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Recognition

Forty-Three Offit Kurman Attorneys Named to the 2023 Best Lawyers in America List

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Four Lawyers Receive “Lawyer of the Year” Recognition; Seven are Honored as “Ones to Watch”

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Offit Kurman is pleased to announce that forty-three of the firm’s attorneys have been included on the *Best Lawyers in America* list for 2023. Lawyers throughout each of the firm’s five regions were recognized. In addition, four attorneys were selected as *Lawyer of the Year* and an additional seven were chosen as *Ones to Watch*. Based on over 7-million peer reviews provided by attorneys throughout the country, the rankings are a leading, unbiased source of legal referrals in the United States.

Theodore A. Offit, firm co-founder and Principal, was selected as *Lawyer of the Year* for his work in Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships). Firm President and Principal, Timothy Lynch also received this award for his work in Real Estate Litigation. Steven D. Stone, an Education Law Principal and Zipporah B. Edwards, a Real Estate Litigation Principal, were also awarded *Lawyer of the Year*. To be named a *Lawyer of the Year*, one must receive the highest overall peer-feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region. Only one lawyer is recognized as the *Lawyer of the Year* in each specialty and location.

Attorneys in the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* category are extraordinary lawyers who have been in private practice for less than 10 years in the United States. Like traditional Best Lawyers awards, the *Ones to Watch* recognition is based entirely on peer review.

The Offit Kurman lawyers on the lists are a diverse group of individuals whose practices span various legal service areas, including family law, bankruptcy, insurance, real estate, education law, estates and trusts, business organizations and commercial litigation. Many of the attorneys recognized this year have appeared on the list multiple times.

Links to these attorneys' biographies, along with their Best Lawyers practice areas and years included on the list, can be found below.

Maryland

Russell B. Berger (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Employment Law - Management

Baltimore Office

Edward A. Bloom (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2010)

Real Estate Law (Since 2010); Litigation - Real Estate (Since 2023)

Bethesda Office

Sandra A. Brooks (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2018)

Family Law; Family Law Arbitration

Bethesda Office

William P. Cannon III (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Real Estate Law

Bethesda Office

William E. Erskine (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2021)

Real Estate Law (Since 2021); Land Use and Zoning Law (Since 2023); Litigation – Construction (Since 2023)

Columbia Office

Michelle L. Evans (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Trusts and Estates

Bethesda Office

Jack A. Garson (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

Real Estate Law (Since 2013); Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) (Since 2023)

Bethesda Office

Cheryl L. Hepfer (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2003)

Family Law (Since 2003); Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law (Since

2023);

Bethesda Office

James M. Hoffman (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

Litigation – Bankruptcy

Bethesda Office

Robert J. Kresslein (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Banking and Finance Law

Frederick Office

Joyce A. Kuhns (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2007)

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Bankruptcy
Litigation

Baltimore Office

Howard K. Kurman (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2015)

Employment Law - Management

Baltimore Office

Timothy C. Lynch (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Real Estate

Baltimore Office

Stephen Metz (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2021)

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Since 2021);
Litigation - Real Estate (Since 2022); Commercial Litigation (Since 2023); Litigation -
Banking and Finance (Since 2023); Litigation – Bankruptcy (Since 2023)

Bethesda Office

Catherine H. McQueen (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2018)

Family Law

Bethesda Office

Theodore A. Offit (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)

Baltimore Office

Linda S. Ostovitz (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Family Law; Family Law Mediation

Columbia Office

Keith Schiszik (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Family Law

Frederick Office

David A. Severn (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Real Estate Law

Frederick Office

Bryn H. Sherman (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

Real Estate Law

Bethesda Office

Fred H. Silverstein (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Family Law

Columbia Office

Pennsylvania

Michael Conley (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2010)

Insurance Law

Philadelphia Office

Neil A. Morris (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2012)

Litigation - Labor and Employment

Philadelphia Office

Joshua Quinter (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2021)

Construction Law

Plymouth Meeting Office

Megan E. Smith (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Family Law; Collaborative Law: Family Law

Philadelphia Office

New York

Thomas M. Pitegoff (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

Franchise Law

New York Office

New Jersey

Louis Tambaro (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Commercial Litigation

Metropark Office

Virginia

Kyle F. Bartol (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2015)

Family Law

Tysons Corner Office

Joseph A. Condo (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 1983)

Family Law

Tysons Corner Office

C. Thomas Hicks III (Recognized in *Best Lawyers from* 1989 - 2006, retired from law, then listed again after retirement since 2014)

Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Corporate Law; Real Estate Law

Tysons Corner Office

Lauren A. Jenkins (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Trusts and Estates

Tysons Corner Office

Steven David Stone (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

Education Law

Tysons Corner Office

Washington D.C.

Stephen O. Hessler (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Real Estate Law

Washington, DC Office

Delaware

Katherine Witherspoon Fry (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Employment Law – Management

Wilmington Office

James A. Landon (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2023)

Land Use and Zoning Law

Wilmington Office

North Carolina

Paul R. Baynard (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2016)

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Charlotte Office

Clayton S. Curry, Jr. (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2011)

Real Estate Law

Charlotte Office

Zipporah B. Edwards (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2020)

Litigation – Real Estate (Since 2020); Real Estate Law (Since 2021); Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants (Since 2023)

Charlotte Office

G. Edward Hinshaw, Jr. (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2022)

Corporate Law (Since 2022); Tax Law (Since 2023); Trusts and Estates (Since 2023)

Charlotte Office

Elizabeth T. Hodges (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2008)

Family Law

Charlotte Office

Robert B. McNeill (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

Insurance Law (Since 2013); Commercial Litigation (Since 2022); Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants (Since 2023); Litigation – Real Estate (Since 2023)

Charlotte Office

H. David Powell (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2010)

Real Estate Law

Charlotte Office

South Carolina

James C. Hardin III (Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 1987)

Trusts and Estates (Since 1987); Litigation - Trusts and Estates (Since 2011)

Rock Hill Office

Ones to Watch

Tracy Buck

Litigation - Real Estate

Washington, DC Office

Gabriel Celii

Litigation - Labor and Employment

Philadelphia Office

M. Jemi Cho

Family Law

Bethesda Office

Samantha H. Kravitz

Family Law

Bethesda Office

Rachel Mech

Commercial Litigation; Family Law: Arbitration and Mediation

Baltimore Office

Franklin C. Miller, Jr.

Construction Law

Philadelphia Office

Gwendolyn Roy-Harrison

Litigation - Real Estate

Baltimore Office