

# **Press Release**

Thirteen Wick Phillips Attorneys Recognized for Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© 2021 Edition

Dallas, Texas, August 20, 2020 – Michael Bailey, Erika Bright, Michael Baum, David Drez, Chris Fuller, Andrew Gould, Amy LaValle, Brant Martin, Dan McCarthy, Brett Myers, Noah Nadler, Jason Rudd, and Bryan Wick have each been selected for inclusion in the 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in America©.

<u>Michael</u>, recognized in Banking and Finance Law, represents borrowers and lenders for a variety of financing structures, including asset-based loans, first-lien/second-lien financings, real estate loans, cashflow based loans, acquisition financings, private offerings, loan workouts, swaps and other derivative transactions and structured financings. This is Michael's third consecutive year being recognized by Best Lawyers.

<u>Erika</u>, recognized in Insurance Law, represents policyholders in trials and arbitrations against insurance carriers and advises clients on all insurance-related topics, including how to minimize risk, draft indemnity agreements and obtain optimum insurance coverage. She also has a strong track record of success in representing clients in complex business disputes, commercial litigation and construction matters. This is Erika's ninth consecutive year being recognized by Best Lawyers.

<u>Michael</u>, recognized in Litigation – Labor and Employment, represents parties in employment-related and complex business litigation. He handles matters such as disputes arising out of non-competition agreements and employment contracts, claims of breach of contract, tortious interference, theft of trade secrets, partnership disputes, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and business disparagement. This is Michael's first year being recognized by Best Lawyers.

<u>David</u>, recognized in Commercial Litigation and in Oil and Gas Law, represents clients in a broad range of commercial disputes through all phases of litigation at the trial and appellate levels and in industries including energy, real estate, transportation, and construction. A seasoned trial lawyer, he counsels clients in matters involving royalty disputes, breach of contract, non-compete agreements, fraud, and bankruptcy-related litigation. This is David's second year being recognized by Best Lawyers.

Chris, recognized in Real Estate Law, leads the real estate practice and represents developers, lenders, property owners, landlords, and tenants in leasing, acquisition and sales, finance, land-use planning and development transactions, and complex multifamily development transactions. He also routinely advised clients on the formation and dissolution of partnerships and joint ventures in connection with the structuring of real estate transactions. This is Chris's second year being recognized by Best Lawyers.





<u>Andrew</u>, recognized in Employment Law-Management and in Litigation – Labor and Employment, leads the labor and employment practice and provides counsel to clients in federal wage and lawsuit claims, federal and state employment discrimination claims, wrongful discharge claims, and unfair labor practice claims. His experience spans a wide range of industries, including telecommunications, manufacturers, aviation, professional services and pharmaceuticals. This is Andrew's third consecutive year being recognized by Best Lawyers.

<u>Amy</u>, recognized in Litigation – Intellectual Property and in Litigation - Patent, focuses primarily on patent infringement litigation and routinely handles other complex intellectual property litigation and transactional matters. She has represented clients in patent cases involving a wide range of technologies, including medical devices, pharmaceuticals, computer hardware and software, and telecommunication devices and networks. This is Amy's first time being recognized by Best Lawyers.

<u>Brant</u>, recognized in Franchise Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy, and in Litigation – Intellectual Property, represents clients on all facets of trial and commercial litigation, from pre-lawsuit disputes, through discovery, jury selection, argument, and post-verdict practice across a broad spectrum of industries, including financial institutions, medical devices, investment funds and their sponsors, and gaming. This is Brant's seventh consecutive year being recognized by Best Lawyers.

Dan, recognized in Trusts and Estates, is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in both Tax Law and Estate Planning & Probate. He works with closely-held businesses and their owners to devise business structures to minimize income and estate tax, facilitate effective business succession plans, and protect assets. Dan focuses his practice on federal income and estate and gift taxation matters with a particular focus on pass through entities such as partnerships, limited liability companies, and Subchapter S corporations. This is Dan's second consecutive year being recognized by Best Lawyers.

<u>Brett</u>, recognized in Litigation – Labor and Employment, is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in both Civil Trial Law and Labor and Employment Law, Brett guides businesses through a variety of matters, including employment litigation, noncompetition provisions and protection of proprietary information, wage and hour disputes, employment policies and risk avoidance practices, and investigation of employee misconduct. This is Brett's second time being recognized by Best Lawyers.

<u>Noah</u>, recognized in Insurance Law, has successfully represented companies from many different industries in a wide array of complete litigation. His focus is representing corporate policyholders in litigation involving large claims under all types of insurance policies. This is Noah's second year being recognized by Best Lawyers.

Jason, recognized in Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation — Bankruptcy, leads Wick Phillips' restructuring, creditors' rights, and bankruptcy practice. He represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, and creditor committees in Chapter 11 cases. In Chapter 7 proceedings and post-confirmation matters, he represents trustees and litigation trusts in recovering and administering estate assets, including the prosecution of preference, fraudulent transfer, breach of fiduciary duty, alter ego, and other insolvency-related litigation. This is Jason's first time being recognized by Best Lawyers.

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Bryan, recognized in Commercial Litigation and in Litigation – Bankruptcy, is a founding partner of Wick Phillips and has successfully litigated many complex commercial and bankruptcy matters for both plaintiffs and defendants, domestically and abroad. He has also been effective in prosecuting and defending numerous bankruptcy matters, such as avoidance and fiduciary actions. This is Bryan's seventh consecutive year being recognized by Best Lawyers.

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