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The Best Lawyers in America® has released its rankings for 2013. Thirty-five Watkins & Eager lawyers were selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2013. The firm's senior partner, William F. Goodman, Jr., is ranked in nine areas of law, including Bet-the-Company Litigation. Watkins & Eager's Best Lawyers are listed below by practice area.

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Paul H. Stephenson III

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Family Law

Susan Latham Steffey

Financial Services Regulation Law

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Health Care Law

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Insurance Law

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Litigation - Labor & Employment

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Michael W. Ulmer

Mediation

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Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants

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Natural Resources Law

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Oil & Gas Law

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Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

David L. Ayers
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William F. Goodman, Jr.
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Walter T. Johnson
Steven D. Orlansky
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Michael W. Ulmer

Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

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Mark D. Jicka
Walter T. Johnson
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Michael W. Ulmer
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M. Binford Williams, Jr.
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Jamie G. Houston III

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In Mississippi:

Top-Listed in Mississippi in Banking and Finance Law with 3 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Bet-the-Company Litigation with 2 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Commercial Finance Law with 1 attorney.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Commercial Transactions / UCC Law with 1 attorney.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Land Use & Zoning Law with 1 attorney.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Litigation - Banking & Finance with 2 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Litigation - Labor & Employment with 2 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Litigation - Land Use & Zoning with 1 attorney.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Litigation - Trusts & Estates with 1 attorney.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Oil & Gas Law with 3 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants with 8 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Product Liability Litigation - Defendants with 11 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Mississippi in Real Estate Law with 5 attorneys.

In Jackson, Mississippi:

Top-Listed in Jackson, MS with 35 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Banking and Finance Law with 3 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Bet-the-Company Litigation with 2 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Commercial Finance Law with 1 attorney.
Top-Listed In Jackson, MS in Commercial Transactions / UCC Law with 1 attorney.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Land Use & Zoning Law with 1 attorney.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Litigation - Banking & Finance with 2 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Litigation - Labor & Employment with 2 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Litigation - Land Use & Zoning with 1 attorney.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Litigation - Trusts & Estates with 1 attorney.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Natural Resources Law with 2 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Oil & Gas Law with 3 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants with 8 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Product Liability Litigation - Defendants with 11 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Real Estate Law with 5 attorneys.
Top-Listed in Jackson, MS in Workers' Compensation Law - Employers with 2 attorneys.

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