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Choate More Than Quadruples Its Legal 500 US City Elite Rankings in 2026

For the second year in a row, Choate has been recognized in the Legal 500 US City Elite — growing from four lawyers in last year's inaugural edition to 17 in 2026 — in recognition of the firm's high-quality, market-leading work in Boston. Our practice area rankings also expanded from two last year to five this year, with all receiving Tier 1 designations.

Our full Legal 500 US City Elite rankings are below:

Finance and Restructuring – Banking & Finance (Tier 1): Doug Gooding (Tier 1), Andy Hickey (Tier 1), Jonathan Marshall (Tier 1), and John Ventola

Litigation & Investigations – Commercial Disputes (Tier 1): Mark Edgerton (Tier 1), and J.P. Jaillet

Private Equity and M&A – Corporate and M&A (Tier 1): John Pitfield (Tier 1), Brian Lenihan (Tier 1), and T.J. Murphy

Government Enforcement & Compliance – White Collar Crime (Tier 1): Adam Bookbinder (Tier 1), and Emily Hodge

Intellectual Property (Tier 1): Eric Marandett (Tier 1), Dr. Charles Lyon, Bryana McGillycuddy, Dr. Brian Reese, Dr. Stephanie Schonewald, and Anita Spieth

The Legal 500 US City Elite recognizes lawyers for outstanding work in targeted practice areas within their respective cities, vetted through referee and peer feedback, interviews, and evidence of key matters over the past year.

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