

## Shutts & Bowen Attorneys Listed in Best Lawyers in America® 2026 Edition

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Shutts & Bowen LLP is proud to announce that 119 of the firm's attorneys were recognized by their peers for inclusion in the 2026 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: [Brendan Aloysius Barry](#) (Real Estate Law), [John H. Dannecker](#) (Construction Law), [Jack C. McElroy](#) (Litigation – Banking and Finance), [Olga M. Pina](#) (Corporate Compliance Law), [Woodrow "Woody" H. Pollack](#) (Copyright Law), [Patricia A. Leonard](#) (Litigation – Banking and Finance).

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 distinct 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*

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

### Jacksonville

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### *Best Lawyers*

- [C. Ryan Maloney](#): Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Litigation - Construction

### *Ones to Watch*

- Shane P. Fitzsimmons: Litigation – Construction

## **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](#): Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); 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
- [Florentino L. Gonzalez](#): Real Estate Law
- [Rene J. Gonzalez-Llorens](#): Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- [Harris J. Koroglu](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy
- [Douglas Kramer](#): Commercial Litigation
- [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
- [Lee D. Mackson](#): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy

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- [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
- [Alette 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; Securities / Capital Markets
- [J. Donald Wasil](#): Real Estate Law
- [Bryan S. Wells](#): Banking and Finance Law
- [Frank A. Zacherl](#): Litigation – Insurance

### *Ones to Watch*

- [Robert N. Cardenas](#): Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law
- [Martha M. Ferral](#): Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Commercial Litigation
- [Eduardo Rivero](#): Insurance Law
- [Ivane Sargent](#): 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

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

### *Ones to Watch*

- [Kyle H. Jones](#): Real Estate Law
- [J. Cameron Katz](#): Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Adriana L. Pfeiffer](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Patrick B. Salmon](#): 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](#): Real Estate Law
- [Michael E. Siegel](#): Commercial Litigation; Corporate Law; Real Estate Law

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### Tallahassee

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- [Benjamin J. Gibson](#): Administrative / Regulatory Law; Government Relations Practice
- [Daniel E. Nordby](#): Administrative / Regulatory Law; Appellate Practice; Government Relations 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](#): Litigation – Real Estate; Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law; Real Estate Law
- [Amanda B. Buffinton](#): Construction Law; Litigation – Construction; Litigation – Insurance
- [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
- [Andrew W. McLaughlin](#): Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Employment Law – Management
- [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

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- [Woodrow "Woody" 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
- [Ella A. Shenhav](#): Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Labor and Employment
- [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 P. 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; Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law
- [Timothy D. Woodward](#): Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Litigation – Construction; Litigation – Real Estate

### *Ones to Watch*

- [Ashlyn Robinson 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](#): Intellectual Property Law; Litigation – Intellectual Property; Patent Law

### **West Palm Beach**

#### *Best Lawyers*

- [Rikki Lober Bagatell](#): Real Estate Law
- [Joseph W. Bain](#): Litigation – Patent; Patent Law
- [Matthew Chait](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Eric C. Christu](#): Commercial Litigation
- [Patricia M. Flanagan](#): Trade Secrets Law
- [Elizabeth M. Jones](#): Real Estate Law
- [Brian D. Kennedy](#): Trusts and Estates



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- [Arthur J. Menor](#): Real Estate Law
- [Harvey E. Oyer III](#): Land Use and Zoning Law; Real Estate Law
- [Matthew S. Sackel](#): Commercial Litigation

### *Ones to Watch*

- [Eric Mattison](#): Corporate Law
- Michael A. Munoz: Commercial Litigation

## About Shutts & Bowen LLP

Shutts & Bowen LLP, established in 1910, is a full-service business law firm with approximately 280 lawyers in offices in Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach. Learn more about Shutts & Bowen at [www.shutts.com](http://www.shutts.com).

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### Practice Areas

Administrative Law and Licensing

Appellate

Class Action

Construction

Corporate

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

Environmental

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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