

Bracewell Earns High Marks in Legal 500 United States 2024

Awards & Rankings

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HOUSTON – Bracewell's ongoing leadership on high-profile finance, transactional, regulatory and litigation matters across various sectors, including energy, finance, infrastructure and technology sectors, earned the firm high marks in Legal 500 United States 2024.

For the eighth year in a row, Bracewell earned a Tier 1 ranking for Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas.

The firm received 30 practice rankings in total, including recommendations in appellate litigation, capital markets, commercial lending, commercial litigation, environmental litigation, environmental regulatory, environmental transactions, financial restructuring, government relations, labor and employment, M&A, oil and gas litigation, oil and gas transactions, outsourcing, power litigation, power regulatory, power transactions, project finance, renewable energy, real estate, securities litigation, tax and white-collar criminal defense.

In addition, more than 100 Bracewell lawyers received recommendations in their respective practices, 15 of whom were named Leading Lawyers or Hall of Fame members:

- **Stephen Braga** – Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense
- **Michael Brooks** – Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas
- **Stephen Crain** – Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas
- **Suzanne Day** – Insurance: Advice to Policyholders
- **Eugene Elrod** – Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas
- **Jeff Holmstead** – Environment: Regulatory

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- **Richard Whiteley** – Construction (Including Construction Litigation)
- **Timothy Wilkins** – Environment: Transactional (New); and Environment: Regulatory

In addition, three Bracewell lawyers were singled out as Next Generation Partners:

- **Tyler S. Johnson** – Energy Litigation: Electric Power; and Energy Regulation: Electric Power
- **Parker Lee** – Energy Transactions: Oil and Gas

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