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MARY ROSE ALEXANDER
Partner
Latham & Watkins



In October, **Mary Rose Alexander** tried and won a \$765 million oil and gas case, then handled insurance litigation for Michigan State University arising from the Dr. Nassar sex abuse. She's held global leadership positions in nearly every firm function, serving as a mentor to young lawyers. She teaches trial advocacy at Cornell Law School and serves on the board of Equal Justice Works, a nonprofit that focuses on careers in public service for lawyers.

AMANDA S. AMERT
Partner
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Over the last year, **Amanda S. Amert** achieved a string of victories, including some for high-profile educational institutions. In her pro bono practice, she represented human trafficking victims and partnered with Time's Up to help women vulnerable to retaliation after reporting sexual harassment or assault. She's on the board of the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services of Chicago, which provides legal services regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

SHELLI L. ANDERSON
Partner
Franczek Radelet



For over 20 years, **Shelli L. Anderson** has represented and counseled school districts on issues affecting students, teachers, taxpayers and citizens. Recently she negotiated a hotly contested labor agreement for one of Illinois' largest school districts; resolved a highly publicized student hazing lawsuit; conducted internal investigations over allegations of sexual harassment and abuse; and helped found the Women's Network of School Administrators, an organization dedicated to help women administrators ascend into leadership roles.

ELLEN BABBITT
Partner
Husch Blackwell



For nearly three decades, **Ellen Babbitt**, a leader in higher education law, has advised and consulted with boards, presidents and trade groups on issues such as sexual harassment, admissions, campus safety and free-speech issues. In the last year her work has spanned regulatory issues in connection with the effects of #MeToo on institutions of higher education. In building her practice, she's been a trailblazer for aspiring female leaders in the legal industry.

CHERYL DANCEY BALOUGH
Principal
Balough Law Offices



A leader in cyberlaw, **Cheryl Dancey Balough** advises companies looking to protect their trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. In the last year, she coordinated the sale of three closely held companies, helped several others establish and protect defensible trademarks, and helped entrepreneurs establish an average of one new venture per month. She's a frequent presenter at the Women's Business Development Center and serves on the membership committee of the Professional Women's Club of Chicago.

RONIT C. BARRETT
Partner
Eimer Stahl



Since moving from a large law firm, **Ronit C. Barrett** has become involved in several aspects of Eimer Stahl's operations. She co-chairs its energy practice, heads its diversity and inclusion committee, and has input into decisions involving non-partner compensation and benefits. She's a member of a group that provides career support while working to elevate female lawyers. She's also active in the Chicago Bar Foundation's Investing in Justice Campaign, which supports pro bono legal services.

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Partner
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As the local leader of Latham's national emerging companies practice, **Laurie Bauer** advises start-ups and other closely held companies and is also the recruiting partner for the firm's Chicago office. She's active in Chicago's thriving entrepreneurial community and has lectured on a variety of topics relating to venture financings at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, the University of Michigan Law School and as part of the WISTEM program at 1871.

LAUREL BELLOW

Managing Principal
Bellows Law Group



A longtime advocate for gender equality, **Laurel Bellows** has been counseling men and corporations in response to the #MeToo movement. This is in addition to her ongoing work in the fight against modern-day slavery, including sex trafficking and forced labor. She also helps global corporations that produce goods assess any risks of unknown use of slave labor. She recently served as a mentor to Vital Voices, a global partnership for women entrepreneurs.

DEBBIE L. BERMAN

Partner
Jenner & Block



Co-chair of three of her firm's practice groups, **Debbie L. Berman** is a Crain's 40 under 40 alum who continues to lead in cases involving trade secrets and unfair competition, and in First Amendment law matters. She's a former fellow and board member for Leadership Greater Chicago, a committee member for the Jewish Agency for Israel, and a Board of Education member for the Homewood-Flossmoor High School District.

CATHY BIRKELAND

Chicago Office Managing Partner
Latham & Watkins



Over the course of her 20-year career, **Cathy Birkeland** has advised clients on securities law, corporate governance, public company representation and board advisory matters. In addition to her active practice and firm leadership role, she dedicates time to mentoring junior lawyers, helping to facilitate and promote their careers. She's also passionate about supporting Latham's commitment to diversity, having helped found the firm's annual Women's Leadership Academy.

MARGARET BATTERSBY BLACK

Partner
Levin & Perconti



Known for her work on behalf of victims of nursing home negligence, **Margaret Battersby Black** has secured multiple million-dollar settlements for clients. After being one of only a few women speaking at Illinois Trial Lawyers Association events, she prevailed upon the ITLA to launch a women's caucus, which she now chairs. She also advises younger lawyers through the Women's Bar Association of Illinois mentoring program and her alma mater, Chicago-Kent College of Law.

ELIZABETH A. BLEAKLEY

Principal
Bleakley Law



As a member of the Institute for Illinois Business Law, **Elizabeth A. Bleakley** brings the most significant articles and cases to the attention of its membership, which includes lawyers, law professors, legislators and counsel to the Secretary of State. Leveraging her expertise in securities laws, she's chair of an emerging companies subcommittee for the ABA. She frequently speaks and writes about securities law, taxation and entrepreneurship.

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Managing Partner
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Inducted into Midwest Real Estate News' 2018 Hall of Fame, **Amy M. Blumenthal** handles a wide variety of real estate matters for a diverse group of clients. She also leads her firm's attorney mentoring program and a networking program involving the firm's women

KRISTI L. BROWNE

Partner
The Patterson Law Firm



Class actions provided **Kristi L. Browne** with the opportunity to hone her skills at complex litigation. She also practices in the area of education advocacy, representing parents like herself who have special-needs children obtain services from their school districts. She's argued appeals in front of the Illinois and Wisconsin appellate courts as well as the federal courts of appeals for the Seventh and Fifth Circuits.

