

Winstead Ranks High in 2017 “Best Law Firms” Rankings (U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers)

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Dallas, Nov. 1, 2016 – U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers have released the 2017 Best Law Firms rankings, part of which will be printed in the October issue of *U.S. News & World Report* magazine. The rankings are posted online at www.usnews.com/bestlawfirms.

All of the quantitative and qualitative data were combined into an overall *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* overall score for each firm. Firms with the highest overall scores were included on metropolitan lists that covered as many as 81 practice areas in 171 metropolitan areas and 7 states and national lists covering 39 practice areas. Because firms were often separated by small or insignificant differences in overall score, they have been tiered rather than ranked sequentially.

In general, the first tier includes those firms that scored within a certain percentage of the highest-scoring firm(s); the second tier, those firms that scored within a certain percentage of the next highest scoring firm(s), etc.

Winstead received Tier 1 Metropolitan Rankings in banking and finance law, bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law, business litigation, construction law, employee benefits law, international arbitration law, land use and zoning law, real estate law, securitization and structured finance law, and trusts and estates law in Dallas.

The firm also received Tier 1 Metropolitan Rankings in Austin and Houston. In Austin, they were recognized Tier 1 in administrative/regulatory law, construction law, construction litigation, corporate law, environmental law, insurance law, securities regulation and capital markets law. In Houston, Winstead attorneys were ranked Tier 1 in banking and finance law, construction law, private equity law, real estate law, sports law and trusts and estates law.

For Tier 2 Metropolitan Rankings, Winstead was recognized in Dallas for land use and zoning litigation and trusts and estates litigation. Additional Tier 2 Metropolitan Rankings included bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law, construction litigation, corporate compliance law, trusts and estates law and securities/capital markets law in Houston; business litigation, energy law, mergers and acquisitions law and real estate law in Austin; banking and finance law and public finance law in San Antonio.

In National Rankings, Winstead received Tier 1 recognition for real estate law; Tier 2 inclusion in banking and finance law, construction law, construction litigation, corporate law, land use and zoning law, securities/capital markets law, sports law and trusts and estates law.

The firm received Tier 3 National Rankings for banking and finance litigation law, bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law, business litigation, financial services regulation law, leveraged buyouts and private equity law, real estate litigation, tax litigation, oil and gas law, private funds/hedge funds law, tax law and trademark law.

A detailed listing of recognition by tier and location is below.

National Tier 1

- Real Estate Law

National Tier 2

- Banking and Finance Law
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Sports Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

National Tier 3

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Business Litigation
- Financial Services Regulation Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Litigation - Banking & Finance
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Litigation - Tax
- Oil & Gas Law
- Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law
- Tax Law
- Trademark Law

Metropolitan Tier 1

Austin

- Administrative / Regulatory Law
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Environmental Law
- Insurance Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation

Charlotte

- Real Estate Law

Dallas/Fort Worth

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Business Litigation
- Construction Law
- Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Energy Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law
- International Arbitration - Commercial
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation - Banking & Finance
- Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Mediation
- Oil & Gas Law
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law
- Trademark Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

Houston

- Banking and Finance Law
- Construction Law

- Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law
- Real Estate Law
- Sports Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

San Antonio

- Natural Resources Law
- Oil & Gas Law

Metropolitan Tier 2

Austin

- Business Litigation
- Energy Law
- Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- Real Estate Law

Dallas/Fort Worth

- Litigation - Land Use & Zoning
- Litigation - Trusts & Estates

Houston

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Corporate Compliance Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Trusts & Estates
- Securities / Capital Markets Law

San Antonio

- Banking and Finance Law
- Public Finance Law

Metropolitan Tier 3

Austin

- Arbitration
- Banking and Finance Law

Dallas/Fort Worth

- Insurance Law
- Litigation - Labor & Employment
- Securitization and Structured Finance Law

Houston

- Business Litigation
- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- Energy Law
- Insurance Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Litigation - Tax
- Tax Law

San Antonio

- Corporate Law

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