25 Hedrick Gardner Attorneys Included in 2026 Best Lawyers® Lists

Practices

Civil Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Construction Law
Employment Law
Insurance Law
Workers' Compensation

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Neil P. Andrews
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Hedrick Gardner is pleased to announce that 25 of our attorneys have been included in the 2026 *Best Lawyers®* lists. 23 of the firm's attorneys have been included in the 2026 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America®* and two have been included in the 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* list.

The attorneys included in the 2026 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* are:

Charlotte, NC

Neil P. Andrews – Insurance Law
Samuel E. Barker – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Mel J. Garofalo – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
Matthew D. Glidewell – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Melissa H. Grimes – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Michael F. Hedgepeth – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Jeffrey A. Kadis – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Paul C. Lawrence – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Shannon P. Metcalf – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Jennifer I. Mitchell – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Thomas W. Page – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Allen C. Smith – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
John L. Wright – Litigation – Construction
Rebecca L. Zoller – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Raleigh, NC

Tonya D. Davis – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Catherine E. Lee – Employment Law – Individuals
Amanda Brookie McDonald – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Brian M. Williams – Construction Law
C. Rob Wilson – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Insurance, and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Asheville, NC

Kristie L. Hedrick – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

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Columbia, SC

Marcy J. Lamar – Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
Jonathan G. Roquemore – Commercial Litigation and Construction Law
Joshua D. Shaw – Construction Law and Insurance Law

The *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* list includes attorneys who are earlier in their careers and have demonstrated outstanding professional excellence in private practice. The attorneys included in the 2026 list are:

Charlotte, NC

Salvatore Popolillo III – Personal Injury Litigation, Workers' Compensation Law

Raleigh, NC

Grant Simpkins – Administrative / Regulatory Law

The full methodology for *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* is available here.

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