MARY CLARE BONACCORSI

Chicago Managing Partner
Polsinelli



As a litigator, **Mary Clare Bonaccorsi** has a record of achieving settlements that further her clients' objectives. She applies her skills to pro bono matters, such as a recent case where she obtained insurance coverage for life-saving treatments in connection with an organ transplant. She's an adjunct faculty member at Loyola University School of Law. She's also a member of her firm's leadership council and its legal diversity mentoring program.

SUSAN A. CAPRA

Partner
Clifford Law Offices



Tapping her training and previous career as a registered nurse, **Susan A. Capra** has been a part of some of the largest settlements and verdicts in the medical malpractice arena in Chicago courtrooms. In the last 18 months alone, she's been involved in cases that settled totaling more than \$5 million, including a \$3.2 million settlement against Advocate Health and Hospitals Corp. She also lectures and publishes articles on medical malpractice.

CARYN BORG-BREEN

Partner
Green, Griffith and Borg-Breen



While pursuing a postdoctoral fellowship in chemistry, **Caryn Borg-Breen** became interested in patent law. She eventually recognized that her chemistry background was best served focusing on pharmaceutical matters. In 2015—with Bob Green and Chris Griffith—she formed Green, Griffith and Borg-Breen, focusing on patent litigation in the pharmaceutical and life sciences space. She mentors female attorneys at the firm, which has a gender-balanced practice.

AMY L. CHENG

Founding Partner
Cheng Cohen



Coming to America as a young child, **Amy L. Cheng** has embraced a multilingual approach to serving clients, including non-U.S.-based franchisors expanding here. The Franchise Times has recognized her as a top leader in the growing trend of franchise systems consolidation. The International Franchise Association's Women's Franchise Committee recently presented her with a Crystal Compass award for outstanding leadership.

MEGAN CUNNIFF CHURCH

Partner
MoloLamken



As a headline participant in a recent symposium sponsored by the Chicago federal court, **Megan Cuniff Church** shared strategies for women to become lead counsel, a much-discussed topic in the legal profession. She's leading her firm's efforts to throw out the convictions of two corporate executives in a high-profile accounting fraud case set for hearing in federal court later this year.

CHRISTINA CONLIN

Counsel
Baker McKenzie



With 20 years of experience representing food and hospitality companies, **Christina Conlin** helps clients navigate an increasingly complex maze of global regulatory compliance. She recently advised a multinational corporation with a cross-border distribution arrangement in EMEA and Asia Pacific, and also advised a retailer looking to expand into Asia and the Middle East. Away from work, she supports efforts to advance gender parity and promote diversity in the legal workplace and Chicago community.

ROSANNE CIAMBRONE

Partner
Duane Morris



Over the last 18 months, **Rosanne Ciambrone** has worked on high-profile cases involving mortgage foreclosure, malpractice and bankruptcy—all involving legal precedents. Outside the courtroom, she serves on her firm's women's network steering committee, mentoring three women associates. She's also a board member and former president of the Jones Community Center in Chicago Heights and is active in nonprofits in the south suburbs, giving back to the community where she grew up.

KIMBERLY M. COPP

Partner
Taft Stettinius & Hollister



Earlier this year, **Kimberly M. Copp** and her team led client Revolutionary Racing in enacting legislation in Virginia that allows historic horse racing machines to be installed; all previous attempts to legalize any such form of electronic gaming in Virginia had failed. She's a frequent speaker on casino gaming topics, and lectures at the Manfred Steinfeld School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Roosevelt University.

LINDA COBERLY

Chicago Managing Partner
Winston & Strawn



As the first female managing partner of her firm's Chicago office, **Linda Coberly** led a Winston team working to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois. Over the last year, she argued five appeals on the West Coast, while handling appeals in the Midwest and in the U.S. Supreme Court. A pro bono class action she worked on changed the federal government's practice of issuing warrantless immigration detainers against individuals in law enforcement custody.

REGINE CORRADO

Chicago Managing Partner
Baker McKenzie



When **Regine Corrado** assumed the helm of her firm's 250-lawyer office, she embraced the opportunity as a way to pave a path for new generations of women leaders, remembering how earlier in her career she frequently was the only woman in the room. As leader of the firm's North America women's initiative, she encourages younger women colleagues to take on leadership responsibilities, and she's also advocated for parental leave policies.

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Kristen E. Hudson

Practicing in complex commercial litigation and insurance coverage, Kristen wins high-stakes challenges in courtrooms across the nation and recovers millions of dollars of insurance proceeds for commercial policyholder clients. She has extensive experience in state and federal trial courts and appellate courts across the United States. She's committed to championing diversity and inclusion in the workplace and has served as past chair of the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Council.



Lindsey Paige Markus

Lindsey draws on her early career in business, finance and neuroscience to develop creative solutions to fit estate planning, wealth protection and corporate needs of individuals and businesses. Licensed in Illinois and Florida, Lindsey has a national practice and heads the firm's 22-attorney Estate Planning & Asset Protection Group. She leverages her knowledge of charitable planning to help many nonprofits and has been recognized for her exemplary dedication and contributions to philanthropy.



