

# Winstead Recognized in 2018 U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” Survey

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DALLAS, Nov. 2, 2017 – U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers have released the 2018 Best Law Firms rankings. These rankings assess a firm’s combination of quality of law practiced and breadth of legal experience. Winstead received acknowledgement in 39 areas of practice in the 2018 report.

Awards were given in 75 national practice areas and 122 metropolitan practice areas. The rankings reviewed 13,745 U.S. law firms across 75 practice areas. A total of 1,911 firms received a national law firm ranking. The rankings are posted at [www.usnews.com/bestlawfirms](http://www.usnews.com/bestlawfirms).

Ranked firms, presented in tiers, are listed on a national and/or metropolitan scale. Receiving a tier designation reflects the high level of respect a firm has earned among other leading lawyers and clients in the same communities and the same practice areas for its abilities, its professionalism, and its integrity. More than 13,000 attorneys provided 1,000,000 law firm assessments and 7,500 clients provided 65,000+ evaluations.

All of the quantitative and qualitative data were combined into an overall U.S. News – Best Lawyers overall score for each firm. 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.

## **National Rankings**

Winstead received Tier 1 inclusion for real estate law and construction litigation law and Tier 2 inclusion in banking and finance law, construction law, corporate law, sports law and trusts & estates law.

The firm was included in Tier 3 national rankings for bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law, business litigation, financial services regulation law, land use & zoning law, leveraged buyouts and private equity law, real estate litigation, tax litigation, oil and gas law, patent law, private funds/hedge funds law, securities/capital markets law, tax law and trademark law.

## **Metropolitan Rankings**

Winstead offices in Dallas/Fort Worth received Tier 1 inclusion in 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, financial services regulation law, international commercial arbitration law, land use & zoning law, banking & finance litigation law, bankruptcy litigation law, construction litigation law, real estate litigation law, mediation, oil & gas law, real estate law, tax law, trademark law, trusts & estates law.

Winstead also received Tier 1 recognition in Houston, with inclusion in banking and finance law, construction law, construction litigation law, patent law, private funds/hedge funds law, real estate law, sports law and trusts & estates law. In Austin, the firm received Tier 1 metropolitan recognition in administrative/regulatory law, construction law, energy law, construction litigation, environmental law and insurance law. San Antonio was included in Tier 1 for natural resources law and oil & gas law and Charlotte was ranked Tier 1 in real estate law.

For Tier 2 metropolitan rankings, Winstead was recognized for energy law, land use and zoning litigation and trusts and estates litigation in Dallas/Fort Worth.

Additional Tier 2 metropolitan rankings included corporate compliance law, insurance law and securities/capital markets law in Houston; business litigation and real estate law in Austin; banking and finance law and public finance law in San Antonio.

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

## **National Tier 1**

- Litigation - Construction

- Real Estate Law

#### **National Tier 2**

- Banking and Finance Law
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Sports Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

#### **National Tier 3**

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Business Litigation
- Financial Services Regulation Law
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Litigation - Tax
- Oil & Gas Law
- Patent Law
- Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Tax Law
- Trademark Law

#### **Metropolitan Tier 1**

##### Austin

- Administrative / Regulatory Law
- Construction Law
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- Insurance Law
- Litigation - Construction

##### 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
- 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
- Litigation - Construction
- Patent 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
- Real Estate Law

#### Dallas/Fort Worth

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

#### Houston

- Corporate Compliance Law
- Insurance Law
- 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
- Patent Law
- Securitization and Structured Finance Law

#### Houston

- Business Litigation
- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- Energy Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Litigation - Tax
- Litigation - Trusts & Estates
- Tax Law



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