

# Bracewell Earns Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2025

Awards & Rankings

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**HOUSTON – Bracewell LLP** earned top rankings in *Chambers USA 2025*, which praised the firm for its leading role advising clients on complex transactional, regulatory, policy and litigation matters in the energy, infrastructure, finance, real estate, healthcare and technology industries.

“Bracewell is a go-to firm,” *Chambers* wrote. “They are always thinking of ways to be the most efficient and solve the problem in complicated matters.”

Bracewell received six Band 1 practice rankings, including:

- Nationwide Oil & Gas (Regulatory & Litigation) – 11th consecutive year
- Nationwide Offshore Energy – third consecutive year
- Nationwide Government Relations: Specialist Energy, Natural Resources & Environment
- Texas Banking & Finance – 18th consecutive year
- Texas Environment – ninth consecutive year
- Texas Public Finance – second consecutive year

In addition to 38 practice rankings, 91 Bracewell lawyers received Band rankings, 26 of whom were recognized as Band 1, Eminent Practitioners or Senior Statespersons.

Bracewell was among the top law firms with respect to the number of individual rankings received from *Chambers USA*. An impressive 60 percent of Bracewell’s US partners earned rankings in this year’s guide.

“They are phenomenal lawyers and outside counsel,” one client told *Chambers*. “The firm is very responsive, very knowledgeable and client centric.”

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- Climate Change
- Derivatives
- Energy Transition
- Energy: Electricity (Finance)
- Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation)
- Energy: Electricity (Transactional)
- Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory & Litigation) – Band 1
- Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional)
- Environment
- Government Relations: Federal
- Government Relations: Specialist Energy, Natural Resources & Environment – Band 1
- Intellectual Property: Patent Trial and Appeal Board
- Offshore Energy – Band 1
- Oil & Gas Litigation
- Projects: Oil & Gas
- Projects: Power & Renewables: Transactional
- Projects: PPP
- Public Finance

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- Environment

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- Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Highly Regarded)

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- Capital Markets: Debt & Equity
- Corporate/M&A: The Elite
- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Houston & Surrounds)
- Environment – Band 1
- Healthcare
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation: Appellate
- Litigation: General Commercial (Houston & Surrounds)
- Litigation: Securities
- Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
- Public Finance – Band 1
- Real Estate
- Tax
- Technology: Outsourcing

## Individual Rankings

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#### Capital Markets: Debt & Equity: Central US

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- Deanna E. King
- Catherine P. McCarthy – Band 1

## **Energy: Electricity (Transactional)**

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- Eugene Elrod – Band 1
- George D. Fatula
- Mark K Lewis – Band 1
- D. Kirk Morgan II

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- Parker A. Lee – Up and Coming
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