Eileen M. Sethna

Eileen is a trusted advisor to financial institutions that rely upon her wealth of legal knowledge to document intricate transactions and enforce dynamic remedies. Licensed in Illinois and New York, she is the leader of the firm's national banking practice. Eileen serves as an indefatigable advocate for children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. She has helped raise record-breaking amounts for Misericordia and Special Olympics.

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HEIDI DALENBERG

Partner
Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila



In nearly 30 years of practice, **Heidi Dalenberg** has defended clients in class action, antitrust, product liability, RICO and general commercial litigation. Recently, she successfully argued a case before the U.S. Court of Appeals in which the plaintiffs asserted multi-million-dollar damages. She secured a ruling that not only defeated the claims against her client but led to the termination of several parallel suits against other carriers.

C. ELIZABETH DARKE

Group Leader - Real Estate Practice
Dykema Gossett



In the last month alone, **Elizabeth Darke** closed two deals for a national banking client totaling more than \$120 million. She serves as a mentor to several attorneys and meets regularly with law school students and younger associates to help them navigate law firm life. She meets and talks with the real estate associates, introduces them to clients and other members of the firm, and assists with questions they have as they begin their careers.

ELIZABETH A. DAVIS

Partner
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella



In the last year, **Liz Davis** led acquisitions for a pharmaceutical company, the sale of a logistics enterprise, the acquisition of the facilities of a metal products manufacturer, several transactions in the automotive industry and deals in the consumer finance space. She's a founder of a group focused on advancing the interests of her firm's women attorneys and she also chairs the women's network of the Association for Corporate Growth Chicago.

SHERINA MAYE EDWARDS

Partner
Quarles & Brady



Having created the Illinois Utilities Business Diversity Council, **Sherina Maye Edwards** is nationally recognized as champion for diversity and inclusion. Because of the IUBDC, utilities have spent more than \$5 million with diverse suppliers over the last year, setting precedent for other states. Previously, President Barack Obama appointed her co-chair of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's Voluntary Information-Sharing System Working Group, where she provided recommendations on protecting proprietary and security-sensitive information.

MARCI EISENSTEIN

Managing Partner
Schiff Hardin



In 2015, **Marci Eisenstein** became the first woman to hold the top leadership job at Schiff Hardin. Since then she's worked to enhance transparency and firm culture, instill a sense of ownership among the partners, and give younger lawyers opportunity to lead. She's mentored many new recruits, and under her leadership, Schiff Hardin was the only large law firm to participate in the Chicago Foundation for Women regional initiative to end gender bias.

ANGELA R. ELBERT

Partner
Neal Gerber Eisenberg



In March, BTI Consulting recognized **Angela R. Elbert** as a Client Service All-Star, a recognition based solely on feedback from interviews with in-house counsel. Recently her practice has focused on obtaining insurance coverage and indemnity for thousands of ovarian cancer and asbestos talc claims for a global consumer product supplier. She's also been working closely on improving directors and officers, cyber and employment practices coverage for well-known cosmetics and jewelry retailers.

SUSAN L. DAWSON

Partner
Waltz, Palmer & Dawson



As one of three founders, **Susan L. Dawson** has grown her firm to become one of the largest entirely female-owned law firms in Chicagoland. Along the way, she's represented local, national and international business clients in matters of corporate and employment law as well as commercial real estate transactions and secured lending. She was recently appointed to the National Board of Directors of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

SHELLY DEROUSSE

Partner
Freeborn & Peters



Restructuring attorney **Shelly DeRousse** is one of six women in the United States on the short list to receive the prestigious Chambers Women in Law Awards 2018 for being a role model in promoting gender diversity in the legal profession. As president of the Women's Bar Foundation of Illinois, she's responsible for awarding scholarships to women attending Illinois law schools. She also co-chairs the Turnaround Management Association Network of Women Midwest Region.

TARA R. DEVINE

Partner
Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard



Last August, **Tara R. Devine** won a \$148 million verdict on behalf of a dancer paralyzed by a collapsed shelter at O'Hare Airport and then subsequently helped settle the case for \$115 million on the plaintiff's behalf. It set a record for the highest verdict and settlement for an individual in Illinois. She inspires other female attorneys by serving on the boards of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the Lake County Bar Association.

EMILY WESSEL FARR

Partner
Farr & Farr



During the past year, **Emily Wessel Farr** successfully defended clients in state and federal court, and through federal, state and local administrative hearings. She co-edits the ABA's Woman Advocate Newsletter, is a child representative for Chicago Volunteer Legal Services and is a legal business coach for The Chicago Urban League. She's also the founder of Myra, Chicago's all-female speakers' bureau, focused on connecting talented women to professional opportunities through speaking engagements and networking.

KATIE LAATSCH FINK

Principal Shareholder
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As an intellectual property litigator, **Katie Laatsch Fink** has taken the lead in representing clients in more than 20 trademark oppositions before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, obtaining dozens of favorable decisions. She also manages significant global trademark portfolios for various clients. She previously co-chaired the firm's recruiting committee, recruiting top lateral candidates and summer associates, and also was a member of the diversity, summer program and associates committees.

SARAH E. FLOTTE

Principal Shareholder
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While **Sarah E. Flotte** achieved numerous victories in the past year, some of the most significant involved pay disparity and harassment in the wake of the #MeToo and Time's Up movements. She developed tools and solutions for companies grappling with the issues and conducted training for employees and executives. As a mentor, she helped junior attorneys develop business plans and set goals. Under her leadership as president, the Make-A-Wish Illinois Associate Board raised over \$500,000.

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Eimer Stahl LLP thanks Ronit, Vanessa, and Lisa for their commitment and dedication to their work in the legal field, as well as the inspiration they bring to their many leadership roles inside and outside the firm.

