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**24 Vandeventer Black LLP Attorneys**

**Included in the *Best Lawyers in America* 2016**

**Norfolk, VA.** (September 1, 2015) – 24 attorneys from the law firm of Vandeventer Black LLP have been selected for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America* 2016, many of them listed in multiple specialties for a total of 49 designations for the law firm. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

The Vandeventer Black attorneys and their specialties as listed in *Best Lawyers* are:

**ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME LAW**

Mark T. Coberly, Richard H. Ottinger, \*Edward J. Powers, John M. Ryan

**ARBITRATION**

William E. Franczek

**BANKING AND FINANCE LAW**

Bryant C. McGann

**BANKRUPTCY & CREDITOR DEBTOR RIGHTS / INSOLVENCY AND REORGANIZATION LAW**

Daniel R. Weckstein

**BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (INCLUDING LLCs AND PARTNERSHIPS)**

Richard S. Guy

**CLOSELY HELD COMPANIES AND FAMILY BUSINESSES LAW**

Patrick W. Herman

**COMMERCIAL FINANCE LAW**

Bryant C. McGann

**COMMERCIAL LITIGATION**

Robert L. O'Donnell, John M. Ryan, James W. Walker

**CONSTRUCTION LAW**

\*Stephan F. Andrews, William E. Franczek, Patrick A. Genzler, James R. Harvey III, Neil Lowenstein, Michael L. Sterling

**CORPORATE LAW**

Anita O. Poston

**EMINENT DOMAIN AND CONDEMNATION LAW**

Norman W. Shearin

**EMPLOYMENT LAW – MANAGEMENT**

Dean T. Buckius, Arlene F. Klinedinst, John M. Ryan

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

*\*Patrick A. Genzler*

**FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION LAW**

Bryant C. McGann

**HEALTH CARE LAW**

Anita O. Poston

**INSURANCE LAW**

Douglas M. Palais

**LABOR LAW – MANAGEMENT**

Dean T. Buckius, Arlene F. Klinedinst, John M. Ryan

**LITIGATION - BANKING AND FINANCE**

Bryant C. McGann

**LITIGATION – CONSTRUCTION**

Stephan F. Andrews, James W. Walker, *\*William E. Franczek*, Patrick A. Genzler

**LITIGATION – ENVIRONMENTAL**

Patrick A. Genzler

**LITIGATION – SECURITIES**

Douglas M. Palais

**MEDIATION**

William E. Franczek

**MORTGAGE BANKING FORECLOSURE LAW**

Bryant C. McGann

**PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION – DEFENDANTS**

Anita O. Poston

**PROJECT FINANCE LAW**

Bryant C. McGann

**SECURITIES / CAPITAL MARKETS LAW**

Douglas M. Palais

**TAX LAW**

Patrick W. Herman

**TRANSPORTATION LAW**

Mark T. Coberly

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW – EMPLOYERS**

R. John Barrett, F. Nash Bilisoly, Adam S. Rafal

*\*Denotes those attorneys selected as “Lawyer of the Year”.*

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“To have so many of our attorneys selected is quite an honor,” said Mike Sterling, Managing Partner. “Vandeventer Black’s inclusion in *Best Lawyers* demonstrates our commitment to excellence, and to our clients, and we are honored to be recognized as the best among our esteemed colleagues throughout the region.”

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Because *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which almost 50,000 leading attorneys cast nearly five million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. The 22nd Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2016) includes more than 55,000 attorneys in 140 practice areas, covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

#### **About Vandeventer Black LLP**

Vandeventer Black LLP is a business law firm, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, with attorneys providing legal services to local, national, and international businesses since 1883. The firm maintains offices in Norfolk and Richmond Virginia; Raleigh and Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and Germany. For more information, visit [VanBlackLaw.com](http://VanBlackLaw.com).

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