

2023 NM Rankings

Nelson Mullins Rankings – June 2023

Nelson Mullins is a leader in its chosen practices, industries, and locations. The Firm is frequently ranked in regional and national trade publications.

American Lawyer 100 - 2023

- Ranked as the 68th largest law firm in the nation based on 2022 gross revenue

National Law Journal 500 - 2023

- Ranked as the 57th largest law firm in the nation based on annual law firm headcounts

Chambers USA Guide

Chambers gave the firm national rankings in six practice areas and state rankings in 27 practice areas. In addition, it gave national rankings to 13 lawyers and state rankings to 82 attorneys.

National Rankings

Chambers recognized Nelson Mullins nationally for the following practices:

- E-Discovery & Information Governance
- Government Relations: State & Local
- Healthcare: Highly Regarded
- Outsourcing
- Product Liability & Mass Torts: The Elite
- Product Liability: Automobile
- Startups and Emerging Companies
- Transportation: Road (Automotive)

- Atlanta associate George F. Akers in Startups & Emerging Companies
- Atlanta partner Richard B. North, Jr. in Product Liability & Mass Torts
- Los Angeles partner Richard H. Otera in Transportation: Road (Automotive)
- Baltimore partner Michael A. Brown in Product Liability & Mass Torts
- Columbia partner Lucile H. Cohen in E-Discovery & Information Governance
- Columbia partner David E. Dukes in the categories of Litigation: Trial Lawyers, and Product Liability & Mass Torts
- Columbia partner John D. Martin in E-Discovery & Information Governance
- Columbia partner Steven A. McKelvey, Jr. in Transportation: Road (Automotive)
- Greenville partner David H. Wilkins in Government Relations
- Nashville partner Thomas J. Cullen in Product Liability & Mass Torts
- New York partner Edward J. Hansen in Outsourcing
- Tallahassee partner Andy Bertron in Transportation: Road (Automotive)
- Washington, DC partner Terri S. Reiskin in Product Liability: Consumer Class Actions
- Leandro Molina in Startups & Emerging Companies
- Travis Bustamente in E-Discovery & Information Guidance
- George S. Ray in Government Relations: State & Local
- Nashville partner Geoffrey P. Vickers in Outsourcing
- Kurt Kern in Product Liability: Automobile
- Sandra Giannone Ezell in Product Liability: Automobile

State Rankings

The following attorneys received national rankings:

Chambers recognized Nelson Mullins for the following state practices:

District of Columbia

- Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite

Florida

- Banking & Finance
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Construction
- Healthcare
- Litigation: General Commercial: Highly Regarded
- Litigation: Securities
- Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

North and Central Florida

- Real Estate

South Florida

- Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Real Estate

Georgia

- Banking & Finance: Mainly Regulatory
- Corporate/M&A
- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
- Healthcare
- Immigration
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation: General Commercial

Maryland

- Corporate/M&A
- Litigation: General Commercial
- Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense

Massachusetts

- Intellectual Property

New York

- Outsourcing

North Carolina

- Energy & Natural Resources
- Healthcare
- Labor & Employment
- Tax

South Carolina

- Banking & Finance
- Corporate/M&A
- Environment
- Healthcare
- Litigation: General Commercial

Virginia

- Product Liability & Toxic Torts

West Virginia

- Litigation: General Commercial

Individual attorneys recognized for their state practices are:

In the District of Columbia:

- Steven A. Augustino, Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite
- John Heitmann, Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite
- Joshua Guyan, Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite
- Dylan G. Trache, Bankruptcy/Restructuring

- Solomon L. Wisenberg, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

In Colorado:

- Mark T. Clouatre, Litigation: General Commercial

In Florida:

- Gary M. Freedman, Bankruptcy Litigation
- Jeremy Springhart, Construction
- Michael Wilson, Construction
- Robert Alfert, Jr., Construction
- Gabriel L. Imperato, Healthcare
- Michael J. Bittman, Healthcare
- Mike Segal, Healthcare
- Daniel Newman, Litigation: Securities
- Mark F. Raymond, Litigation: Securities and Litigation: General Commercial
- Christopher Cavallo, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
- Jayne C. Weintraub, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
- Jon A. Sale, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
- Jonathan Etra, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
- Joseph B. Stanton, Public Finance

In North and Central Florida:

- C. David Brown, II, Real Estate
- Angela D. Shaw, Real Estate
- James E. Slater, Real Estate

