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**Best Lawyers Announces 2023 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in Australia*[™]
and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia*[™]**

AUGUSTA, Ga., 14 April 2022 — Best Lawyers®, the oldest and most respected guide to the legal profession globally, is pleased to announce the release of the 15th edition of *The Best Lawyers in Australia*[™] and the inaugural *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia*[™].

Using a Purely Peer Review[™] methodology for more than 40 years, Best Lawyers lists are the preeminent guide to the legal profession. The methodology is designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical area and legal practice area.

“In 2007 Best Lawyers expanded our recognitions to Australia,” said CEO of Best Lawyers Phillip Greer. “We are proud to once again grow our scope, while maintaining the same methodology, to recognize a different demographic of talented and deserving lawyers in Australia through our inaugural “Ones to Watch” honors.”

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia[™] awards are presented to attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice. These recipients typically have been in practice for 3-8 years, whereas the honorees recognized in *The Best Lawyers in Australia*[™] have on average been in practice for more than nine years. The methodology for determining these new awards remains the same as our traditional lists: peer-review. Lawyers are the best resource to provide feedback on the caliber of work performed by their peers.

The 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Australia* recognizes the professional excellence of 4,437 lawyers in 95 practice areas and the inaugural edition of the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia* recognizes 389 honorees across 43 practice areas.

In addition to historic individual lawyer recognition, more than 300 lawyers were recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” honorees and 15 firms received a “Law Firm of the Year” award in 22 practice areas.

“Lawyer of the Year” awards are bestowed to only lawyers with the highest overall peer-feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region. “Law Firm of the Year” awards are country and practice area specific. They are determined based on a handful of factors, including feedback from lawyers recognized by Best Lawyers on individual lawyer and firm-wide work, the size and coverage of the firm in a specific practice area, historical analysis of the firm’s “Lawyer of the Year” awards in this area and research surrounding the firm’s overall scope and areas of expertise.

“Law Firm of the Year” Honoree:

Allen & Overy
Allens
Allens
Arnold Bloch Leibler
Arnold Bloch Leibler
Ashurst
Barry.Nilsson.
Clayton Utz
Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Gilbert + Tobin
Gilbert + Tobin
Herbert Smith Freehills
Herbert Smith Freehills
Johnson Winter & Slattery
King & Wood Mallesons
King & Wood Mallesons
Maddocks
MinterEllison
MinterEllison
Norton Rose Fulbright Australia
O'Loughlins Lawyers

Practice Area:

Oil and Gas Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Competition Law
Insolvency and Reorganization Law
Tax Law
Occupational Health and Safety Law
Insurance Law
Project Finance and Development Practice
Information Technology Law
Intellectual Property Law
Corporate Law
Mergers and Acquisitions Law
Litigation
Real Property Law
Energy Law
Banking and Finance Law
Private Equity Law
Planning and Environmental Law
Construction / Infrastructure Law
Labour and Employment Law
Regulatory Practice
Retirement Villages and Senior Living Law

A lawyer can be nominated for the traditional Best Lawyers recognition or Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch awards, but they cannot be nominated for recognition in both publications at the same time. 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. Lawyers are not required nor allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore, inclusion in Best Lawyers is considered a singular honor. Those who receive high peer reviews undergo a thorough verification process to make sure they are currently still in private practice. Only then can Best Lawyers recognize these top lawyers.

For research purposes, smaller and more rural cities located within a reasonable distance to larger cities are combined into single geographical regions called “metro areas” to help collect as much feedback and data as possible. Sydney is the metro area with the largest number of listed lawyers.

Search *The Best Lawyers in Australia* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia* results by lawyer name, firm, region and/or practice area by visiting www.bestlawyers.com.

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leading local, regional and national publications across the globe.