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Six Saxton & Stump Charleston attorneys named “Best Lawyers,” Blackburn named “Lawyer of the “Year”

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CHARLESTON, S.C., August 25, 2025 — Saxton & Stump is pleased to announce that six attorneys in its Charleston office have been recognized in the 2026 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, one of the legal profession’s oldest and most respected peer-review publications.

For more than 40 years, Best Lawyers has published its annual lists based on confidential peer evaluations from

leading attorneys across the country. The publication's mission is to highlight top legal talent in a wide range of practice areas.

Shareholder Cherie W. Blackburn also received the prestigious honor of being named "Lawyer of the Year" in two different practice categories, Litigation – Labor and Employment and Employment Law – Management. This is the fifth time she has been named a Lawyer of the Year in Employment Law – Management and the second time in Litigation – Labor and Employment. The distinction is awarded to the attorney that earns the highest peer review rating in their geographic area in a particular practice category

The six Saxton & Stump attorneys from its Charleston office named to the 2026 Best Lawyers in America® list are:

Cherie W. Blackburn has been named to the list in five categories each year since 2005: Copyright Law; Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment; and Trademark Law. She is a shareholder and a member of the [Labor and Employment](#), [Commercial Litigation](#), and [Intellectual Property Litigation](#) groups.

Elizabeth "Beth" J. Palmer was named to the list for the sixth straight year in Commercial Litigation and was also recognized for the first time in Litigation – Trusts and Estates. Palmer is a shareholder in the firm's [Trusts and Estates](#), Labor and Employment, Litigation, and Commercial Litigation groups.

Alice F. Paylor was recognized in six categories: Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Employment Law – Individuals; Employment Law – Management; Litigation – Labor and Employment; and Litigation – Trusts and Estates. She has been named to the Best Lawyers list for 16 consecutive years. Paylor is a shareholder at Saxton & Stump and a member of the Labor and Employment, [Litigation](#), [Education](#), and Commercial Litigation groups.

Christy L. Rogers made the list in the Litigation – Labor and Employment category for the second consecutive year. She is a shareholder at Saxton & Stump and is a member of the firm's Labor and Employment and Commercial Litigation groups.

Bijan K. Ghom was named to the Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" list in Commercial Litigation for the sixth consecutive year and in Corporate Law for the third consecutive year. The Ones to Watch list honors attorneys who have been in practice for five to nine years and have demonstrated outstanding professional excellence early in their careers. *Ghom practices in the firm's [Business and Corporate](#), [Commercial Litigation](#), [Intellectual Property](#), [Intellectual Property Litigation](#), [Trusts and Estates](#), [Labor and Employment](#), and [Litigation](#) groups.*

Senior counsel **Isabelle S. Young** makes her debut on the Best Lawyers list in the Commercial Litigation category. Young is a member of the firm's [Investigations](#), [White Collar and Criminal Defense](#), Litigation, [Title IX](#), Education, and [Appellate Advocacy](#) groups.

"Being recognized year after year by Best Lawyers speaks to the quality of attorneys we have in Charleston and across the firm," Saxton & Stump CEO James W. Saxton said. "Since opening our doors in Charleston in 2022, our team's talent and reputation have helped us establish a strong presence in the Lowcountry region and position us for continued growth. And a special congratulations to Cherie, for her continued recognition as 'Lawyer of the Year.'"

Saxton & Stump's strategic growth outlook

Saxton & Stump continues to expand its Charleston office, offering a full range of legal and consulting services across South Carolina. The firm is a dynamic, full-service organization of nearly 300 professionals, including more than 150 attorneys across 10 offices. Saxton & Stump's innovative model continues to attract highly talented and experienced attorneys and business professionals, driving the growth of the law firm and its affiliates.

Saxton & Stump provides solutions for complex legal issues and partners with clients to create a roadmap for their success. The firm is committed to empowering clients by delivering five-star service and results-focused advice.

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