# 26 Porzio Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America®* 2026 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 2026 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 26 different practice areas.

In addition, Joseph Paparo and Alvin Weiss were selected as the Newark Area "Lawyer of the Year" in the Land Use and Zoning and Mediation categories, respectively. Weiss has previously been recognized as the Newark Area "Lawyer of the Year" in Mediation for 2015 and 2024, as well as in Arbitration for 2013, 2018, and 2024. 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.

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- Sal M. Anderton – Government Relations Practice
- Richard Bauch – Employment Law - Management
- Steven P. Benenson – Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- *Lisa M. Bromberg – Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental
- Roy Alan Cohen – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- *Kelly D. Curtin – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy
- 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 Hespe – Government Relations Practice
- William J. Hughes, Jr. – Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- William A. Krais – Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
- Jack L. Lintner – Appellate Practice; Arbitration; Mediation
- 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 Paparo – Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation - Land Use and Zoning; Real Estate Law
- Rachel Parisi – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Michael L. Rich – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Litigation - Real Estate
- Robert M. Schechter – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- *Philip J. Siana – Tax Law; Trusts and Estates
- 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 Wright – Litigation - Labor and Employment

***Ones to Watch®* 2026**

- *Rachel Fairley – Labor and Employment - Management
- *Jennifer Kelliher – Commercial Litigation
- *Weston Kulick – Education Law; Labor and Employment – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment
- *Christopher Mazza – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- *Michael Medved – Commercial Litigation
- *Thomas Reilly – Appellate Practice; Labor and Employment – Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment

* Denotes attorneys who are listed for the first time.

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