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FELICIA L. FRAZIER
Senior Partner
Odelson & Sterk



As the first female partner at her firm, **Felicia L. Frazier** paved the way for other women to achieve success. She helped grow the firm from five to 19 attorneys. She's a frequent presenter at school seminars and labor conferences; in December, she spoke about medical marijuana at the Chicago-Kent Public Sector Labor Relations Law Conference and followed that with a workshop for high school teachers and staff on social media and workplace harassment.

DEBORAH GERSH
Partner
Ropes & Gray



With more than 30 years of experience, **Deborah Gersh** assists clients ranging from health systems to practice management companies, several Midwest-based private equity firms, and biotechnology companies. She also publishes and presents extensively on value-based care initiatives; in partnership with Harvard Law School, she recently planned a full-day symposium on the topic. She co-leads the firm's pro bono representation of Heartland Health Outreach, an affiliate of anti-poverty organization Heartland Alliance.

KATHLEEN M. GABER
Chair - Immigration Practice Group
Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell



As chair of her firm's immigration practice, **Kathleen M. Gaber** manages a team that annually files 2,500 petitions with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the State Department and the Department of Labor. For the past 13 years, she's helped the Joffrey Ballet bring dancers and others to the U.S. During the past season alone, she helped nationals from seven countries obtain employment-based visas so they can contribute to the Joffrey's creative efforts.

CAROL V. GILDEN
Partner
Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll



Counselor and litigator **Carol V. Gilden** advises institutional investors—including public pension funds and Taft-Hartley funds—on creative ways to recover monies lost in the markets due to fraud or market manipulation. As a partner at her firm, she's helped dramatically grow its securities and litigation and investor protection practices. She mentors young women attorneys nationwide and was the first and only female president of the National Association of Shareholder and Consumer Attorneys.

MEG E. GEORGE
Chicago Office Managing Partner
Akerman



Real estate and municipal law attorney **Meg E. George** is the youngest woman to serve as an office managing partner at Akerman. Since joining in 2017, she's worked on the \$1 billion redevelopment of Chicago's Union Station and handled some of the area's largest zoning projects. Away from work, she serves as vice president of a nonprofit she founded, which pairs special needs young adults with students from St. Ignatius College Prep.

KATHERINE M. GILLESPIE
Partner
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton



As part of an all-female group of transaction partners at her firm, **Katherine M. Gillespie** focuses on project finance, tax credit monetization and M&A, primarily in the renewable energy sector. She and her team average 30 deals a year. Over the last 12 months, she represented an investor in one of the largest solar projects in the United States, and a large wind developer looking to invest in repowered wind generation projects.

MICHAELINE A. GORDON
Member
Aronberg Goldgehn Davis & Garmisa



Focused on trust and estate planning, **Michaeline A. Gordon** works with business owners, professionals, real estate developers and individuals, frequently addressing unique family circumstances. Outside of the office, she raises awareness about planned giving to benefit organizations that empower women, children and families. She's on the advisory board for Advocate Charitable Foundation and the Illinois Masonic Hospital Donor's Council and is a past president of the advisory board for Roosevelt University's Heller College of Business Administration.

SHERYL JAFFEE HALPERN
Equity Principal
Much Shelist



Sheryl Jaffee Halpern helps employers address emerging workplace issues. She revamped a client's antiquated medical leave policies, while assisting another through the investigation of an employee who was the subject of a social media storm. In the wake of the #MeToo movement, she conducted harassment compliance training for clients. She also provides legal advice on personnel issues to local synagogues and an organization that helps victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

ELIZABETH GRACIE
Shareholder
O'Keefe Lyons & Hynes



As a member of a property tax firm, **Elizabeth Gracie** represents the owners of some of Chicago's most prominent buildings, including seven of the 11 high-rise office towers constructed in this century. She's helped obtain Class L (landmark) property tax incentives and is currently involved in three significant redevelopments. She serves as a role model and mentor to younger women, engaging with law students, attorneys, clients and others to support networking and career development.

AMY HAMMER
Partner
Husch Blackwell



In an area of law with few women practitioners, **Amy Hammer** manages patent and trademark portfolios that form the basis for billions of dollars in market capitalization. With a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, she uses her science background counseling clients in industries such as telecommunications, security, control systems, software and electro-mechanical devices. As one of a small number of women in the patent prosecution field, she encourages women to enter the practice of law.

ELIZABETH N. HALL
Shareholder
Vedder Price



As a shareholder in her firm's labor and employment practice, **Elizabeth N. Hall** recently negotiated an advantageous resolution of significant claims of hostile work environment and retaliation brought against a prominent client and, separately, settled claims of harassment and age discrimination against an international employer. She's the Chicago office co-chair of the firm's initiative to promote female attorneys' advancement. In 2017, she was recognized by The Legal 500 USA for the labor and employment disputes category.

RENEE M. HARDT
Shareholder
Vedder Price



Last year, **Renee M. Hardt** and her colleagues represented a fund complex in its multibillion-dollar acquisition of another fund, negotiating and handling all aspects of the transaction. As one of the nation's few women attorneys with significant experience representing national and global mutual funds, she's a frequent speaker on investment management issues. In 2016 and 2017, she was selected by her peers as a Leading Lawyer in securities and finance law.

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A former president of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, **Meighan A. Harmon** has helped develop young woman leaders in the family law arena. She's a frequent speaker to young professionals on career development, marketing and professionalism. For the last three years, Super Lawyers has named her among the top 50 women lawyers in Illinois and in 2017 and 2018 she was named one of the top 100 lawyers in Illinois.