In South Florida:

- Jeffrey A. Deutch, Real Estate
- Clifford I. Hertz, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use

- Frank P. Terzo, Bankruptcy/Restructuring

In Georgia:

- William J. Ching, Corporate/M&A
- Gina Ginn Greenwood, Healthcare
- Michael E. Hollingsworth II, Corporate/M&A
- Rob Klingler, Banking & Finance: Mainly Regulatory
- Jeong-Hwa (June) Lee, Immigration
- Jennifer D. Malinovsky, Healthcare
- Ann E. Murray, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation
- J. Brennan Ryan, Banking & Finance: Mainly Regulatory
- Susan E. Stoffer, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation

In Maryland:

- Michael A. Brown, Litigation: General Commercial and Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense
- Timothy A. Hodge, Jr., Corporate/M&A
- Alexandra P. Moylan, Litigation: Medical Malpractice
- Matthew S. Sturtz, Litigation: General Commercial
- Michael Blumenfeld, Litigation: General Commercial
- Colleen Pleasant Kline, Corporate/M&A
- Daniel L. Fitzgerald, Corporate/M&A
- Kraig B. Long, Labor & Employment

In Massachusetts:

- Jane E. Remillard, Intellectual Property

In New York:

- Mitch Boyarsky, Labor and Employment
- Val Gross, Outsourcing
- Edward J. Hansen, Outsourcing

In North Carolina:

- Weston Adams III, Energy & Natural Resources
- Joseph W. Eason, Energy & Natural Resources
- C. Wells Hall III, Tax
- Noah H. Huffstetler, III, Healthcare
- Patricia A. Markus, Healthcare
- Lawrence L. Ostema, Energy & Natural Resources
- Robert L. Wilson, Jr., Healthcare
- Fred. M. Wood, Jr., Litigation: General Commercial
- Denise M. Gunter, Healthcare
- Phillip J. Strach, Labor & Employment
- Thomas A. Farr, Labor & Employment

In South Carolina:

- Thomas A. Brumgardt, Corporate/M&A
- Sally H. Caver, Corporate/M&A
- Bart Daniel, Healthcare, Litigation: General Commercial
- Travis Dayhuff, Healthcare
- Gus M. Dixon, Corporate/M&A
- David E. Dukes, Litigation: General Commercial
- Daniel J. Fritze, Corporate/M&A
- Eric K. Graben, Corporate/M&A
- Neil E. Grayson, Banking & Finance, Corporate/M&A
- Sue Erwin Harper, Labor & Employment
- Bernard F. Hawkins Jr, Environment
- P. Mason Hogue, Jr., Corporate/M&A
- John M. Jennings, Corporate/M&A
- Thomas F. Moran, Healthcare
- Newman Jackson Smith, Environment
- John T. Moore, Banking & Finance
- Samuel W. Outten, Litigation: General Commercial
- G. Mark Phillips, Litigation: General Commercial
- Eli A. Poliakoff, Healthcare
- Daniel J. Westbrook, Healthcare
- Edward K. White, Healthcare
- Jenny F. Shealy, Healthcare

- Carmen Harper Thomas, Litigation: General Commercial

In Virginia:

- Sandra Ezell, Product Liability
- Robert L. Wise, Litigation: Appellate, Product Liability & Toxic Torts

In Ohio:

- John Q. Lewis, Litigation: General Commercial

In Pennsylvania:

- Tiffany Alexander, Litigation: General Commercial

In Tennessee:

- Laurence M. Papel, Real Estate
- Shane G. Ramsey, Bankruptcy/Restructuring

In West Virginia:

- Melissa Foster Bird, Litigation: General Commercial
- Marc E. Williams, Litigation: General Commercial
- Randall L. Saunders, Litigation: General Commercial
- Robert L. Massie, Litigation: General Commercial

IFLR 1000 United States

Legal directory publisher IFLR 1000 has recognized Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in five practice areas in its 2021 state rankings.

- Real Estate (Tier 1 in Florida)
- Corporate M&A (Tier 3 in Florida)
- Corporate M&A (Tier 2 in Georgia)
- Corporate M&A (Tier 3 in Maryland)
- Restructuring and Insolvency (Tier 3 in the District of Columbia)
- Financial and Corporate (Recommended in South Carolina)

The Legal 500

Legal directory publisher The Legal 500 has recognized Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in seven practice areas along with 30 attorneys in its 2023 rankings.

