

## Shutts & Bowen Attorneys Listed in Best Lawyers in America® 2025 Edition

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Shutts & Bowen is proud to announce that 138 attorneys were recognized by their peers for inclusion in the 2025 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*. Among them are several partners who were also selected as a “Lawyer of the Year” in their respective fields: [Harvey E. Oyer III](#) (Land Use and Zoning Law), [John Patterson](#) (Real Estate Law), [Joseph M. Goldstein](#) (Administrative / Regulatory Law), [Mary Ruth Houston](#) (Litigation – Labor and Employment), [Michael J. Grindstaff](#) (Real Estate Law), and [R. Alan Higbee](#) (Corporate Compliance Law).

For more than 30 years, *Best Lawyers* has assisted those in need of legal services to identify the attorneys best qualified to represent them in distant jurisdictions or unfamiliar specialties. *Best Lawyers* lists are published in leading local, regional, and national publications across the globe.

The following is a list of the Shutts attorneys named and the areas in which they are recognized.

### Fort Lauderdale

#### *Best Lawyers*

- [Vincent F. Alexander](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- [Brendan Aloysius Barry](#): Real Estate Law
- [David O. Batista](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Joseph M. Goldstein](#): Administrative/Regulatory Law
- [Scott A. Marcus](#): Real Estate Law
- [Philip C. Rosen](#): Real Estate Law
- [Sandra E. Krumbein](#): Real Estate Law

#### *Ones to Watch*

- [Deedee Bitran](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Labor and Employment; Labor and Employment Law – Management

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### Jacksonville

#### *Best Lawyers*

- H. Timothy Gillis: Corporate Law
- [C. Ryan Maloney](#): Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Litigation - Construction
- Jeffrey S. York: Commercial Litigation

#### *Ones to Watch*

- Shane P. Fitzsimmons: Litigation – Construction
- Tyler S. Lenz: Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Real Estate

### Miami

#### *Best Lawyers*

- [Bowman Brown](#): Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law; Insurance Law; International Trade and Finance Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Robert Cheng](#): Commercial Finance Law; Real Estate Law
- [Gary J. Cohen](#): Tax Law
- [J. Thomas Cookson](#): Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law; Securities/Capital Markets Law
- [Luis A. de Armas](#): Corporate Law; International Mergers & Acquisitions; International Trade and Finance Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Eduardo J. De la Peña Bernal](#): International Arbitration – Commercial; International Arbitration – Governmental
- [Steven M. Ebner](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Roland A. Gallor](#): Real Estate Law
- [Stephen B. Gillman](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance; Litigation – Securities
- Larry I. Glick: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy
- [Florentino L. Gonzalez](#): Real Estate Law
- [Rene J. Gonzalez-Llorens](#): Employment Law – Management
- [Harris J. Koroglu](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy
- [Douglas Kramer](#): Commercial Litigation

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- Peter A. Lagonowicz: Tax Law
- [Jeffrey M. Landau](#): Insurance Law
- [Patrick J. Lannon](#): Trusts and Estates
- [Peter H. Levitt](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Marbet Lewis: Food and Beverage Law
- Robert F. Lewis: Food and Beverage Law
- [Lee D. Mackson](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy
- [William G. McCullough](#): Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law
- [John E. Meagher](#): Insurance Law
- [Francis E. Rodriguez](#): Corporate Law; Trusts and Estates
- [Julissa Rodriguez](#): Appellate Practice
- [Aliette DelPozo Rodz](#): Arbitration; International Arbitration – Commercial; Litigation – Construction; Litigation – Real Estate
- [Margaret A. Rolando](#): Real Estate Law
- [Scott H. Silver](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Banking and Finance; Litigation – Bankruptcy
- [Alfred G. Smith](#): Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [J. Donald Wasil](#): Real Estate Law
- [Bryan S. Wells](#): Banking and Finance Law
- [Frank A. Zacherl](#): Litigation – Insurance

### *Ones to Watch*

- [Robert N. Cardenas](#): Corporate Law
- [Martha M. Ferral](#): Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Commercial Litigation
- [Matthew W. Innes](#): Insurance Law
- Mayte Peña: Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law
- [Eduardo Rivero](#): Insurance Law
- [Ivane Sargent](#): Insurance Law
- [Oliver Sepulveda](#): Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law
- Cari R. Shapiro: Insurance Law

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- [Aleksey Shtivelman](#): Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Commercial Litigation
- [Raul L. Tano](#): Insurance Law
- [Tyler Walters](#): Insurance Law

### Orlando

#### *Best Lawyers*

- [Charles B. Costar III](#): Banking and Finance Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law
- [Donald J. Curotto](#): Litigation - Real Estate; Real Estate Law
- [John H. Dannecker](#): Construction Law; Litigation – Construction; Litigation – Real Estate
- [Jeffrey S. Elkins](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Construction
- [Michael L. Gore](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance
- [Michael J. Grindstaff](#): Litigation - Real Estate; Real Estate Law
- [Jason W. Hill](#): Construction Law
- [Russell P. Hintze](#): Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Tax Law; Corporate Law
- [Mary Ruth Houston](#): Employment Law – Individuals; Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment
- [J. Gregory Humphries](#): Corporate Governance Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Juli Simas James](#): Environmental Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law
- [James F. Johnston](#): Government Relations Practice; Real Estate Law
- [Roderick N. Jones](#): Banking and Finance Law
- [Todd F. Kobrin](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Construction
- [Jack C. McElroy](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance
- [Daniel T. O'Keefe](#): Real Estate Law
- [Brett Renton](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Sarah Donini Rodriguez](#): Construction Law
- [Paul J. Scheck](#): Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- [Jennifer Sommerville](#): Appellate Practice
- [Erik F. Szabo](#): Litigation – Construction
- [Jennifer Slone Tobin](#): Litigation – Real Estate; Real Estate Law