AMY MARGOLIN HARWOOD

Partner
McDermott Will & Emery



Academic interests in psychology and political science led **Amy Margolin Harwood** to a career in law, where she has one of the largest private wealth legal practices in the nation. She co-chairs her firm's gender diversity committee, developing programs to recruit, retain and promote talented women lawyers. In that capacity, she's co-hosting an upcoming seminar at McDermott on financial empowerment for women. As a volunteer, she helps prepare wills for first responders.

ELIZABETH B. HERRINGTON

Partner
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius



This year alone, **Beth Herrington** led the Chicago litigation practice at her firm, was president of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association, maintained an active trial practice and served on high-profile philanthropic boards. She also played a key role in several of her firm's more considerable representations. She's an active board member of the Chicago Constitutional Rights Foundation, International Association of Defense Counsel, and the Chicago Inn of Court.

PATRICIA BROWN HOLMES

Managing Partner
Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila



In April, **Patricia Brown Holmes** became the first African-American woman in the nation to be both the global managing partner and have her name on the door of a major national law firm that's not minority- or women-owned. Her recent cases include the Burr Oak Cemetery scandal and the investigation involving the Laquan McDonald shooting, where she was special prosecutor. She's a founding member and past president of the Black Women Lawyers' Association.

JOANNA HORSNAIL

Partner
Mayer Brown



In recent years, **Joanna Horsnail** has counseled clients on more than \$1 billion in infrastructure and energy construction projects throughout North and South America. She became partner while on maternity leave, worked an alternative schedule for 10 years, cared for her terminally ill parents, is divorced and raising two children, one with a debilitating genetic syndrome. She shares her challenges to make both firm management and young lawyers more comfortable with alternative career paths.

KRISTEN E. HUDSON

Principal
Chuhak & Tecson



As the 2016 recipient of the Chicago Bar Association's Alta May Hulett award—which recognizes women who advance women in the legal profession—commercial litigator **Kristen E. Hudson** champions her female colleagues in and outside of her firm. She's on the board of the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law, and earlier this year coached an all-female team from John Marshall Law School in a moot arbitration competition in Hong Kong.

MAGGIE HICKEY

Equity Partner
Schiff Hardin



After joining Schiff Hardin in April, **Maggie Hickey** was selected to lead the investigation into the sexual abuse issues at CPS. Previously, she served as executive inspector general for the State of Illinois, where she investigated misconduct complaints; notably, she led an investigation of DCFS that found ethical lapses under the agency's former director. As chair of Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago, she helped provide thousands of elementary and secondary students with much-needed civic education.

LAURA HOEY

Partner
Ropes & Gray



A former Assistant U.S. Attorney, **Laura Hoey** co-leads her firm's government enforcement and white collar group, plus its healthcare and life sciences industry group. She's been recognized for defending healthcare companies in criminal investigations, false claims and whistleblower lawsuits. She's a member of the Criminal Justice Act panel of the Northern District of Illinois, where she provides pro bono federal criminal defense services. She's also a member of the Women's White Collar Defense Association.

PATRICIA S. HOFSTRA

Partner
Duane Morris



Several of **Patricia S. Hofstra's** clients merged or were acquired in 2017, and she helped each negotiate optimal outcomes. With one of her partners, she's working on a "lean law" project to help clients get where they need to be as efficiently as possible. Through the Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys, she mentors other women attorneys and is working with three female law students on a pro bono project for the Illinois Hospital Association.

ROBIN M. HULSHIZER

Partner
Latham & Watkins



With more than two decades of experience litigating commercial and environmental matters, **Robin M. Hulshizer** has represented Fortune 100 companies while holding management roles in her firm. She's helped improve the lives of children and adolescents through her involvement with the Chicago Do the Write Thing Challenge essay competition, an initiative of the National Campaign to Stop Violence, and The REACH Institute, a nonprofit that strives to improve the emotional and behavioral health of children.

HEATHER M. HURST

Partner
Davis Friedman



During the last 18 months, **Heather M. Hurst** has litigated cases, on her own and with her partners, that address complex matters such as equitable adoption in Illinois and the disposition of cryopreserved embryos. She chairs the Family Law Section Council of the Illinois State Bar Association, leading education programs for attorneys on a variety of timely topics. She also serves as a legal expert for her parish's domestic violence committee.

PRECIOUS S. JACOBS

Partner
Jenner & Block



Despite the demands of her practice, **Precious S. Jacobs** has a history of supporting the efforts of the Black Law Student Association. For years, she's helped sponsor and plan its annual alumni banquet, becoming a mentor and friend to many students. She's contributed to legal gains for underserved and ignored populations, including a recent pro bono matter, where she successfully defended a woman facing 20 years in prison for a crime she didn't commit.

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VANESSA G. JACOBSEN

Partner
Eimer Stahl



With 25 years of legal experience, **Vanessa G. Jacobsen** brings her seasoned perspective to bear when defending clients in antitrust litigation, mentoring young lawyers and leading the firm as part of its management committee. She frequently visits clients and prospects across the globe to provide briefings on relevant legal topics and trends. She's also a member of the firm's affinity group, helping support career advancement opportunities for its women lawyers while elevating their profiles externally.

TARA KAMRADT

Partner
Benesch Law



In 2005, **Tara Kamradt** co-founded the Chicago Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law to uncover and counter the causes of persistent gender disparity in firm leadership. The organization has supported the career development of thousands of women attorneys. Today, she continues to create paths to equity partnership for women attorneys as a member of the advisory board for the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession.

