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20 LASHLY & BAER ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED IN 2027 BEST LAWYERS® AWARDS

***Lisa O. Stump named “Lawyer of the Year” for Government Relations Practice;
two Lashly & Baer attorneys earn Best Lawyers recognition for the first time***

ST. LOUIS, MO, August 20, 2026 - Lashly & Baer, P.C. is pleased to announce that 19 attorneys have been included in the 2027 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, and one attorney has been recognized in the 2027 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America.

This year is especially exciting, as **Lisa O. Stump** has been named a 2027 Best Lawyers® “Lawyer of the Year” for Government Relations Practice, while **Christopher D. Castellanos** and **Mark R. Feldhaus** have been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for the first time.

Since it was first published, Best Lawyers has become widely regarded as a leading guide to legal excellence. Lawyers included in *The Best Lawyers in America* are divided by geographic region and practice area and are reviewed by their peers based on professional experience. Honorees also undergo an authentication process.

Lashly & Baer congratulates the following attorneys recognized in the 2027 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®:

- **John Fox Arnold**, Corporate Law
- **Jeffrey E. Atkinson**, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- **Michael R. Barth**, Health Care Law; Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- **Stephen L. Beindiek**, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **Kenneth C. Brostron**, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **Christopher D. Castellanos**, Trusts and Estates **New for 2027**
- **Julie Z. Devine**, Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **Mark R. Feldhaus**, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants **New for 2027**
- **Patrick E. Foppe**, Litigation - Insurance; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Kevin L. Fritz**, Litigation – Insurance; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **Deborah C.M. Henry**, Family Law; Family Law Mediation
- **Katherine E. Henry**, Family Law
- **James C. Hetlage**, Commercial Litigation; Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Municipal Law
- **Richard W. Hill III**, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Health Care Law
- **Mark H. Levison**, Commercial Litigation

- **James P. Reinert**, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- **Lisa O. Stump**, Education Law; Employment Law - Management; Government Contracts; Government Relations Practice; Municipal Law
- **Stuart J. Vogelsmeier**, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Corporate Law; Health Care Law
- **Richard D. Watters**, Health Care Law

Lashly & Baer is also pleased to congratulate **Frederike K. Winslow**, who has been recognized in the 2027 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation.

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America recognizes attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. Like traditional Best Lawyers recognitions, candidates are selected through a peer-review process.

About Lashly & Baer, P.C.

Lashly & Baer is a mid-size Missouri law firm with deep roots in St. Louis and surrounding areas, including Edwardsville, Illinois. As a full-service firm, we have been fortunate to develop a 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, including corporate, cyber security, education, estate planning, family law, 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.

About Best Lawyers

Best Lawyers is a peer-review publication recognizing lawyers across a wide range of practice areas and geographic regions. Lawyers nominated for consideration are evaluated by currently recognized Best Lawyers practicing in the same area and region. Those receiving strong peer reviews undergo a verification process before recognition.

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