

AWARDS & ACCOLADES | 08.20.2026

Forty-Three Choate Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers in America® 2027

Best Lawyers in America® has recognized 43 Choate attorneys in its 2027 edition. Recognition in Best Lawyers® is based entirely on peer review and is widely regarded by both clients and legal professionals as a significant honor.

Three partners – Robert Buchanan (Antitrust Law), Charles Lyon (Patent Law), and Douglas Gooding (Bet-the-Company Litigation) – are named “Lawyer of the Year” in Boston for their respective practice areas. This recognition is awarded to individual attorneys with the highest overall peer-feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region.

Additionally, eleven attorneys – Melissa Adams (Patent Law), Ronen Adato (Patent Law), Daniel Brutti (Patent and IP Litigation), John Calhoun (Commercial and IP Litigation), Gregg Coughlin (Tax Law), Kolbie Deamon (Tax Law), Abigail Kaelberer (Trusts and Estates), Margo Monroe (Patent Law), Kyle Munns (Trusts and Estates), Natalia Smychkovich (Commercial Litigation), and Dana Spigelman (Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity) – are listed as “Ones to Watch” in Boston. These awards are given to attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.

More than 20 Choate attorneys have been recognized for over 10 years and many are listed in multiple categories, including:

Antitrust Law – Robert M. Buchanan, Jr.

Banking and Finance Law – John F. Ventola

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law – Hampton Foushee, Douglas R. Gooding, Kevin J. Simard, and John F. Ventola

Bet-the-Company Litigation – Douglas R. Gooding

Biotechnology & Life Sciences – Michael H. Bunis, Brenda Herschbach Jarrell, PhD, Charles E. Lyon, DPhil, and Eric J. Marandett

Commercial Litigation – Michael H. Bunis and Robert S. Frank, Jr.

Corporate Law – Brian P. Lenihan

Criminal Defense: White Collar – Adam J. Bookbinder and Melissa Bayer Tearney

Employment Law: Management – Alison F. Reif

Health Care Law – Lee S. Feldman and Christine G. Savage

Insurance Law – David A. Attisani and Robert A. Kole

Litigation: Antitrust – Robert M. Buchanan, Jr.

Litigation: Bankruptcy – Douglas R. Gooding and John F. Ventola

Litigation: Intellectual Property – Michael H. Bunis, Robert S. Frank, Jr., Eric J. Marandett, and Paul D. Popeo

Litigation: Patent – Robert S. Frank, Jr. and Eric J. Marandett

Non-Profit/Charity Law – Cameron Casey and Charles A. Cheever

Patent Law – Brenda Herschbach Jarrell, PhD, Charles E. Lyon, DPhil, and Rolando Medina, PhD

Privacy and Data Security Law – Adam J. Bookbinder

Real Estate Law – Gregg B. Cosimi, Brian J. King, and Paul C. Laudano

Securities Regulation – John R. Pitfield

Trade Secrets – Paul D. Popeo

Trusts & Estates – Kristin T. Abati, Marc J. Bloostein, Cameron Casey, Charles A. Cheever, Kimberly E. Cohen, Jennifer S. Ewing, Geoffrey Mason, and Brian W. Monnich

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