

17 Cory Watson Attorneys Named to the 2026 edition of The Best Lawyers in America

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BIRMINGHAM, AL, UNITED STATES, August 22, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Our firm has more than 45 years of experience providing exceptional legal services for our clients. This peer recognition exemplifies the standard and dedication our attorneys provide to our community and clients. On behalf of our thousands of clients nationwide, the team at [Cory Watson Attorneys](#) congratulates this outstanding group of lawyers for their achievement and well-deserved recognition.

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

The eleven Cory Watson Attorneys named as the 2026 Best Lawyers in Birmingham include:

Ernest Cory, Co-Founder – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Leila Hirayama Watson, Co-Founder – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Elizabeth E. Chambers, Principal Emeritus – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation –



Plaintiffs

Jon C. Conlin, Principal Attorney – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Douglas A. Dellaccio, Jr., Principal Attorney – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

G. Rick DiGiorgio, Of Counsel – Consumer Protection Law; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Stephen Hunt, Jr., Principal Attorney – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs

Hirlye “Ryan” Lutz, Principal Attorney – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs

F. Jerome Tapley, Principal Attorney – Consumer Protection Law; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Brett Thompson, Principal Attorney – Civil Rights Law

Adam W. Pittman, Of Counsel – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs

BEST LAWYERS : ONES TO WATCH 2026

Six of our firm's talented attorneys have been selected for The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2026 recognition:

Hannah Cory Caldwell, Attorney – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

James E. Cory, Attorney – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Nicolas Gutierrez, Attorney – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Hamilton Jordan, Attorney – Insurance Law; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Hunter Phares, Attorney – Litigation – Environmental; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

R. Akira Watson, Attorney – Litigation – Environmental; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs; Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

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About Cory Watson Attorneys

Cory Watson Attorneys is a nationally recognized personal injury law firm with offices in Birmingham, Alabama; Memphis, and Nashville, Tennessee. The firm has recovered more than \$4 Billion for clients across the country. Cory Watson Attorneys are frequently at the forefront of major class actions and multidistrict litigations involving dangerous pharmaceuticals and product liability and are often appointed to leadership positions in national cases. Firm practice areas include Personal Injury, Product Liability, Class Action, Asbestos, Business & Commercial Litigation, Dangerous Pharmaceuticals, Defective Medical Devices, and Environmental/Toxic Torts.

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