#)

[M. Lynn Pappas](#)

[Luna E. Phillips](#)

Government Relations Practice

[Simon Ferro](#)

[Gregory M. Munson*](#)

[J. Larry Williams](#)

Health Care Law

[Bruce D. Lamb](#)

Immigration Law

[Sarah Lea Tobocman](#)

Land Use and Zoning Law

[Simon Ferro](#)

[Donald R. Hall](#)

[John W. Little III](#)

[M. Lynn Pappas](#)

[Lewis F. Crippen](#)

[Danielle DeVito-Hurley](#)

[Donald R. Hall](#)

[Paul K. Hines](#)

[Heidi Davis Knapik*](#)

[Daniel M. Mackler](#)

[Frank E. Miller](#)

[M. Lynn Pappas](#)

[H. William Perry](#)

[Cynthia C. Russomano](#)

[James B. Soble](#)

Securities / Capital Markets Law

[Mahesh H. Nanwani](#)

Tax Law

[James B. Davis](#)

[Mary E. Karr](#)

[Alan S. Lederman](#)

[Martin R. Press](#)

[Mark J. Scheer](#)

[Stephen G. Vogelsang](#)

Technology Law

[David G. Bates](#)

[Robert C. White Jr.](#)

Trusts and Estates

[Debra L. Boje](#)

[Elaine M. Bucher](#)

[James B. Davis](#)

[Daniel A. Hanley](#)

[William T. Hennessey](#)

[Lisa A. Schneider](#)

[Stephen G. Vogelsang](#)

Utilities Law

[Lila A. Jaber](#)

**new to list in 2016*

Five Gunster attorneys are new to the Best Lawyers' list in 2016:

- [Gregory K. Bader](#) – Leader of Gunster's [banking & financial services](#) law practice, Greg has been involved with mergers and acquisitions for numerous public and private financial institutions operating inside and outside of Florida.
- [Angel A. Cortinas](#) – Co-leader of Gunster's [appellate](#) practice, Angel served as an appellate judge on Florida's 3rd District Court of Appeal for more than 8 years before joining Gunster in 2013.
- [Thomas M. Karr](#) – Tom practices exclusively in the area of probate, trust and fiduciary litigation and is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

- [Heidi Davis Knapik](#) – Heidi offers deep and broad experience from over 20 years of solving complex land use, zoning and development issues that arise under local, regional and state laws.
- [Gregory M. Munson](#) – Greg is a member of Gunster's environmental & land use and governmental affairs & lobbying teams. Prior to joining Gunster in 2013, he served as deputy secretary for water policy and ecosystem restoration for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Best Lawyers' annual list is compiled as a result of peer-review surveys and is published in almost 70 countries around the world. Inclusion in the 2016 edition of Best Lawyers was based on millions of evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

Best Lawyers has partnered with U.S. News & World Report to rank law firms in the United States for its annual **Best Law Firms** list, on which Gunster has consistently ranked well across many practice areas over the years. Best Law Firms' first edition was published in 2010.

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About Gunster

Gunster, Florida's law firm for business, provides full-service legal counsel to leading organizations and individuals from its 12 offices statewide. Established in 1925, the firm has expanded, diversified and evolved, but always with a singular focus: Florida and its clients' stake in it. A magnet for business-savvy attorneys who embrace collaboration for the greatest advantage of clients, Gunster's growth has not been at the expense of personalized service but because of it. The firm serves clients from its offices in Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Palm Beach, Stuart, Tallahassee, Tampa, The Florida Keys, Vero Beach, Winter Park, and its headquarters in West Palm Beach. With more than 170 attorneys and 200 committed support staff, Gunster is ranked among the National Law Journal's list of the 350 largest law firms. More information about its practice areas, offices and insider's view newsletters is available at www.gunster.com.