MICHELLE F. KANTOR

Member
McDonald Hopkins



Recognized for her expertise in government contracting and procurement law, **Michelle F. Kantor** has spent 30 years advocating for women, minorities and service-disabled veterans. She volunteers her time teaching workshops and providing guidance to small businesses and other contractors doing business with the federal government. She also serves as general counsel to the Federation of Women Contractors and is on the Chicago Women's Business Development Center Advisory Committee.

JENNIFER DURHAM KING

Shareholder
Vedder Price



Over the years, **Jennifer Durham King** has represented many well-known financial institutions, utilizing skills from her prior career as a securities broker and sales representative for investment trusts. A leader of her firm's capital markets practice, she also acts as a mentor for younger lawyers as coordinator of its corporate associate development program. She encourages collaboration among female colleagues and clients through a women in banking networking event she founded and hosts in Chicago annually.

JENNIFER KOBAYASHI

Partner
Wang Kobayashi Austin



A founding partner of a minority-owned boutique focused on executive compensation and employee benefits, **Jennifer Kobayashi** has been named by Super Lawyers as among the top 100 attorneys and top 50 women attorneys in Illinois. For the past six years, she's co-chaired a project for the Chicago Bar Association's Alliance for Women that teaches Girl Scouts about law careers. In 2010, she co-founded Berkeley Law in Chicago, which connects local Berkeley law graduates for networking.

ANDREA S. KRAMER

Partner
McDermott Will & Emery



Over the past year, **Andrea S. Kramer** wrote over 20 blogs and articles and conducted over 60 speeches, workshops and broadcast interviews—many based on her book “Breaking Through Bias: Communication Techniques for Women to Succeed at Work.” In the wake of the #MeToo movement, she advised men and legal organizations about unconscious bias that may lead to sexual harassment. The Harvard Business Review recently published her article, “How Do Your Workers Feel About Harassment? Ask Them.”

HARIKLIA “CARRIE” KARIS

Partner
Kirkland & Ellis



A senior litigation partner, **Carrie Karis** has managed and tried massive litigation featured in national news arising from disasters where the client faced substantial reputational and financial exposure. She's risen to the ranks of lead trial counsel, being selected by BP to represent it in the largest litigation ever tried in the United States. She also mentors law students of Hellenic decent through the Hellenic Bar Association and teaches at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.

JENNIFER KENEDY

Vice Chair – Executive Committee
Locke Lord



In 2018, **Jennifer Kennedy** was elected vice chair of her firm's executive committee; this followed her role as the Chicago office's first woman managing partner, which she held the previous eight years. In December, acting as lead trial counsel, she and her team secured a victory for a client in a hard-fought trade secret and business litigation. The facts of the case serve as a guide and precedent in assessing potential future cases.

MICHELLE KILKENNEY

Partner
Kirkland & Ellis



With a practice that includes acquisition financings, loan workouts and restructurings, **Michelle Kilkenney** recently represented Toys “R” Us in its Chapter 11 cases. She's the pro bono coordinator for her office, is active in its mentoring program and has been involved with its women's leadership initiative, participating on panels focused on work-life balance and excelling in Big Law. She also took a leadership role in revising the firm's flex-time policies.

ELIZABETH LAZZARA

Member
Aronberg Goldgehn Davis & Garmisa



For the last 27 years, **Elizabeth Lazzara** has devoted her practice to assisting families in conflict, including divorce, domestic violence, child custody and substance abuse. She mentors younger female attorneys, including sharing advice on how to balance work and home life. She's a certified mediator and regularly publishes and lectures on family law topics. Since 2003, she's annually been named a Leading Lawyer in Family Law by Illinois Leading Lawyers.

LAURIE LEVIN

Partner
Fox Swibel Levin & Carroll



With an early career as a classical pianist, **Laurie Levin** currently chairs her firm's banking and corporate finance group and is a member of its bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors' rights group. Initially the only woman partner at her firm, she's taken an active role in nurturing the younger women attorneys who've joined since 2005, promoting flexible work schedules for working mothers and encouraging women to increase their efforts in marketing the firm.

JULIA LISSNER

Litigation Partner
Akerman



A champion for transgender rights, **Julia Lissner** recently assisted the ACLU and Transgender Law Center with high-profile appeals. She also maintains an intellectual property litigation practice and since early 2014, has represented a U.S. tire company in an ongoing trade dress infringement and unfair competition lawsuit with a Japanese tire manufacturer. She spearheads her office's philanthropic efforts—for which she recently received a firm award—and guides young attorneys as associate liaison partner.

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Mary Clare Bonaccorsi



Jean Soh

In their legal careers, **Mary Clare Bonaccorsi** and **Jean Soh** have cultivated countless strong and long-lasting relationships with colleagues, clients and the community. They have

received numerous career distinctions because they embody the very qualities of leadership by mentoring young legal professionals and for their work in the community.

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LINDSEY PAIGE MARKUS

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Before law school, **Lindsey Paige Markus** worked in business, then for NASA. The experiences gave her unique skills that she uses today as head of her firm's estate planning and asset protection group. She was the first estate planning attorney to become a collaborative law fellow to consult on the estate planning and estate tax implications of a divorce. She's active with several nonprofits including Between Friends, dedicated to stopping the cycle of domestic violence.

