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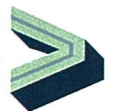


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# THE 2015 ATTORNEYS WHO MATTER

**T**he 2015 Attorneys Who Matter represent the best and brightest minds in the legal profession. These are experts in all areas of practice, including federal agencies, in-house counsel, and top ethics and compliance officers of major companies. All have risen to the top of their field thanks to a combination of expertise and experience, peer and/or client endorsements, and high-profile cases (as well as the number of those cases successfully litigated). These hard-working professionals raise the bar for ethical behavior industry-wide and boast a commendable track record of public service, legal community engagement, and academic involvement.

On the following pages, you'll find this year's list, along with a closer look at some of 2015's most notable honorees.





## Brackett Denniston

Senior VP, Secretary, and General Counsel  
GE

As General Counsel at one of the most successful, well-known, and revered companies in the world, GE's Brackett Denniston, says he was motivated to become an attorney through his passion for, and interest in, "politics and debate, and serving a broader purpose, which the law so wonderfully does in many contexts."

Since his decision to embark on a legal career so many years ago, a variety of experiences and influences have helped shape his path and lead him to success in his current role. "Tough losses and challenges, along with great mentors and friends—they determine your future," he reflects.

"My time in a law firm taught me so much about advocacy, communication, and the craft of lawyering. And my time in the public sector heading a federal white collar unit and serving as the Chief Legal Counsel of a state, this taught me about crises, leadership, public policy, and PR."

Each of these things, along with his experiences volunteering in town government, working on pro bono cases, and engaging in bar activities, have helped him bring "high performance and standards, integrity, frankness, and openness" to the corporate culture at GE.

For peers and young, aspiring attorneys who seek to distinguish themselves in the field, Denniston offers the following advice: "Find good mentors. Take on challenging work. And be courageous; courage distinguishes the best lawyers."

In line with this, he defines an Attorney Who Matters as one "who seeks to have a lasting impact and who has courage. Someone who looks beyond the present and ensures high standards, and leaves the world a better place, whether a company, clients, or a government." Embodying all of these qualities throughout his long career, Denniston holds a much-deserved spot in Ethisphere's 2105 Attorneys Who Matter Hall of Fame.

### HALL OF FAME

**Lanny Breuer**  
Partner and Vice Chairman  
Covington & Burling LLP

**Brackett Denniston**  
Senior Vice President, Secretary,  
and General Counsel  
GE

### GOVERNMENT STARS

**Preet Bharara**  
US Attorney  
Southern District of New York

**Julie Brill**  
Commissioner  
US Federal Trade Commission

**Kara Brockmeyer**  
Chief, FCPA Unit  
US Securities & Exchange Commission

**Andrew Ceresney**  
Director, Enforcement Division  
US Securities & Exchange Commission

**Stuart Delery**  
Acting Associate Attorney General  
US Department of Justice

**Sean McKessy**  
Chief, Office of the Whistleblower  
US Securities & Exchange Commission

**Jed Rakoff**  
US District Judge  
Southern District of New York

**Mary Jo White**  
Chair  
US Securities & Exchange Commission

### TOP GUNS

**John Buretta**  
Partner  
Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP

**Ty Cobb**  
Partner  
Hogan Lovells

**Chuck Duross**  
Partner & Head, Global  
Anti-Corruption Practice  
Morrison & Foerster LLP

**Mark Mendelsohn**  
Partner  
Paul, Weiss, Rikkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

**Homer Moyer**  
Member  
Miller & Chevalier Chartered

**Barry Pollack**  
Member  
Miller & Chevalier Chartered

**Martin Weinstein**  
Partner  
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

**John White**  
Partner  
Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP

### SPECIALISTS: PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Kathryn Cameron Atkinson**  
Member and International  
Department Chair  
Miller & Chevalier Chartered

**Palmina Fava**  
Partner, Litigation Department  
Paul Hastings LLP

**Gary Giampetruzzi**  
Partner, Litigation Department  
Paul Hastings LLP

**Holly Gregory**  
Partner  
Sidley Austin LLP

**Benjamin Gruenstein**  
Partner  
Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP

**William Jacobson**  
Partner, White Collar & Corporate  
Investigations  
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

**Erika Kelton**  
Partner  
Phillips & Cohen LLP

**Scott Killingsworth**  
Partner  
Bryan Cave LLP

**Neil MacBride**  
Partner  
Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP

**Obiamaka Madubuko**  
Partner  
McDermott Will & Emery LLP

**Ryan McConnell**  
Partner  
McConnell Sovany LLP

**Jennifer Newstead**  
Partner  
Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP

**David Ogden**  
Partner  
Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

**Steven Pearlman**  
Partner  
Proskauer Rose LLP

**Karen Popp**  
Partner, Member of the Executive  
Committee, and Leader of White Collar:  
Government Litigation &  
Investigations Group  
Sidley Austin LLP

**Michael Schachter**  
Partner  
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP



## Kathryn Cameron Atkinson

Member and International Department Chair  
Miller & Chevalier Chartered

In 1984, a young Kate Cameron stood at the still-intact Berlin Wall and thought of her German teachers whose families were separated by it. "I stood in the same spot in 1990," she recalls, "and picked up pieces of what was left of the Wall. I knew I wanted to help knock walls down between cultures, so that they were tied together in ways that would help prevent such divides from developing. I felt an international legal practice offered the most intriguing way to do that. The same desire led me to anti-corruption work."

Since making that decision, Atkinson has worked tirelessly in the fight to eradicate corruption. Today, as Chair of Miller & Chevalier's International Department, she remains firmly committed to that battle while maintaining a steady focus on the needs and welfare of her clients, striving to help them achieve success and strengthen their corporate cultures. It's a role not without its challenges. "The main draw of my work is also its biggest challenge—to communicate effectively, and to push past preconceptions and implicit or explicit biases to understand what really happened, and why, and how we can do better," she says.

She credits her broad world view, acceptance of different cultures, and passion for international work, in part, to her upbringing. "My uncle was a Jesuit, and my father was Jesuit-trained, so between them, they put me through my paces on every opinion I had, to make sure I could defend them," she recalls. "They taught me to be curious, how to listen, how to think, how to argue and question, how to empathize, how to work hard, and how to learn." Summer stints at various factory and office jobs, and accompanying her father on business trips, also helped inform her outlook.

By her definition, an "Attorney Who Matters" is "one who has committed themselves over the life of their career to the zealous pursuit of a strong rule of law and integrity in business conduct, and who consistently brings thought leadership, energy, and creativity to the mission." By those standards, she fits the bill on all counts.