



# Twenty-One IPB Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch 2026 Editions

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Ivins, Phillips & Barker is pleased to announce that 21 of our attorneys were selected by their peers for inclusion in the *The Best Lawyers in America* (2026 Edition).

IPB attorneys named to the *Best Lawyers in America* list are: Carroll Savage (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law); Eric Fox (Litigation and Controversy - Tax and Tax Law); Les Schneider (Litigation and Controversy - Tax and Tax Law); Kevin O'Brien (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law and Tax Law); Laurie Keenan (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law); Jodi Epstein (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law and Tax Law); Carter Hood (Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Tax Law, and Trusts and Estates); Natanya Allan (Trusts and Estates); Jamie Brown (Tax Law); Brenda Jackson-Cooper (Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law); Spencer Walters (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law); Robert H. Wellen (Litigation and Controversy - Tax and Tax Law); Ben Grosz (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law); and Eric Solomon (Tax Law).

In addition, the *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* (2026 Edition) includes IPB attorneys Andrea Ricka (Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Trusts and Estates), Percy Lee (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law), Harrison Richards (Tax Law), Jennifer Chau (Trust and Estate) and Alex Maged (Trusts and Estates).

*Best Lawyers* compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers.

A hearty congratulations to all!



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Executive Compensation  
Exempt Organizations & Charitable Giving  
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Gift & Estate Tax Planning  
Health & Welfare  
Income Tax Planning  
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Payroll Tax & Fringe Benefits  
Plan Investments  
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Tax Accounting  
Tax Controversies  
Tax Litigation  
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