

Who Are the Top Lawyers in Texas? You Get to Decide

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As *The Texas Lawbook* enters its eighth year as a partner with the Association of Corporate Counsel's DFW Chapter, we want to use this quarterly column to let you know what is coming from us that might interest you and to seek your engagement.

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During April and May, *The Lawbook* is scheduled to publish profiles of Tenet Healthcare Deputy GC Marita Covarrubias and Toyota Managing Counsel Derek Lipscombe, who received the 2024 DFW Corporate Counsel Award for Lifetime Achievement, and North Texas Tollway Authority GC Dena Stroh, who was honored with the 2024 General Counsel of the Year Award.

But we also need your help.

The Texas Lawbook is seeking to identify and profile the Top Texas Lawyers of 2025 and we want the input of those who actually hire lawyers to do the work. To be sure, Texas has a lot of excellent attorneys. We are seeking the best of the best. The lawyers you, as general counsel and senior in-house counsel, turn to when you need the best.

During April and May, *The Lawbook* is surveying our corporate in-house readers for their help in selecting the best lawyers in their respective practice areas.

Because we cherish our partnership with the Association of Corporate Counsel's DFW Chapter, *The Lawbook* will raffle four \$250 gift cards for a restaurant of your choosing to ACC-DFW members who complete the brief survey. In addition, *The Lawbook* will invite those ACC-DFW members who participate to a reception honoring the Top 100 Texas Lawyers.

The Lawbook is committing a portion of the proceeds from the event to the Texas Lawbook Foundation, which pays for *The Lawbook's* pro bono, public service and diversity reporter positions.

The rules are simple:

Your selections will remain absolutely confidential;

The selections must be lawyers practicing in Texas;

We ask that you note if your selection is based on personal experience working with the lawyers you nominate and we will give those selections extra credit; and

You may nominate up to 10 lawyers in each of the nine categories; and you will email your selections directly to me. No one else will see your selections. You are welcome to make comments about them, but there is no requirement to do so.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at mark.curriden@texaslawbook.net.

Now, here are the categories:

- 1: Best trial lawyers/commercial litigators
- 2: Best appellate lawyers
- 3: Best M&A deal lawyers
- 4: Best labor and employment lawyers
- 5: Best business bankruptcy and restructuring lawyers
- 6: Best white-collar criminal defense attorneys
- 7: Best intellectual property/patent lawyers
- 8: Most influential lawyers in Texas
- 9: Best legal counselors

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