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**FLORA PETTIT ATTORNEYS NAMED IN 2024 *BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA*®  
*BEST LAWYERS: ONES TO WATCH*® IN AMERICA**

Flora Pettit announces that nine of its lawyers were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2024 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*® and one of its attorneys has been named to the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America list (COPYRIGHT 2013 BY WOODWARD/WHITE, INC., OF AIKEN, SC). The attorneys listed include Michael E. Derdeyn, John W. Flora, Richard H. Howard-Smith, Donald D. Long, Marc A. Peritz, Jennifer E. Shirkey, Bill Shmidheiser, Elizabeth C. Southall, Cathleen P. Welsh, and J. Page Williams.

Mr. Derdeyn was selected in the practice area of Commercial Litigation; Mr. Flora was selected in the practice area of Tax Law, and Trusts and Estates; Mr. Howard-Smith was selected in the practice areas of Tax Law, and Trusts and Estates; Mr. Long was selected in the practice area of Securities/Capital Markets Law; Mr. Peritz was selected in the practice area of Professional Malpractice Law–Defendants; Ms. Shirkey was selected in the practice area of Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Mr. Shmidheiser was selected in the practice areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and Litigation–Bankruptcy; Ms. Welsh was selected in the practice areas of Employment Law–Management, Litigation–Labor and Employment, and Workers’ Compensation Law–Employers; and Mr. Williams was selected in the practice of Banking and Finance Law, and Real Estate Law.

In addition, the firm is pleased to announce that Elizabeth C. Southall was included in the 2024 edition of the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America for her work in Personal Injury Litigation–Defendants and J. Page Williams was named the *Best Lawyers*® 2024 Real Estate Law “Lawyer of the Year” in the Charlottesville metropolitan area which includes the Shenandoah Valley.

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers*® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Best Lawyers recognitions are compiled based on an exhaustive *Purely Peer Review*® evaluation. More than 123,000 industry leading lawyers are eligible to vote (from around the world), and have received more than 20 million evaluations on the legal abilities of other lawyers based on their specific practice areas around the world.

For the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, more than 13.7 million votes were analyzed, which resulted in more than 76,000 leading lawyers included in the milestone 30th edition.

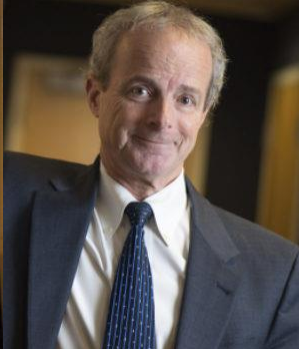
For the 2024 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America, more than 2.4 million votes were analyzed, which resulted in more than 25,000 lawyers honored in the new edition.

"Lawyer of the Year" honors are awarded annually to only one lawyer per practice area in each region with extremely high overall feedback from their peers, making it an exceptional distinction.





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