The practice areas and the attorneys noted in the annual publication are:

United States: Dispute resolution: E-Discovery

- Heyward D. Bonyata (Columbia, S.C.)
- Lucile H. Cohen (Columbia, S.C.)
- Julie A. Flaming (Columbia, S.C.)
- John D. Martin (Columbia, S.C.) Leading Lawyer
- Jarrett Coco (Columbia, S.C.)
- Travis Bustamente (Charlotte, N.C.)

United States: Dispute resolution: Product liability, mass tort, and class action – defense: Toxic tort

- David E. Dukes (Columbia, S.C.)
- Michael A. Brown (Baltimore) Leading Lawyer
- Jahmy Graham (Los Angeles)

United States: Government: Government relations

- Woojin Shin (Washington, D.C.)
- David H. Wilkins (Greenville, S.C.)

United States: Industry Focus: Healthcare: service providers

- Gabriel Imperato (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)
- Gina Greenwood (Atlanta)
- Noah Huffstetler (Raleigh, N.C.)
- Patricia Markus (Raleigh, N.C.)
- Thomas F. Moran (Myrtle Beach, S.C.)

United States: Dispute Resolution: product liability, mass tort, and class action defense: Automotive Transport

- Terri S. Reiskin (Washington, D.C.) Leading Lawyer
- Ryan E. Cosgrove (Los Angeles)
- Eden Darrell (Richmond, Va.)
- Sandra Ezell (Richmond, Va.)
- Heather Fields (Richmond, Va.)
- Richard B. North, Jr. (Atlanta)
- Robert Wise (Richmond, Va.)

United States: Industry Focus: Transport: Rail and Road – litigation & regulation

- Steven McKelvey, Jr. (Columbia, S.C.) Leading Lawyer
- Next Generation Lawyer: Christie Iannetta (Washington, D.C.)
- Andy Bertron (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- Sally Caver (Columbia, S.C.)
- Mark T. Clouatre (Denver)
- Richard H. Otera (Los Angeles)
- Jody Porter (Los Angeles)

United States: M&A/corporate and commercial - M&A: middle-market (sub-\$500m)

- Thomas Brumgardt (Columbia, S.C.)
- Gus M. Dixon (Columbia, S.C.)
- Brian Galison (Atlanta)
- Timothy Hodge, Jr. (Baltimore)
- Michael E. Hollingsworth II (Atlanta)
- Colleen Pleasant Kline (Baltimore)
- Rhys T. Wilson (Atlanta)

- Rebekah McCorvey (Atlanta)

M&A/corporate and commercial – Venture Capital and Emerging Companies

- Joe Daniels (New York)
- Jackson Hwu (Miami)
- Leandro Molina (Miami)
- Paul Rothstein (Atlanta)

United States: Real Estate

- Jeffrey A. Deutch (Boca Raton, Fla.)
- David Itskovich (Boca Raton, Fla.)
- Christopher Staller (Boca Raton, Fla.)
- Jo. Thacker (Orlando)
- Eric Wilensky (Atlanta)

Dispute resolution: Product liability, mass tort, and class action – defense: Consumer Products (Including tobacco)

- Michael A. Brown (Baltimore)
- Sandra Ezell (Richmond, Va.)

United States: Dispute resolution: Product liability, mass tort, and class action - defense: Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices

- Alana Bassin (Minneapolis)
- Michael A. Brown (Baltimore)
- Rachel Byrnes (Cleveland)
- Ryan Cullen (Nashville)
- David E. Dukes (Columbia, S.C.)
- Molly Jean Given (Minneapolis)
- J. Mark Jones (Columbia, S.C.)
- Richard B. North, Jr. (Atlanta)
- Kate Skagerberg (Nashville)
- Terri Reiskin (Washington, D.C.)

Dispute resolution: Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense

- Bart Daniel (Columbia, S.C.)
- Jon Sale (Miami)
- Solomon Wisenberg (Washington, D.C.)

Media, Technology and Telecoms – Outsourcing

- Jason Epstein (Nashville)
- Val Gross (New York)
- Ed Hansen (New York)
- Geoffrey Vickers (Nashville)

Media, Technology and Telecoms – Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory

- John Heitmann (Washington, D.C.) Hall of Fame
- Steven Augustino (Washington, D.C.)
- Joshua Guyan (Washington, D.C.)
- Debra McGuire Mercer (Washington, D.C.)