LAKEISHA C. MARSH

Chair - Higher Education and Collegiate Athletics
Akerman



Over the last year, **LaKeisha C. Marsh** served as interim legal counsel for Chamberlain University, leading an initiative to streamline policies for nursing student background checks and leading the Board of Trustees to revise its handbook and governance processes. She provides a range of litigation, transactional, and counseling services to colleges, universities, athletic conferences and associations. She's also a founding member of CBL Sports, which promotes sports leagues and principles of "fitness awareness" throughout communities.

LAURA KEIDAN MARTIN

National Head - Health Care Practice
Katten Muchin Rosenman



As national chair of her firm's women's leadership forum, not only does **Laura Keidan Martin** mentor female attorneys, she drives programs aimed at helping women develop professionally and achieve work-life balance. As a result, Katten has appeared on Working Mother magazine's 100 best companies list for the last 11 years. Martin's recently been lead partner on dozens of matters, including the successful conclusion of a hospital acquisition following an FTC investigation.

MAUREEN A. MCGUIRE

Partner
Anderson Rasor & Partners



When female equity partners were scarce, **Maureen A. McGuire** became one of three managing partners at her first firm. She then formed her own firm 25 years ago representing transportation, hospitality and corporate clients. She recently merged into Anderson Rasor & Partners, where she's one of seven women partners out of a total of ten partners. Recently she resolved several multimillion-dollar railroad cases and assisted in the merger of two long-term care facilities.

JACLYN McNALLY

Partner
Perkins Coie



As the newly named vice chair of her firm's real estate and land use practice group, **Jaclyn McNally** has worked extensively in the acquisition, disposition and financing of hotels, and has also negotiated numerous hotel franchise agreements. She recently guided a national owner of senior housing facilities in several acquisitions and played a key role in the spinoff of Hilton's real estate into a new REIT. She's on the board of The Chicago Lighthouse.

SHANNON M. MCNULTY

Partner
Clifford Law Offices



With years of experience evaluating and litigating allegations of fraud, **Shannon M. McNulty** was recently invited by Ald. Ed Burke to testify before the Chicago City Council on the subject of fraud and price-rigging in the pharmaceutical industry, particularly in relation to employer-sponsored benefit plans. She gives back to the community by working on crime prevention efforts in the Albany Park neighborhood, where she was recognized by a local civic organization for outstanding service.

MAURA ANN MCBREEN

Partner
Baker McKenzie



When **Maura Ann McBreen** graduated law school in 1978, she faced interview questions that would be unheard of today. As co-chair of her firm's North American compensation practice, she advises some of the nation's largest employers as they undertake global transactions, frequently leading cross-border teams of attorneys. A longtime member of the Board of Advisors of Catholic Charities, she recently joined the Board of Advisors of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

FIONA MCENTEE

Managing Partner
McEntee Law Group



Irish immigrant and U.S. citizen **Fiona McEntee** is an immigration attorney dedicated to advancing immigrants' rights for individuals, families and businesses. She frequently appears on MSNBC commenting on immigration issues, from DACA to temporary protected status. She's presented before the Chicago Bar Association, Women's Bar Association of Illinois and the Illinois State Bar Association, also participating in panels on immigration law at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she's on the alumni board.

LYNN M. MCGOVERN

Partner
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom



In her 32 years practicing law, **Lynn M. McGovern** has developed a diverse banking practice representing borrowers, lenders and investors in a range of financing transactions. Recently, she represented some of the largest Illinois-based companies (CME Group, Cardinal Health) in billion-dollar transactions. Outside of the office, she supports her community as a board member for Northwestern Hospital Friends of Prentice and a member of the Chicago Finance Exchange, a community of women leaders in finance.

LISA S. MEYER

Partner
Eimer Stahl



As co-chair of her firm's environmental, products liability and toxic torts practice, **Lisa S. Meyer** has expanded her firm's relationship with CITGO, which she's now defending in six global warming cases filed against major petroleum companies. As a member of her firm's management committee, she serves as a key decisionmaker on all of its operations. She's also board president for the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which fights discrimination, racism and economic oppression.

TRICIA MEYER

Founder and Managing Attorney
Meyer Law



Passionate about entrepreneurship, **Tricia Meyer** works with technology and emerging growth companies, regularly mentoring at accelerators and incubators across the U.S. She recently helped companies raise millions of dollars, negotiated hundreds of contracts, advised clients on best practices when starting and scaling a business and helped clients create efficiencies to close deals more quickly. She's a founding committee member of the SBACNow Venture Pitch Session, which hosts quarterly sessions where entrepreneurs showcase their businesses.

JULIE MICELI

Partner
Husch Blackwell



Over the past year, **Julie Miceli** co-led her firm's work for Michigan State University, leading to the high-profile issuance of a report that reviewed the university's Title IX program and made suggestions for improvement. News outlets frequently interview her about higher education law and public policy, and she's active with College Promise, an initiative to build public support for funding the first two years of higher education for hard-working students, starting in America's community colleges.

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KATHRYN HOMBURGER MICKELSON
Divorce and Family Law Partner
Beermann



When **Kathryn Homburger Mickelson** was honored by the Law Bulletin's 40 Under 40 Illinois Attorneys to Watch in 2012, her firm ran a congratulatory ad showing her pregnant accompanied by her 2-year-old son walking to court. The tagline: "You really can have it all." With an early career in public relations, she's now a successful family law litigator, certified mediator and mentor to others. She's also philanthropy chair for the Women's Network of Make-a-Wish Illinois.

LAURA BETH MILLER
Shareholder
Brinks Gilson & Lione



After 30 years in patent law, **Laura Beth Miller** still finds herself the only female attorney in the courtroom. She's laying a foundation for a more diverse next generation of lawyers through her work as a board member and mentor for Legal Prep Charter Academy, a CPS high school in the underserved community of West Garfield Park. Chambers USA recognized her earlier this year for her experience handling patent, copyright and misuse of trade secrets disputes.

