

# TWENTY-EIGHT BERGER SINGERMAN ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED IN THE 2017 EDITION OF BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

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*30% of Firm's Attorneys Receive National Recognition, an Increase from Last Year*

**MIAMI, FL – Aug. 15, 2016** – Berger Singerman, Florida's business law firm, is pleased to announce that 28 of the firm's attorneys, an increase from 25 attorneys last year, were recognized in the 2017 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Partner Michael J. Higer was recognized as the Miami Litigation (Real Estate) Lawyer of the Year, and Daniel H. Thompson was named the Tallahassee Environmental Lawyer of the Year. The "Lawyer of the Year" awards are designations given to a select group of individuals in high-profile specialties in large legal communities. Only a single attorney per specialty in each community is honored.

The growing list of Berger Singerman attorneys honored as the Best Lawyers in America includes:

Daniel H. Aronson (Miami) – Corporate and Private Equity  
Robert W. Barron (Fort Lauderdale) – Corporate and Real Estate  
Howard J. Berlin (Miami) – Business Reorganization  
James L. Berger (Fort Lauderdale) – Real Estate  
Mitchell W. Berger (Fort Lauderdale) - Commercial Litigation  
Anthony J. Carriuolo (Fort Lauderdale) - Commercial Litigation  
James C. Cunningham Jr. (Miami) – Employment  
James D. Gassenheimer (Miami) - Commercial and Bankruptcy Litigation  
David L. Gay (Miami) – Business Reorganization  
Martin J. Genauer (Miami) – Corporate  
Jordi Gusó (Miami) – Business Reorganization  
Donald J. Hayden (Miami) – Commercial Litigation and International Arbitration  
Michael J. Higer (Fort Lauderdale) – Commercial and Real Estate Litigation  
Melanie Ann Hines (Tallahassee) – Administrative/Regulatory and White Collar Litigation  
Christopher A. Jarvinen (Miami) – Business Reorganization  
Nick Jovanovich (Fort Lauderdale) - Tax  
Lewis M. Killian Jr. (Tallahassee) – Business Reorganization  
Charles H. Lichtman (Fort Lauderdale) - Commercial, Securities and Bankruptcy Litigation  
Dawn M. Meyers (Fort Lauderdale) – Environmental  
Daniel D. Mielnicki (Boca Raton) – Wealth Preservation/Tax  
Sheldon S. Polish (Fort Lauderdale) - Tax  
S. Daniel Ponce (Miami) - Commercial Litigation

Samuel E. Poole III (Fort Lauderdale) – Environmental and Land Use

Brian G. Rich (Tallahassee) – Business Reorganization

Leonard K. Samuels (Fort Lauderdale) - Commercial and Employment Litigation

Frank Scruggs (Fort Lauderdale) - Employment

Paul Steven Singerman (Miami) – Business Reorganization and Commercial Litigation

Daniel H. Thompson (Tallahassee) – Administrative and Environmental Litigation

“Our strategic approach to growth has allowed us to create a talented team of attorneys who are among the most highly regarded in their respective practice areas, yet understand and embrace our collaborative approach to deliver best-in-class service to our clients and referral sources,” said **Paul Steven Singerman**, co-chair of Berger Singerman. “There are few law firms of our size with such a large number of attorneys honored in *Best Lawyers*, and we are proud of our team members who are continually recognized for their reputation, integrity and successes within the legal industry.”

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. It is based on an intensive peer-review survey in which almost 50,000 leading attorneys cast nearly five million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas. The publication now covers almost 70 countries and 137 practice areas, and *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

Berger Singerman’s recognition by *Best Lawyers* follows other prestigious awards the firm has received over the course of the last year, including being named one of *Law360*’s Florida Powerhouses and a top Florida law firm in *Chambers USA*, as well as inclusion in *Super Lawyers*’ Florida Super Lawyers Top Lists, *The National Law Journal*’s Midsize Hot List for three years in a row and *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers*’ Best Law Firms. Berger Singerman has also been recognized for its strong corporate culture, being named a Best Place to Work by the *South Florida Business Journal* and a Top Workplace by the *Sun-Sentinel*. In addition, Berger Singerman was recently awarded the *Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce*’s South Florida Good to Great award.

### **About Berger Singerman**

Berger Singerman LLP, Florida’s business law firm, has more than 80 attorneys working out of offices in Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Tallahassee. Members of the firm have expertise in all areas of commercial law, including business reorganization, corporate securities and M&A, dispute resolution, employment law, white collar crime, real estate, environmental and land use, insurance, tax, estate planning, probate and immigration. Berger Singerman is consistently and widely recognized by independent third parties for its excellence in client service and the environment it creates for employees; most recently, the firm was named to the “Midsize Hot List” by the *National Law Journal* and named a Florida Powerhouse by *Law360*. For more information, please visit [www.bergersingerman.com](http://www.bergersingerman.com) or the Doing Business in Florida resource [www.flabusinesslaw.com](http://www.flabusinesslaw.com).

### **Related Team Member(s)**

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