



## Recognitions

Clients expect and deserve great service and great results. Therefore, our attorneys always strive to deliver outstanding quality and value in a manner consistent with the highest ethical standards.

Attorney ranking systems are one way to measure excellence within the profession; our attorneys do exceptionally well in rankings, whether ranked by peers or clients:

- **Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating.** 33 attorneys hold an **AV® Preeminent™** rating.
- **Best Lawyers in America®.** 37 of our attorneys earned this designation for 2022. Additionally, Foster Swift was ranked in more than 45 of the 75 national practice areas listed in the *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers 2022 Best Law Firms in America*.
  - In 2020, seven attorneys were named to the inaugural Best Lawyers® "Ones to Watch" list.
- **Michigan Super Lawyers.** 10 of our attorneys were recently selected for this recognition based on the survey conducted by *Law & Politics* magazine. We were also honored to have *Michigan Super Lawyers* name six of our young attorneys as "Rising Stars."

In addition, prestigious legal associations have recognized our attorneys for excellence in their fields. As examples, Foster Swift attorneys **Charles Janssen** and **Douglas Mielock** have been elected fellows to the [American College of Trust and Estate Counsel](#) while **Webb Smith** and **Fred Dilley** have been named fellows of the [American College of Trial Lawyers](#).

### "E" AWARD FOR EXPORT SERVICES

Foster Swift Collins & Smith, PC has been selected as one of just 39 businesses in the country to receive the prestigious President's "E" Award for 2020. Foster Swift is one of the recipients of the "'E" Award for Export Service' category for assisting and facilitating export activities over a four-year period. [Read More](#)

To learn more about the "E Award", see more at [export.gov](http://export.gov).

### COMMUNITY

In April 2022, Foster Swift became a recipient of the 2022 Highfields Partnership Award. This award is given annually to an organization that helps Highfields fulfill its mission to strengthen the lives of children and families in their local communities. What began in 1962 as a residential camp for troubled boys in Ingham County, Highfields Inc since then has taken their organization to new levels. They are now a multi-purpose human services organization which gives about 5,000 people every year the resources they need to turn their lives around.

Foster Swift has been connected with Highfields since the beginning when the late Thomas G. McGurrin Jr. sat on the Board of Directors in 1962. Since then, members of the firm have continued to serve, providing countless hours of time and expertise in order to help Highfields be successful.



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## **CAREER BUILDERS**

Foster Swift has attracted quite a few attorneys who have already had well-established careers with other law firms, courts, businesses and organizations. These include former prosecuting attorneys, in-house counsel and a former justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Additionally, several of our attorneys have held or currently hold leadership positions in local, state and national bar associations. For example, Dirk Beckwith is currently the president of the Transportation Lawyers Association, Julie Fershtman is the immediate past president for the State Bar of Michigan, and Scott Mandel is the immediate past president of the Ingham County Bar Association.

There are also several distinguished Foster Swift alumni who've served the bench or have been recruited to other high profile legal positions after starting their careers at Foster Swift. A prime example is **David W. McKeague**, who was an attorney in our Lansing office for 20 years. He has been a federal judge since 1992, first on the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan and, beginning in 2005, on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

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