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**22 Gordon Arata Montgomery Barnett Lawyers Selected for  
Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 Edition,  
Two Named Lawyer of the Year**

New Orleans, LA - A total of 22 Gordon Arata Montgomery Barnett lawyers representing 24 diverse practice areas have been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2018 edition. Lafayette lawyer Bob Duplantis has been named “Lawyer of the Year” for his work in Oil & Gas Law. New Orleans lawyer Greg Grimsal has been named “Lawyer of the Year” for his work in Litigation – Banking and Finance. Only a single lawyer in each practice area in each city is being honored as a “Lawyer of the Year.”

The following lawyers have also been named for their contributions to the legal profession:

**Admiralty and Maritime Law**

Philip Brooks, Jr.\* – New Orleans  
Gordon Grant, Jr. – New Orleans

**Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law**

Gerald Schiff - Lafayette, LA

**Bet-the-Company Litigation**

Tim Eagan - New Orleans, LA  
Daniel Lund – New Orleans, LA

**Commercial Litigation**

Steve Copley - New Orleans, LA  
Donna Phillips Currault – New Orleans, LA  
Tim Eagan - New Orleans, LA  
Greg Grimsal - New Orleans, LA  
Martin Landrieu - New Orleans, LA  
Daniel Lund – New Orleans, LA  
Howard Sinor - New Orleans, LA

**Construction Law**

Michael Botnick - New Orleans, LA

Howard Sinor - New Orleans, LA

**Employment Law - Individuals**

Donna Phillips Currault - New Orleans, LA

**Employment Law - Management**

Donna Phillips Currault - New Orleans, LA

**Energy Law**

Bob Duplantis - Lafayette, LA

Tim Eagan - New Orleans, LA

Peck Hayne - New Orleans, LA

Sam Masur - Lafayette, LA

Cynthia Nicholson - New Orleans, LA

**Environmental Law**

Terry Knister - New Orleans, LA

**Labor Law - Management**

Donna Phillips Currault - New Orleans, LA

**Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants**

Daniel Lund – New Orleans, LA

**Litigation - Banking & Finance**

Greg Grimsal - New Orleans, LA – Named Lawyer of the Year in New Orleans

**Litigation – Construction**

Howard Sinor - New Orleans, LA

**Litigation – Environmental**

Howard Sinor - New Orleans, LA

**Litigation - Labor & Employment**

Donna Phillips Currault - New Orleans, LA

**Litigation - Land Use & Zoning**

Howard Sinor - New Orleans, LA

**Litigation - Real Estate**

Greg Grimsal - New Orleans, LA

**Mining Law**

John Y. Pearce – New Orleans, LA

**Natural Resource Law**

John Y. Pearce – New Orleans, LA

**Oil & Gas Law**

Bob Duplantis - Lafayette, LA - Named Lawyer of the Year in Lafayette

Greg Duplantis - Lafayette

Peck Hayne - New Orleans, LA

Sam Masur - Lafayette, LA

Cynthia Nicholson - New Orleans, LA

Scott O'Connor - New Orleans, LA

John Pearce – New Orleans, LA

Paul Simon\* – Lafayette, LA

**Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants**

Tim Eagan - New Orleans, LA

Daniel Lund – New Orleans, LA

**Product Liability Litigation – Defendants**

Steve Copley - New Orleans, LA

**Securitization and Structured Finance Law**

Marion Welborn Weinstock - New Orleans, LA

**Tax Law**

Caroline Lafourcade- New Orleans, LA

\* Indicates first year selection to Best Lawyers.

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Gordon, Arata, Montgomery, Barnett, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLC has attorneys in offices in New Orleans, Lafayette, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Houston, Texas. Whether in litigation or transactions or dealing with regulators, the Firm's lawyers serve clients locally, regionally, and nationally and provide services across a wide range of industries aligned with the Firm's offices along the Gulf Coast. The Firm is committed to achieving the best possible results and to fostering relationships with clients.

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