

McLaughlin and Gray Selected as 2023 Leadership in Law Honorees

Congratulations to FormanWatkins Associate Margaret McLaughlin and Partner Tim Gray who were recently recognized by New Orleans CityBusiness as 2023 Leadership in Law honorees. This is an especially significant honor, as Margaret is the first Firm Associate to earn the distinction. For 20 years, the publication has recognized area professionals in the field of law for their career and community accomplishments.

To see the full list of honorees, [click here](#).

Margaret joined the firm in 2018 and quickly established herself as a vital team member in the products liability and premises liability litigation practice areas. She has a proven track record of success in court having represented a Fortune 50 energy company in multiple Louisiana trials, specializing in cross-examination preparation and briefing on intricate law issues. Currently, she is dedicated to representing a Fortune 100 client in premises and products liability cases across Louisiana and Texas and representing a Fortune 200 client in the coordination of its national toxic tort docket. Complementing her professional achievements, Margaret is an active member of the Firm's Pro Bono Committee, earning Pro Bono Star distinction since 2020. Notable pro bono successes include drafting impactful briefs that overturned USCIS denials and securing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for a young Guatemalan client.

She has been selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® *Ones to Watch* in Commercial Litigation and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions (Defendants), Personal Injury Litigation (Defendants) and Product Liability Litigation (Defendants). She has also been selected to the Louisiana Rising Stars by SuperLawyers.

Tim has served as national trial counsel to several defendants in toxic tort litigation and has tried cases in several states in that capacity. He also represents parties in commercial disputes in Louisiana and Mississippi ranging from straightforward breach of contract actions to more complex matters involving multiple parties. Tim's commercial practice has included representation of a real estate investment trust in acquisitions, dispositions and financings, as well as representation of local Louisiana individuals and companies seeking advice on corporate and transactional matters.

He has served as national trial counsel in hundreds of toxic tort matters for more than 15 years. Tim is actively involved in the New Orleans community and has also actively contributed to the Firm's pro bono success, having garnered success in immigration asylum matters.

He is Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated, and has been selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions (Defendants) since 2015, to Louisiana Super Lawyers, and as a Top Lawyer for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions by New Orleans Magazine. He was one of only 35 lawyers selected to BizNewOrleans "New Orleans 500 List, recognizing influential and inspiring business leaders.