



The Nation's Most Powerful Employment Attorneys— Hall of Fame 2019 Inductees

The 20 attorneys listed below are this year's inductees to the Most Powerful Employment Attorneys' Hall of Fame. The lawyers will be added to the HOF each year and retired from future consideration for other lists; their achievements will continue to be recognized on HRExecutive.com and on Lawdragon's website. Very few lawyers are considered for this status—which begins with 35 years in the employment-law trenches and requires consistent recognition for excellence in counseling clients, contributing to the bar and serving as a visionary to improve workplaces.

Name/Title	Law Firm	City	Law School	Years in Practice	Practice Specialty
Charles S. Caulkins Partner	Fisher Phillips	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Creighton	43	Labor and employment, union-representation campaigns, collective bargaining, arbitrations, dispute resolution, FLSA and trade-secret protection
Vincent A. Cino Chairman Emeritus	Jackson Lewis	Morristown, N.J.	Rutgers	40	Advises and litigates on behalf of companies and employers in complex cases
William Cole Partner	MSK	Los Angeles	Stanford	42	Employment litigation, including class actions; and traditional labor law, including NLRB proceedings, arbitrations and union negotiations
Catherine A. Conway , Partner; Co-Chair, Labor and Employment Practice Group	Gibson Dunn	Los Angeles	Indiana University	41	Represents companies in high-stakes employment cases
Harriet E. Cooperman Partner	Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr	Baltimore	University of Maryland	41	Labor, employment and employee benefits
Louis P. DiLorenzo Managing Member, New York Office	Bond	New York	SUNY at Buffalo	43	Labor and employment law, especially collective bargaining, workplace investigations and NLRB proceedings
Steven G. Eckhaus Chair, NY Employee Benefits, Compensation, Labor and Employment Group	McDermott	New York	Cornell	43	Executive employment, compensation and employment law in the financial-services industry
Jerry M. Hunter Partner	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	St. Louis	Washington University	42	Employment-discrimination litigation and counseling, complex labor-relations issues and strategy, and preventive labor relations
D. Ward Kallstrom Partner	Seyfarth Shaw	San Francisco	Duke	42	Employee-benefits fiduciary advice, claims and litigation, and compliance counseling for multi-employer plans
Jay P. Krupin , National Co-Leader, Labor Relations Practice Team	BakerHostetler	Washington	St. Louis University	41	Employment and personnel issues
Jeffrey C. Londa Shareholder	Ogletree Deakins	Houston	Southern Methodist University	44	Labor and employment law, including complex employment litigation, class and collective actions, collective bargaining and arbitrations
Stuart Newman Partner	Seyfarth Shaw	Atlanta	Albany Law School	45	Focus on traditional labor-relations matters, managing employment litigation, preventive counseling and management training in labor and employment-law subjects
Melanie Nussdorf Partner	Step toe	Washington	New York University	46	Advises financial institutions on fiduciary issues, including prohibited transaction-exemption questions under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code
Kevin P. O'Brien Partner	Ivins, Phillips & Barker	Washington	Georgetown	43	Employee benefits, including executive compensation, qualified plans, welfare plans, ERISA fiduciary matters; represents clients before the DOL, IRS and PBGC
Paul J. Ondrasik Jr. Partner	Step toe	Washington	University of Virginia	44	ERISA litigation, focusing on defense of complex fiduciary and investment-related claims and class actions
Denyse Sabagh Partner	Duane Morris	Washington	George Mason University	42	Immigration and nationality law and litigation
Richard C. Shea , Chair, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Practice	Covington	Washington	University of Virginia	36	Employee benefits and executive compensation, especially strategic advice on legislative, rulemaking, litigation, audit, transactional, advisory and plan-design matters, domestically and globally
Charles R. Smith Partner	K&L Gates	Pittsburgh	University of Pittsburgh	45	Transactions involving ESOPs, fiduciary aspects of employee-benefit plans and defined-benefit pension plan de-risking
Steven W. Suffas Managing Partner, Denver Offices	Ballard Spahr	Denver	University of North Carolina	43	All areas of employment law, including traditional labor law, counseling and litigation
Stanley Weiner Partner	Jones Day	Cleveland	Marquette University	41	Complex labor and employment matters, union-management relations, NLRB proceedings, collective-bargaining negotiations, union-corporate campaigns, and labor-arbitration proceedings and litigation