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Country Name

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Edition

Ex: 32nd edition
2026 edition



Practice Areas Listed

Ex: Family Law Arbitration
and Family Law Mediation

Examples of Correct Language

Approved language clarifies that you are recognized by Best Lawyers® or listed in a Best Lawyers publication, but not that you are a "best lawyer."

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- Hibbens & McKay, LLC is proud to have 14 lawyers recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2026 in America.
- Hibbens & McKay, LLC is proud to have 14 lawyers awarded in the 2026 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America.
- Hibbens & McKay, LLC is proud to have 10 lawyers recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and four lawyers recognized in the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America 2026 editions.
- 10 lawyers from Hibbens & McKay, LLC were recognized in the 32nd edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®.
- Four lawyers from Hibbens & McKay, LLC were recognized in the sixth edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America.
- Elston & Rhoden PLLC is proud to have seven lawyers awarded in the 2026 editions of *The Best Lawyers in Germany*™ and the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Germany*™.
- Elston & Rhoden PLLC is proud to have three lawyers recognized in *The Best Lawyers in Germany*™ and four lawyers recognized in the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Germany*™ 2026 editions.

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Individual Best Lawyers Announcement:

- Amelia June was recently included in the 2026 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Family Law and Family Law Mediation.
- Julie Martin was recently selected by her peers for inclusion in the 16th edition of *The Best Lawyers in France*™ in the fields of Litigation and Tax Law.
- William Wright was included in the 17th edition of *The Best Lawyers in the Mexico*™ for Amparo Law. .

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- Susan McDavid was included in the 2026 edition of the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America for her work in Construction Law.
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- Robert Brown was named the Best Lawyers® 2026 Family Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Atlanta.
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“Law Firm of The Year” Award:

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- Smith & McClean has been named a Tier 1 firm in Los Angeles for Appellate Practice in the 2026 edition of Best Law Firms®.
- Smith & McClean has received a First-Tier ranking in L.A. in Appellate Practice by Best Law Firms® for the 16th edition.
- Smith & McClean has been named in the 2026 edition of Best Law Firms® as a Tier 1 national firm in three practice areas.

INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLES

- Elston & Rhoden PLLC was named the 2026 “Law Firm of the Year” for Arbitration and Mediation by Best Law Firms™ - Germany.
- Edmonds and Ladd was honored with the 2026 Best Law Firms™ - Australia “Law Firm of the Year” award for Corporate Law.

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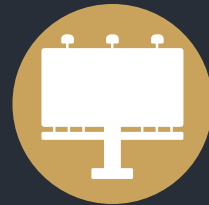
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