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We are also delighted that partner, [Malcolm McLellan](#) received “Lawyer of the Year” recognition for Energy Law, and associates [Erin Bartlett](#), [Michael Diamond](#), [Whitney Gallagher](#), [Jenna Mandell-Rice](#), [Melinda Meade Meyers](#), [Darshana Singh](#) and [Van Smith](#), were each recognized as “Ones to Watch” in their respective practices.

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