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Robinson & McElwee Listed in U.S. News Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” for 2023

Robinson & McElwee PLLC has been recognized in three metropolitan tiers in three cities in the 2023 U.S. News – Best Lawyers© “Best Law Firms” list. Firms included in this list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers, according to the Best Lawyers© press release.

Metropolitan Tier 1

Akron

- Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
- Tax Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

Charleston-WV

- Administrative / Regulatory Law
- Commercial Finance Law
- Construction Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Real Estate Law
- Utilities Law

Morgantown

- Commercial Litigation
- Transportation Law

Metropolitan Tier 2

Akron

- Litigation – Trusts & Estates

Charleston-WV

- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law
- Energy Law
- Labor Law – Management
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation – Labor & Employment

Morgantown

- Litigation – Construction

Metropolitan Tier 3

Akron

- Commercial Litigation

Charleston-WV

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Litigation – Environmental
- Natural Resources Law
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

For a firm to receive a tier designation there must be present a high level of respect for that firm among other leading lawyers and clients in the same communities and the same practice areas for their capabilities, their professionalism and their integrity.

The tier rankings were determined through the firm's overall evaluation derived from a combination of clients' impressive feedback, the high regard attorneys from different firms in the same practice area hold for Robinson & McElwee, and information provided by the firm.

Robinson & McElwee Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers 2023

Thirteen lawyers from Robinson & McElwee PLLC were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2023.

The Robinson & McElwee attorneys listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2023 for Charleston, WV include:

- **Joseph S. Beeson**, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Kent J. George**, Commercial Finance Law, Construction Law, Corporate Law
- **Mark H. Hayes**, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Robert E. Lannan II**, Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- **Douglas C. McElwee**, Land Use and Zoning Law, Natural Resources Law, Real Estate Law
- **John C. Palmer IV**, Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
- **William C. Porth**, Administrative / Regulatory Law, Energy Law, Utilities Law
- **Joseph M. Price**, Employment Law – Management,

Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Bradley Sorrells**, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy, Real Estate Law

The Robinson & McElwee attorneys listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2023 for Clarksburg, WV include:

- **Richard W. Gallagher**, Commercial Litigation
- **Stephen F. Gandee**, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction, and Transportation Law

The Robinson & McElwee attorneys listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2023 for Alliance, OH include:

- **Brent A. Barnes**, Commercial Litigation
- **Michael A. Ogline**, Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates

Since it was first published in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Inclusion in Best Lawyers is considered a singular honor because Best Lawyers is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which almost 50,000 leading attorneys cast nearly five million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called Best Lawyers "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

Robinson & McElwee Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers

Selected from among only five percent of attorneys in the Mountain State, three of Robinson & McElwee's attorneys were honored with inclusion in the West Virginia 2022 *Super Lawyers Magazine*.

After the completion of a patented selection process in the region, comprised of peer nomination, independent research and peer review, these attorneys were selected to be included in Super Lawyers' listing of exceptional attorneys:

- Stephen D. Annand, General Litigation
- Richard W. Gallagher, Employment & Labor
- Mark H. Hayes, Class Action, Mass Torts

The *Super Lawyers Magazine*, a part of Thomson Reuters, is a research-driven, peer influenced rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The mission of Super Lawyers is to bring visibility to those attorneys who exhibit excellence in practice.

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Robinson & McElwee Counsel Selected as 2022 West Virginia Bar Foundation Fellow

Robinson & McElwee Of Counsel attorney Joseph Beeson has been selected as a member of the 2022 class of the West Virginia Bar Foundation Fellows.

The criteria for this selective group of Bar Foundation Fellows are those judges and lawyers whose professional, public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and honorable service to the legal profession, with the individuals selected reflecting the diverse nature of the legal profession in West Virginia.

A recognized and respected corporate defense attorney, Mr. Beeson is a founding member of Charleston-based law firm Robinson & McElwee. He has over 45 years of experience in the legal profession and has continuously dedicated his time to support philanthropic organizations in the state and the Kanawha Valley. In 2015, Mr. Beeson was honored by the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia as "Lawyer of the Year." Mr. Beeson is a Past-Board Member of Fund for the Arts of the Kanawha Valley. He is a Former Chair of numerous foundations and councils, including the West Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities, the West Virginia University College of Law Development Council, West Virginia Wesleyan College, United Disciples of Christ Church, and Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley.