

# Hedrick Gardner Attorneys Recognized as Best Lawyers in America® 2024

## Related Attorneys

Neil P. Andrews  
Mel J. Garofalo  
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## August 17, 2023

**August 17, 2023.** Hedrick Gardner is proud to have 22 lawyers recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and one lawyer recognized in the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America 2024 editions.

This is the first time Erica Lewis and Salvatore Popolillo have been included on the list.

Additionally, Kristie L. Hedrick received the Best Lawyers® 2024 Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year” award in Asheville, NC!

## Asheville, NC

**Kristie L. Hedrick (2020) [5]** “Lawyer of the Year”  
Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

## Charlotte, NC

**Neil P. Andrews (2018) [5]**  
Insurance Law

**Mel J. Garofalo (2010) [15]**  
Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants  
Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

**Matthew D. Glidewell (2016) [5]**  
Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers

**Melissa H. Grimes (2021)**  
Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers

**Michael Hedgepeth (2020) [5]**  
Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers

**Jeffrey A. Kadis (2013) [10]**  
Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers

**Paul C. Lawrence (2016) [5]**  
Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers

**David L. Levy (2021)**  
Construction Law

**Thomas W. Page (2013) [10]**  
Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers

*Allen C. Smith (2013) [10]*

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

*Gerald A. Stein II (2021)*

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

*Rebecca L. Zoller (2019) [5]*

Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

*Salvatore Popolillo III (2023\*) "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch"*

Litigation – Trusts and Estates

## Columbia, SC

*Lee E. Dixon (2022)*

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

## Raleigh, NC

*Anna Baird Choi (2009) [15]*

Administrative / Regulatory Law

*Jeffrey A. Doyle (2013) [10]*

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

*Catherine E. Lee (2021)*

Employment Law – Individuals

*M. Jackson Nichols (2007) [15]*

Administrative / Regulatory Law

*Patricia P. Shields (2003) [20]*

Appellate Practice

Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

*C. Rob Wilson (2020) [5]*

Commercial Litigation

Litigation – Insurance

Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

## Wilmington, NC

*Erica Lewis (2023\*)*

Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

(Year) First year the lawyer was listed in the published practice area.

(\*) Lawyers who are listed for the first time in Best Lawyers.

[#] Milestone of years recognized by Best Lawyers.

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