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Gordon Arata Members Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*

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Baton Rouge, LA

- Louis M. Phillips - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Lafayette, LA

- Bob J. Duplantis - Energy Law; Oil & Gas Law
- Samuel E. Masur - Energy Law; Oil & Gas Law
- Gerald H. Schiff - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law

New Orleans, LA

- Steven W. Copley* - Product Liability Litigation
- Ewell E. Eagan, Jr. - Bet-the-Company; Commercial; Energy Law; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Gregory Grimsal - Commercial Litigation; Energy Law; Litigation – Real Estate
- C. Peck Hayne, Jr. - Energy Law; Oil & Gas Law
- Terrence K. Knister - Environmental Law
- Scott A. O'Connor - Oil & Gas Law
- John M. McCollam - Energy Law; Natural Resources Law; Oil & Gas Law
- Howard E. Sinor, Jr. - Commercial; Construction Law; Litigation – Construction; Litigation – Environmental
- Marion W. Weinstock - Securitization and Structured Finance Law

Houston, TX

- J. Lanier Yeates - Energy Law; Oil & Gas Law

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