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**Record 27 Chamberlain Hrdlicka Attorneys Named to *US News* – 2019 *Best Lawyers in America*®, Two Attorneys Recognized as *Lawyer of the Year***

*Attorneys Ranked in Construction, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Eminent Domain & Condemnation, Employee Benefits (ERISA), Government Relations, Immigration, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Trusts & Estates, Tax, Litigation & Controversy - Tax, Trademark Law and Trust & Estates Categories*

**(Houston, TX - September 17, 2018)** – A record 27 attorneys with national law firm [Chamberlain Hrdlicka](#) have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2019 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*®. Selected attorneys span the firm’s Atlanta, Houston, Philadelphia and San Antonio offices and include attorneys with experience in the practice areas of construction law and construction litigation; criminal defense/white collar; eminent domain & condemnation law; employee benefits (ERISA) law; government relations; immigration law; tax law and tax litigation & controversy; trademark law; as well as trusts & estates and trusts & estates litigation.

Attorneys named to The Best Lawyers in America were recognized by their peers in the legal industry for their professional excellence in 145 practice areas. For the 2019 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America, 7.8 million votes were analyzed, which resulted in almost 60,000 leading lawyers being included in the new edition.

The following Chamberlain Hrdlicka attorneys were named to the “2019 *Best Lawyers in America*®” ranking:

Atlanta

- [David D. Aughtry](#) – Tax Law; Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- [Thomas E. Jones, Jr.](#) - Trusts & Estates
- [J. Scot Kirkpatrick](#) – Trusts & Estates
- [Nicholas S. Pappleacos](#) – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law; Construction Law
- [Seth R. Price](#) – Construction Law
- [Hale E. Sheppard](#) – Tax Law; Litigation and Controversy - Tax

Houston

- [Lawrence M. Bass](#) - Trusts & Estates
- [Brett Berly](#) – Trusts & Estates

- [Larry Campagna](#) – Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- [George W. Connelly, Jr.](#) - Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- [Jack P. Eckels](#) - Tax Law
- [George A. Hrdlicka](#) - Tax Law; Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- [Stephen M. Mason](#) – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- [Collin Rose](#) – Trademark Law
- [Lawrence W. Sherlock](#) -Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- [Juan F. Vasquez, Jr.](#) – Tax Law; Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- [Kerry C. Williams](#) - Construction Law; Litigation-Construction
- [Peter D. Williamson](#) - Immigration Law

#### Philadelphia

- [Jerry August](#) – Tax Law; Litigation and Controversy – Tax; Trusts and Estates
- [Philip Karter](#) – Tax Law; Litigation and Controversy – Tax
- [Kenneth Trujillo](#) – Government Relations
- [Stewart M. Weintraub](#) – Tax Law; Litigation and Controversy – Tax

#### San Antonio

- [William H. Lester, Jr.](#) – Tax Law
- [James M. McNeel](#) – Litigation – Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates
- [Charles J. Muller](#) - Tax Law
- [Joshua A. Sutin](#) – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- [Jaime Vasquez](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax

Moreover, two shareholders: **Philip Karter** of Chamberlain Hrdlicka’s Philadelphia office, and **Jaime Vasquez** of San Antonio have both been recognized as “*Lawyer of the Year*” in Litigation and Controversy – Tax category. Karter was selected for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Vasquez for San Antonio, Texas. "Lawyer of the Year" honorees receive this award based on their extremely high overall feedback within specific practice areas and metropolitan regions. “Lawyer of the Year” recognitions were awarded in 133 practice areas across 183 metropolitan regions.

#### Philip Karter

Karter specializes in tax controversy and tax litigation. He has litigated a wide variety of complex and high-profile federal tax cases, a number of which have involved issues of first impression, in the United States District Courts, the United States Tax Court and the United States Court of Federal Claims. Karter has handled countless other tax controversy matters for clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses, joint ventures and individuals that were resolved with the IRS at the examination level, administrative appeals or through alternative dispute resolution. Karter earned his undergraduate degree from Emory University, his law degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Law, and his Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

## [Jaime Vasquez](#)

Vasquez concentrates his practice on federal, state, and international transactional and tax controversy matters. He has counseled clients in civil tax litigation matters, serving as first and second chair in proceedings before the United States Tax Court, United States District Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He is Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Vasquez is also Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has provided defense in criminal tax matters, successfully resolving cases before the IRS Criminal Investigation Division. Vasquez earned his undergraduate degree from University of Virginia, McIntire School of Commerce, his master of accounting from University of Virginia, McIntire School of Commerce, his law degree from University of Texas School of Law, and his Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University.

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### **About Chamberlain Hrdlicka**

Chamberlain Hrdlicka is a diversified business law firm with offices in Atlanta, Houston, Philadelphia and San Antonio. The firm represents both public and private companies as well as individuals and family-owned businesses across the nation. In addition to tax planning and tax controversy, the firm offers corporate, securities and finance, employment law and employee benefits, energy law, estate planning and administration, intellectual property, international and immigration law, commercial and business litigation, real estate and construction law.

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