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Rich May Recognized as a 2026 Best Legacy Law Firm by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

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Rich May, P.C. is pleased to announce its recognition by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* as one of its 2026 *In the Lead: Best Legacy Law Firms*.

The annual feature recognizes law firms that have practiced for 25 years or more while successfully navigating economic shifts, technological developments, and changes within the legal profession. Rich May was recognized for its 89-year history, commitment to client service, ability to evolve, and longstanding involvement in the legal and civic communities.

A Boston Law Firm Serving Clients Since 1937

Rich May was established in Boston in 1937 by John J. Burns and Ned Brandon. [Learn more about the firm's history.](#)

Burns served as the first general counsel of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and was also a Harvard Law professor and judge. Brandon served as an SEC regional administrator and later as the U.S. Attorney in Boston.

Since its founding, Rich May has represented [businesses and corporate clients](#), individuals, trusts, and nonprofit organizations throughout the United States and abroad. Today, the firm's attorneys advise clients across a broad range of legal matters, including [business, corporate and securities matters, litigation and dispute resolution, energy, renewables and regulated industries](#), commercial real estate, investment management, and [estate planning, tax and probate](#).

A Continued Commitment to Client Service

Throughout its history, Rich May has remained grounded in the values of excellence, service, efficiency, value, and integrity.

The firm's attorneys work directly with clients and provide practical counsel informed by an understanding of each client's legal needs, business objectives, and long-term priorities.



This hands-on approach has helped Rich May develop enduring client relationships based on responsiveness, accountability, and trust.

Evolving to Meet the Needs of Clients

Rich May has continued to adapt to developments affecting the legal profession and the clients it serves.

The firm remains engaged with advances in e-discovery, cybersecurity, and the responsible use of artificial intelligence in legal practice. Its size and structure allow the firm to remain flexible and efficient while responding to changing legal, economic, and technological conditions.

Rich May also serves clients with national and international needs through its [global capabilities and membership in Ally Law](#), a global alliance of approximately 80 independent law firms and 2,800 lawyers in more than 55 countries.

Service to the Legal and Civic Communities

Rich May attorneys devote substantial time to [community involvement, pro bono work, nonprofit board service, and volunteer activities](#). Many serve on nonprofit boards and contribute to organizations within the communities where they live and practice.

Rich May is honored to be recognized among the Massachusetts law firms whose longevity reflects a sustained commitment to clients, the legal profession, and the communities they serve.

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