

# TWENTY-FIVE CAPE SOKOL ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED AS 2026 BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

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**Twenty-five attorneys at Capes Sokol, representing every practice of the firm, have earned inclusion in [The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 edition](#).**

Ajla Alunovic, R. Thomas Avery, Channing M. Burd, David V. Capes, Jeffrey A. Cohen, Danielle M. Durban, Amy L. Fehr, Mark E. Goodman, Michael A. Kahn, Laura E. Al-Shathir, David H. Luce, Sarah J. Luem, Elizabeth McKown, John S. Meyer, Jr., Francis X. Miller, Zachary R. McMichael, Teresa Pupillo, William B. Remis, Brian J. Sabin, Gary R. Sarachan, Peter W. Salsich III, Michael L. Schechter, Andrew B. Shanfeld, Stacy Engles Wipfler, and Robert T. West received recognition in over twenty Best Lawyer practice areas.

Best Lawyers recognized Ajla Alunovic, Channing M. Burd, Danielle M. Durban, Elizabeth McKown, and Zachary R. McMichael as "Ones to Watch." Introduced in 2020, the "Ones to Watch" list acknowledges attorneys in the early stages of their careers for their exceptional professional achievements in private practice within the United States.

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Below are the Capes Sokol attorneys, their practice areas, and the inaugural year of their inclusion in Best Lawyers:

- [Aila Alunovic](#) (2020 – 2026) – “Ones to Watch” – Family Law
- [R. Thomas Avery](#) (2023 – 2026) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Construction, Litigation - Real Estate
- [Channing M. Burd](#) (2024 – 2026) – “Ones to Watch” – Administrative/Regulatory Law, Land Use and Zoning, Municipal Law, Real Estate Law
- [David V. Capes](#) (2001 – 2026) – Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Litigation and Controversy – Tax; Tax Law
- [Jeffrey A. Cohen](#) (2016 – 2026) – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
- [Danielle M. Durban](#) (2025 – 2026) – “Ones to Watch” – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Intellectual Property Law
- [Amy L. Fehr](#) (2018 – 2026) – Commercial Litigation
- [Mark E. Goodman](#) (2014 – 2026) – Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs; Mediation
- [Michael A. Kahn](#) (2001 – 2026) – Copyright Law; Entertainment Law – Motion Pictures and Television; Entertainment Law – Music; First Amendment Law; Litigation – First Amendment; Litigation – Intellectual Property; Media Law
- [Laura E. Al-Shathir](#) (2021 – 2026) – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Tax Law; Litigation and Controversy – Tax
- [David H. Luce](#) (2018 – 2026) – Employment Law – Management
- [Sarah J. Luem](#) (2025 – 2026) – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Real Estate Law
- [Elizabeth McKown](#) (2025 – 2026) – “Ones to Watch” – Commercial Litigation
- [John S. Meyer, Jr.](#) (2016 – 2026) – Corporate Law; Real Estate Law; Banking and Finance Law
- [Francis X. Miller](#) (2025 – 2026) – Real Estate Law
- [Zachary R. McMichael](#) (2024 – 2026) – Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch – Commercial Litigation, Real Estate Law
- [Teresa Pupillo](#) (2021 – 2026) – Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Litigation – Labor and Employment; Litigation – Real Estate
- [William B. Remis](#) (2024 – 2026) – Real Estate Law
- [Brian J. Sabin](#) (2026) – Corporate Law
- [Gary R. Sarachan](#) (2012 – 2026) – Commercial Litigation
- [Peter W. Salsich III](#) (2007 – 2026) – Entertainment Law – Motion Pictures and Television; Entertainment Law – Music; Copyright Law
- [Michael L. Schechter](#) (2012 – 2026) – Family Law
- [Andrew B. Shanfeld](#) (2025 – 2026) – Real Estate Law
- [Stacy Engles Wipfler](#) (2021 – 2026) – Real Estate Law

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