

# Dentons Sirote lawyers recognized in 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America

**August 18, 2023** – Dentons Sirote is delighted to share that 57 of our Firm's lawyers have been recognized in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® with an additional 15 lawyers included in the 2024 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America.

This year, four Dentons Sirote lawyers were also honored with "Lawyer of the Year" designations by [Best Lawyers](#)® in their respective practice areas. This prestigious award is particularly impressive as it is presented to only a single lawyer in each practice area and location, making it a significant and coveted accolade. In Birmingham, four shareholders were recognized as 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" award recipients, including [Donald E. Johnson](#) in Tax Law, [Tanya K. Shunnara](#) in Trusts and Estates, [Bradley J. Sklar](#) in Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), and [Peter M. Wright](#) in Litigation - Trusts and Estates.

Below are the 57 Dentons Sirote lawyers listed in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®:

## Birmingham, Alabama

- [Thomas A. Ansley](#) – Corporate Law; Real Estate Law
- [Katherine N. Barr](#) – Trusts and Estates
- [Robert R. Baugh](#) – Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- [Joseph S. Bluestein](#) – Corporate Law; Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Trusts and Estates
- [Steven A. Brickman](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Real Estate Law
- [Timothy A. Bush](#) – Copyright Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property; Nonprofit/Charities Law; Patent Law; Tax Law; Trademark Law
- [W. Todd Carlisle](#) – Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [J.S. "Chris" Christie, Jr.](#) – Commercial Litigation; Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Insurance Law; Litigation - ERISA; Litigation - Insurance
- [Richard J. Cohn](#) – Corporate Law
- [John H. Cooper](#) – Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities Regulation; Tax Law
- [Kristen S. Cross](#) – Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law
- [R. Ryan Daugherty](#) – Commercial Litigation; Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law
- [J. Mason Davis, Jr.](#) – Commercial Litigation; Corporate Law
- [Timothy D. Davis](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Real Estate Law
- [David W. Drum](#) – Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Samuel D. Friedman](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Commercial Transactions / UCC Law; Real Estate Law
- [Gaile Pugh Gratton Greene](#) – Litigation - Labor and Employment
- [Peter J. Hardin](#) – Corporate Law
- [Joshua L. Hornady](#) – Insurance Law; Litigation - Construction

- [Daniel R. Hugunine](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law; Financial Services Regulation Law
- [Thomas B. Humphries](#) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- [Elizabeth H. Hutchins](#) – Nonprofit/Charities Law; Trusts and Estates
- [Donald E. Johnson](#) – Corporate Law; Real Estate Law; Tax Law
- [Leigh A. Kaylor](#) – Trusts and Estates
- [Ronald A. Levitt](#) – Corporate Law; Health Care Law; Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law
- [Jay G. Maples](#) – Corporate Law; Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- [Melinda M. Mathews](#) – Trusts and Estates
- [J. Rushton McClees](#) – Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Construction
- [R. Michael Murphy](#) – Insurance Law
- [George M. "Jack" Neal, Jr.](#) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Banking and Finance; Litigation - Bankruptcy; Litigation - Construction
- [Preston Neel](#) – Tax Law
- [Howard W. Neiswender](#) – Tax Law; Trusts and Estates
- [Rodney E. Nolen](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Corporate Law
- [Stephen B. Porterfield](#) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Bankruptcy
- [Gregory P. Rhodes](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law
- [Joseph T. Ritchey](#) – Corporate Law; Health Care Law; Tax Law
- [Maurice L. Shevin](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law; Financial Services Regulation Law; Real Estate Law
- [Tanya K. Shunnara](#) – Trusts and Estates
- [Adam J. Sigman](#) – Corporate Law; Real Estate Law
- [J. Scott Sims](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Real Estate Law
- [Bradley J. Sklar](#) – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Corporate Law; Real Estate Law; Tax Law
- [Kyle T. Smith](#) – Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment
- [James \("Jim"\) R. Sturdivant](#) – Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar; DUI/DWI Defense
- [Jim Vann](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Real Estate Law
- [Crystal Walls](#) – Real Estate Law
- [James \("Jim"\) S. Williams](#) – Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law
- [Thomas A. "Tom" Woodall](#) – Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Insurance; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- [David M. Wooldridge](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law
- [Peter M. Wright](#) – Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates

#### **Florence, Alabama**

- [Benjamin Little](#) – Commercial Litigation; Corporate Law; Litigation - Real Estate

#### **Huntsville, Alabama**

- [Michelle Abroms Levin](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- [Joe Ritch](#) – Corporate Law; Tax Law
- [Roderic G. Steakley](#) – Commercial Litigation

#### **Mobile, Alabama**

- [J. Gregory Carwie](#) – Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates

- [Shirley M. Justice](#) – Trusts and Estates
- [John C.S. Pierce](#) – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Insurance; Litigation - Intellectual Property

#### Tuscaloosa, Alabama

- [Cheryl Howell Oswalt](#) – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Real Estate

Below are the 15 lawyers included in the 2024 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*:

#### Birmingham, AL

- [Trey Bolling](#) – Real Estate Law; Tax Law
- [J.R. Davidson](#) – Corporate Law; Real Estate Law; Tax Law
- [Jordan Jackson](#) – Health Care Law
- [Sidney W. Jackson IV](#) – Corporate Law; Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law
- [Kristin Martin Centeno](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law
- [John Morson](#) – Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Trey Perdue](#) – Commercial Litigation; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- [Jackson Reagan](#) – Corporate Law; Tax Law
- [Alex Sidwell](#) – Corporate Law; Tax Law
- [Nathan Stotser](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Real Estate Law
- [Alyse N. Windsor](#) – Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance

#### Huntsville, AL

- [Logan Chaney Abernathy](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law
- [Sarah Green](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law
- [Sarah Ray](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law

#### Mobile, AL

- [Clayton Garrett](#) – Corporate Law; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates

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#### **About Dentons Sirote**

Dentons Sirote PC, formerly known as Sirote & Permutt, was founded on a simple philosophy: to deliver excellent legal services on a timely basis at a fair price. Since 1946, Dentons Sirote's lawyers have maintained an uncompromising commitment to fulfilling this promise for every client the Firm has the privilege to serve. While the Firm now represents a more expansive list of clients, from Fortune 500 companies to family-owned businesses and high net worth individuals, the Firm's commitment to delivering an excellent work product in a timely manner at a fair price remains unchanged. As a full-service law firm, Dentons Sirote's committed and talented lawyers collaborate across offices and practices to deliver superior outcomes and solutions to clients from diverse industries and proudly serve clients in Alabama, across the US and around the world from offices in Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, the Shoals and Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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