

# 26 Porzio Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2025 Edition; 6 Listed as *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*®

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Porzio is pleased to announce that 26 attorneys were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2025 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, while six attorneys were named *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America. “*Ones to Watch*” recognizes attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in America. The 32 attorneys recognized represent 28 different practice areas.

In addition, Jack L. Lintner was selected as the Newark Area “*Lawyer of the Year*” in Arbitration. Lintner has previously been recognized as the Newark Area “*Lawyer of the Year*” in Arbitration for 2022 and in Mediation for 2023. The “*Lawyer of the Year*” distinction is awarded to only one attorney with the highest overall peer feedback for a specific practice area and geographic location.

## ***Best Lawyers in America*® 2025**

Sal M. Anderton – Government Relations Practice

Diane Fleming Averell – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Timothy L. Barnes – Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Richard H. Bauch – Employment Law - Management

Steven P. Benenson – Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants

Roy Alan Cohen – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Joseph G. Dolan – Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates

\*Crystal West Edwards – Elder Law; Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates

John M. Elias – Trusts and Estates

Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr. – Education Law; Litigation - Labor and Employment

\*David C. Hespe – Government Relations Practice

William J. Hughes, Jr. – Criminal Defense: White-Collar

William A. Kraus – Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Jack L. Lintner – Appellate Practice; Arbitration; Mediation

John S. Mairo – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Bankruptcy

Warren J. Martin, Jr. – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy

Brett S. Moore – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Joseph A. Paparo – Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation - Land Use and Zoning; Real Estate Law

\*Rachel A. Parisi – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy

Michael L. Rich – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Real Estate

Robert M. Schechter – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Thomas Spiesman – Environmental Law

Charles J. Stoia – Commercial Litigation

Alvin Weiss – Arbitration; Mediation

\*Deirdre R. Wheatley-Liss – Corporate Law; Elder Law; Trusts and Estates

\*Kerri A. Wright – Litigation - Labor and Employment

***Ones to Watch® 2025***

Keren F. Bisnauth – Health Care Law

Rahil Darbar – Commercial Litigation

David L. Disler – Litigation - Construction; Litigation - Labor and Employment

\*Brian Giardina – Labor and Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment

Benjamin L. Lindeman – Environmental Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation - Environmental

Sara R. Simon – Health Care Law

\* Denotes attorneys who are listed for the first time.

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