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800 Top Lawyers

Here are Washington's best—the top 1 percent—in 28 legal specialties. Where location is not specified, the attorney's principal office is in the District of Columbia. Firm names are not given for solo practices.

The Wise Ones

For \$800 to \$1,000 an hour, you can get legal advice from former US senators, secretaries of State, even attorneys general. Here are Washington's wise men and women—and some of its most expensive legal talents, though you won't find many of them trying cases these days.

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Sometimes advice isn't enough—you need a great criminal-defense attorney. Expect to pay \$500 to \$800 an hour—with a retainer of \$100,000 to \$200,000—for these white-collar criminal-defense lawyers. Fees are not generally deducted from the retainer—it's more like an insurance policy for the attorney and gets returned after the case.

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