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- [Derrick M. Valkenburg](#): Construction Law; Litigation - Construction
- [James G. Willard](#): Real Estate Law
- Jason G. Williams: Real Estate Law

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- Kelscey A. Boyle: Construction Law; Litigation – Construction
- [Benjamin F. Elliott](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Kyle H. Jones](#): Real Estate Law
- [J. Cameron Katz](#): Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Bruce T. Lower](#): Real Estate Law
- [Adriana L. Pfeiffer](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Patrick B. Salmon](#): Real Estate Law
- [Elesa R. Sowell](#): Real Estate Law

## Sarasota

### *Best Lawyers*

- [Charla M. Burchett](#): Trusts and Estates
- [John Patterson](#): Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Corporate Law; Real Estate Law
- [E. Zachary Rans](#): Construction Law; Real Estate Law
- [Michael E. Siegel](#): Real Estate Law

## Tallahassee

### *Best Lawyers*

- [Benjamin J. Gibson](#): Government Relations Practice
- George N. Meros, Jr.: Administrative/Regulatory Law; Appellate Practice; Litigation – Health Care; Litigation – Labor and Employment; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action – Defendants
- [Daniel E. Nordby](#): Administrative / Regulatory Law Appellate Practice; Government Relations Practice

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- [Amber S. Nunnally](#): Appellate Practice
- [Tara R. Price](#): Appellate Practice; Government Relations Practice

### Tampa

#### *Best Lawyers*

- [Eric S. Adams](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Real Estate; Litigation – Banking and Finance
- [Matthew Blackshear](#): Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law; Real Estate Law
- [Amanda B. Buffinton](#): Construction Law; Litigation – Construction
- [Tirso M. Carreja, Jr.](#): Commercial Litigation; Communications Law; Litigation – Real Estate; Real Estate Law
- [Meredith S. Delcamp](#): Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation – Land Use and Zoning; Litigation – Real Estate; Real Estate Law
- [Meredith A. Freeman](#): Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Litigation – Construction; Litigation - Real Estate
- [R. Alan Higbee](#): Agriculture Law; Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Corporate Compliance Law; Corporate Governance Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities/Capital Markets Law; Project Finance Law
- [Jordan G. Lee](#): Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Litigation – Trusts and Estates; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates
- [Erik R. Matheney](#): Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Mass Tort Litigation/ Class Actions – Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- [Matthew J. Meyer](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Real Estate
- [Lee E. Nelson](#): Banking and Finance Law; Real Estate Law
- [Eric E. Page](#): Commercial Litigation; Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation – Land Use and Zoning; Litigation – Real Estate
- [Olga M. Pina](#): Corporate Governance Law; Corporate Compliance Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Woodrow H. Pollack](#): Copyright Law; Information Technology Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property; Litigation – Patent; Patent Law; Trademark Law
- [Ryan C. Reinert](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Bankruptcy; Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law

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- [Ella A. Shenhav](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Michael P. Silver](#): Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Banking and Finance
- [Lonnie L. Simpson](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Securities
- [Susan K. Spurgeon](#): Litigation – Real Estate; Real Estate Law
- [James Terpening III](#): Construction Law; Litigation – Construction
- [Frederick S. Werdine](#): Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- [Adam S. Woodruff](#): Banking and Finance Law; Commercial Transactions/UCC Law; Corporate Law; Real Estate Law; Mergers and Acquisition Law
- [Timothy D. Woodward](#): Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Litigation – Construction

### *Ones to Watch*

- [Ashlyn Banks](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Real Estate
- [Alyssa L. Cory](#): Appellate Practice
- [Elise M. Engle](#): Appellate Practice; Government Relations Practice
- [S. Elizabeth King](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Brian Paul](#): Litigation – Intellectual Property
- [Garrett A. Tozier](#): Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation

## West Palm Beach

### *Best Lawyers*

- [Rikki Lober Bagatell](#): Real Estate Law
- [Joseph W. Bain](#): Patent Law
- [Matthew Chait](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Eric C. Christu](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Brian D. Kennedy](#): Trusts and Estates
- [Patricia A. Leonard](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- [Arthur J. Menor](#): Real Estate Law
- [Harvey E. Oyer III](#): Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law
- [Matthew S. Sackel](#): Commercial Litigation

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- **Cassandra Jelincic:** Elder Law
- **Michael A. Munoz:** Commercial Litigation

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## Professionals

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### Practice Areas

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Financial Services

Government Law

Health Law & Life Sciences

Insurance

Intellectual Property

International Litigation and Arbitration

Labor and Employment

Land Use & Zoning

Litigation

Real Estate

Securities Fraud Litigation

Taxation

Trusts and Estates

White Collar Criminal Defense & Governmental Investigations



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