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**GALLAGHER & KENNEDY RECOGNIZED IN 2018 'BEST LAW FIRMS' AND BENCHMARK LITIGATION**

**PHOENIX, Ariz.** (December 5, 2017) – The law firm of Gallagher & Kennedy has announced its inclusion in the national and metropolitan Phoenix and Santa Fe law firm rankings in the *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* 2018 list of “Best Law Firms,” and the 2018 edition of Benchmark Litigation.

In total, the Arizona-based law firm was awarded six national rankings and 31 metropolitan rankings. New additions to the 2018 rankings were Criminal Defense, Banking and Finance Law, and Litigation - Real Estate.

Gallagher & Kennedy earned national rankings in the following practice areas:

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental Law
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation - Environmental
- Sports Law

The firm earned 28 metropolitan Phoenix rankings in the following practice areas:

- Appellate Practice
- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Criminal Defense: General Practice
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Employment Law - Management
- Environmental Law
- Government Relations Practice
- Land Use & Zoning Law
- Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Environmental
- Litigation - Labor & Employment
- Litigation - Municipal
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Litigation – Securities
- Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

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- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Real Estate Law
- Sports Law
- Tax Law

Gallagher & Kennedy's Santa Fe office earned three metropolitan rankings in the following practice areas:

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental
- Natural Resources Law

The *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*® “Best Law Firms” rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. To be eligible for a ranking, a law firm must have at least one lawyer listed in the 23rd Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* list for that particular location and specialty.

In addition to the recognition received from “Best Law Firms”, the 2018 edition of Benchmark Litigation named Gallagher & Kennedy a “Highly Recommended Arizona Litigation Firm” and six of its attorneys were named “Local Litigation Stars”. Individual attorneys highlighted include: Founders Michael L. Gallagher and Michael K. Kennedy; as well as Kevin O’Malley, shareholder and head of the firm’s litigation department; and shareholders Mark A. Fuller, Donald Peder Johnsen and Paul L. Stoller. The list of “Local Litigation Stars” for each state includes only individuals who were recommended consistently as reputable and effective litigators by clients and peers.

Published since 2008, Benchmark Litigation is the only publication to focus exclusively on U.S. litigation. Benchmark Litigation conducts an extensive interview process with litigators and clients to determine the top litigators on a local and national level.

### **About Gallagher & Kennedy**

Established in 1978, Gallagher & Kennedy is an Arizona-based law firm with nearly 80 attorneys in offices in Phoenix and Santa Fe. Gallagher & Kennedy’s clients range from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses and individuals. The firm’s clientele includes Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc., the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Arizona Cardinals, Spirit Realty Capital, Inc., The Fertilizer Institute, and Occidental International Corporation. For more information, please visit [www.gknet.com](http://www.gknet.com) or call 602-530-8000.