Industry Focus: Education

- Daniel Cohen (Atlanta) Leading Lawyer
- Marquette Bryan (Atlanta)
- Scott R. Palmer (Washington, D.C.)
- Alexis Trumble (Atlanta)

Lex Machina

Named among the top 10 most active product liability law firms for defense in analytics for 2018 through 2020, tallying more than 6,000 cases for defendants in the designated time frame.

IP Stars

Nelson Mullins is recognized as a “Recommended Firm” in intellectual property law for 2023.

The IP Stars selected are:

In Massachusetts:

- Jill Gorny Sloper, “Patent Star”
- Anthony A. Laurentano, “Patent Star”
- Jane Remillard, “Patent Star”

In North Carolina:

- Susan S. Jackson, “Patent Star” and “Trademark Star”
- Craig N. Killen, “Patent Star”

In South Carolina:

- Mark C. Dukes, “Patent Star” and “Trademark Star”

In Minnesota:

- Jason Kraus, “Patent Star”

National:

- John C. McElwaine, “Trademark Star” and “Transactions Star”

The Best Lawyers in America® 2023

248 Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP attorneys have been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2023. Best Lawyers has also selected 86 Nelson Mullins attorneys for “2024 Ones to Watch” and 22 attorneys have been named “Lawyer of the Year.”

U.S. News - Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”

The nationally ranked practices are

Tier 1

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care Law
- Patent Law
- Corporate Law
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Employment Law- Management
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Litigation – Banking and Finance
- Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions
- Litigation: Real Estate
- Real Estate Law

Tier 2

- Banking and Finance Law
- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Litigation - Banking and Finance
- Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Securities
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Public Finance Law
- Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Securitization and Structured Finance Law

Tier 3

- Communications Law
- Franchise Law
- Litigation – Construction
- Venture Capital Law
- Securities Regulation
- Trademark Law

The Metropolitan Tier 1 practice areas and the cities are

Atlanta

- Bankruptcy and Creditor and Debtor Rights/Insolvency & Reorganization Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law
- Government Relations Practice
- Health Care Law
- Litigation – Health Care
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Real Estate Law

Boston

- Patent Law
- Real Estate Law

Charleston, S.C.

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense – White Collar
- Environmental Law
- Government Relations Practice
- Insurance Law
- Litigation – Environmental
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Nonprofit/Charities Law
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law
- Trademark Law
- Trusts and Estate Law
- Water Law

Huntington, W.Va.

- Appellate Practice
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation

- Financial Services Education Law
- Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Litigation – Banking and Finance
- Litigation – Environmental
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Railroad Law

Charlotte, N.C.

- Commercial Litigation
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
- Patent Law
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Columbia, S.C.

- Appellate Practice
- Banking & Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- Economic Development Law
- Employee Benefits Law (ERISA)
- Employment Law - Management
- Environmental Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law
- Government Relations Practice
- Health Care Law
- Insurance Law
- Litigation – Banking and Finance
- Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Litigation – Environmental
- Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Litigation -- Patent

- Litigation – Securities
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law
- Patent Law
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Tax Law

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

- Appellate Practice
- Banking and Finance Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care Law
- Real Estate Law

Winston-Salem, N.C.

- Antitrust Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Litigation – Antitrust
- Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation: Defendants

Greenville, S.C.

- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Compliance Law
- Corporate Law
- Corporate Governance Law
- Government Relations Practice
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Litigation: Banking and Finance
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Tax Law
- Venture Capital Law

Miami, Fla.

- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense: General Practice

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Health Care Law
- Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions
- Litigation – Real Estate
- Litigation – Securities
- Litigation – Banking and Finance

Nashville, Tenn.

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Finance Law
- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- Information Technology Law
- Privacy and Data Security Law
- Real Estate Law

Orlando, Fla.

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Litigation – Construction
- Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Real Estate Law
- Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Raleigh, N.C.

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Law – Management
- Government Relations Practice
- Health Care Law
- Insurance Law
- Litigation – Labor and Employments
- Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, telecom, energy)
- Real Estate Law

Washington, D.C.

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Comm. Law
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Leveraged Buyouts & Private Equity Law

West Palm Beach, Fla.

- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Litigation – Real Estate
- Real Estate Law

Tallahassee, Fla.

- Commercial Litigation