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18 Lashly & Baer Lawyers Recognized as Best Lawyers® Award Recipients

St. Louis, MO, United States, August 25, 2025 -- Lashly & Baer PC is pleased to announce that 17 lawyers have been included in the 2026 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® and one included in the 2026 edition of The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®. Since it was first published in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence.

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Lashly & Baer PC would like to congratulate the following lawyers named to 2026 The Best Lawyers in America list:

- John Fox Arnold - Corporate Law
- Jeffrey E. Atkinson - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Michael R. Barth - Health Care Law
- Stephen L. Beimdiek - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Kenneth C. Brostron - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants and Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Julie Z. Devine - Employment Law – Management, *New for 2026*

- Patrick E. Foppe - Litigation – Insurance, *New for 2026*
- Kevin L. Fritz - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Deborah C.M. Henry - Family Law and Family Law Mediation, *New for 2026*
- Katherine E. Henry - Family Law, *New for 2026*
- James C. Hetlage - Commercial Litigation, Employment Law - Management, and Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Richard W. Hill - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) and Health Care Law, *New for 2026*
- Mark H. Levison - Commercial Litigation and Copyright Law
- James P. Reinert - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Lisa O. Stump - Education Law, Employment Law - Management, Government Contracts, Government Relations Practice, and Municipal Law
- Stuart J. Vogelsmeier - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Law, and Health Care Law
- Richard D. Watters - Health Care Law
- Frederike K. Winslow – Commercial Litigation – “Ones to Watch” *New for 2026*

About Lashly & Baer PC:

Lashly & Baer is a mid-size Missouri law firm with deep roots in St. Louis and surrounding areas including Belleville, Illinois. As a full-service firm, we have been fortunate to develop a very diversified and extremely loyal base of local, regional, and national clients. Our clients have learned to expect a high level of service and a great degree of satisfaction, regardless of their size.

Whether it is a private business, a government institution, a hospital, or an individual - to each client, there is no more important legal matter than theirs. We know this and work hard to achieve results and help our clients reach their goals.

Given the complexities of today's business environment, lawyers develop experience in specific practice areas, such as; bankruptcy, corporate, education, estate planning, government, health care, labor and employment, litigation, medical malpractice defense, personal injury, product liability and toxic tort, professional liability, real estate and transportation. Our practice area groups allow these attorneys to team up with trusted partners with a similar passion.

Since 1912 we have added attorneys and developed practices; but our simple philosophy has never changed: at the core of every case is the client. We worry about only two things: the client's best

interest – and the law. The client's goals become our goals, and the firm works tirelessly to find the most efficient and cost-effective solution to each legal issue.

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Lawyers who are nominated for consideration are voted on by currently recognized Best Lawyers working in the same practice area and located in the same geographic region. Our awards and recognitions are based purely on the feedback we receive from these top lawyers. Those who receive high peer reviews undergo a thorough verification process to make sure they are currently still in private practice. Only then can these top lawyers be recognized by Best Lawyers.