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### [LAW]

Best Lawyers in America has named its Lawyers of the Year for 2012. The following Columbia lawyers by firm were honored:

Bowman & Brooke: **Joel H. Smith** (personal injury litigation - defendants)

Callison Tighe: **M. Malissa Burnette** (employment law - individuals)  
Chappell Smith & Arden: **William L. Smith II** (workers' compensation law - claimants)

Collins & Lacy: **Stanford E. Lacy** (workers' compensation law - employers), **Gray T. Culbreath** (mass tort litigation/class actions - defendants)

Finkel Law Firm: **Harry L. Goldberg** (mediation)

Fisher & Phillips: **J. Hagood Tighe** (labor law - management)

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd: **William C. Boyd** (mergers and acquisitions law), **J. Donald Dial Jr.** (tax law), **Theodore B. DuBose** (public finance law), **Thomas R. Gottshall** (product liability litigation)

Independent: **Jack B. Swerling** (criminal defense: non-white-collar), **Richard A. Harpootlian** (personal injury litigation - plaintiffs)

Janet, Jenner & Suggs: **Kenneth M. Suggs** (product liability litigation - plaintiffs)

McAngus Goudelock & Courie: **Thomas E. Lydon** (litigation - banking and finance)

McNair Law Firm: **Michael M. Beal** (litigation - bankruptcy), **Ethan R. Ware** (environmental law), **Judith L. McInnis** (banking and finance law)

Moore Taylor & Thomas: **J. Mark Taylor** (family law)

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough: **George S. Bailey** (litigation, trusts and estates), **C. Mitchell Brown** (appellate practice), **Karen A. Crawford** (litigation - environmental), **Dwight F. Drake** (government relations practice), **David E. Dukes** (bet-the-company litigation), **Robert W. Foster Jr.** (personal injury litigation), **R. Mason Hogue Jr.**

(securities/capital markets law), **John T. Moore** (financial services regulation law), **David G. Traylor Jr.** (product liability litigation - defendants) and **Daniel J. Westbrook** (health care law)

Nexsen Pruet: **Edward G. Menzie** (real estate law), **Julio E. Mendoza Jr.** (bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law), **Susan P. McWilliams** (litigation - labor and employment), **G. Marcus Knight** (corporate law), **Henry W. Brown** (construction law)

Ogletree Deakins: **Charles T. Speth II** (employment law - management)

Richardson Plowden: **Franklin J. Smith Jr.** (litigation - construction), **Leslie Cotter Jr.** (legal malpractice law)

Thompson & Delgado: **John D. Delgado** (criminal defense - white-collar)

Todd & Johnson: **W. Steven Johnson** (trusts and estates)

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney: **Thomas C. Salane** (insurance law)

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