DEBORAH MONSON
Partner
Ropes & Gray



In an industry where women are historically underrepresented, **Deborah Monson** has spent 33 years in commodities law and asset management, representing private investment funds, fund sponsors and investment advisors. She leverages her experience and influence to champion the recruitment, promotion and retention of women lawyers. She's a longtime member of 100 Women in Finance and for more than 20 years has provided pro bono legal advice to the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society.

CINTHIA GRANADOS MOTLEY
Director - Global Data Privacy and Information Security
Dykema Gossett



Before the current regulatory boom and shift to international laws, **Cynthia Granados Motley** spent over a decade handling international data breaches. She recently helped clients prepare for enforcement of the General Data Protection Regulation, comply with the New York Department of Financial Services Cybersecurity Regulation, address privacy class-action lawsuits, and tackle audit and regulatory HIPAA-related issues. She mentors many of her firm's attorneys; in fact, the group she leads is composed entirely of women.

CYNDE MUNZER
Member
Dykema Gossett



As the managing relationship attorney for a number of corporations, **Cynde Munzer** has attracted public and privately-owned companies to her firm since joining last fall. She's recognized as a connector in the business community, volunteering in various capacities for the Anti-Defamation League; Illinois Legal Aid Online, which provides free 24/7 access to legal information for all Illinois residents; and Vision 2020, a national nonpartisan organization committed to gender equality.

LYNN H. MURRAY
Chicago Managing Partner
Shook, Hardy & Bacon



A fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, **Lynn H. Murray's** status in the elite legal group paid off in May when the jury in a mass litigation trial sided with the firm's client after only 30 minutes of deliberation. An economics major who decided that law school was a natural extension of her love of logic, she teaches advanced trial advocacy at the same law school where she earned her degree.

GUINEVERE MOORE
Partner
Johnson Moore



Tax attorney **Guinevere Moore** recently negotiated for less than \$50,000 when the IRS was seeking millions in penalties related to employment taxes from one client. She co-founded her firm in 2016 with an eye toward building an environment where women could thrive. Promoting women is a focus outside of work as well: She mentors young women at DePaul College of Law and has worked to add more woman speakers to ABA Section of Taxation CLE events.

DONNA B. MORE
Chicago Managing Partner
Fox Rothschild



Experienced in the criminal justice system and the gaming and cannabis industries, **Donna B. More** oversees over 40 lawyers and plays a national leadership role in her firm. In 2016, she ran for Cook County State's Attorney. As the least-known candidate, she lost the election; but her outreach highlighted the intersection of mental health and the criminal justice system, the need for independent prosecutors and how to begin finding realistic solutions to gun violence.

ADRIA EAST MOSSING
Founding Partner
Mossing & Navarre



A plaintiff's personal injury attorney, **Adria East Mossing** has obtained significant settlements on behalf of severely injured clients through attention to detail, diligence and legal knowledge. She frequently employs young women associates, mentoring them to develop strong litigation skills while practicing ethically and professionally. She's the current past president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and was recently recognized by DePaul College of Law as an outstanding alumna.

LUCIA NALE
Partner
Mayer Brown



As a founder and co-leader of her firm's consumer litigation and class actions practice, **Lucia Nale** works in banking and financial services class action defense and regulatory compliance. She's achieved precedent-setting results fending off class actions and advancing case law to prevent frivolous class actions. In 2017 she oversaw teams in hundreds of cases, defending Citigroup and CitiMortgage, among others. Despite her robust practice, she's active with her firm's leadership, diversity and professional advancement initiatives.

MARLENE NATIONS
Partner
Dentons US



Experienced in both the legal and business aspects of complex real estate transactions, **Marlene Nations** recently represented the developer of what will be the home stadium of the Los Angeles Rams and the Los Angeles Chargers, and acted as counsel to Joseph Mansueto as he acquired an ownership interest in the Wrigley Building. She's national chair of Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Fund Board, and also serves on the law school's board of trustees.

KIM NEMIROW
Partner
Kirkland & Ellis



Before becoming an attorney, **Kim Nemirow** was a Teach for American teacher in New York City and Guatemala. As a lawyer, she's built an international career, previously spending several years in Hong Kong conducting investigations and compliance work, now based in Chicago helping clients navigate issues throughout Latin America and elsewhere. A long-standing member of the Women's White Collar Defense Association, she founded the Hong Kong chapter and is now an active leader in Chicago.



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SUSAN L. NOVOSAD

Partner
Levin & Perconti



Recently, **Susan L. Novosad** played a critical role in obtaining a jury verdict of \$4.1 million for the estate of a woman who suffered a stroke after a facility failed to properly manage her blood-thinning medication. It was the highest Illinois Nursing Home Care Act verdict since 2006. Novosad mentors female attorneys, and also gives law clerks and young attorneys the opportunity to participate in mediations and pre-trial conferences.

MARGO WOLF O'DONNELL

Partner
Benesch Law



A national employment counsel for high-profile clients, **Margo Wolf O'Donnell** recently defended a proprietary trading firm and employee in a noncompete action filed in six jurisdictions, prevailing in the preliminary injunction hearing. As chair of the President's Council of the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law, she's doubled its membership, adding in-house attorneys and chapters nationwide. She also writes a column for the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin focusing on issues relevant to women lawyers.

CAMILLE A. OLSON

Partner
Seyfarth Shaw



For decades, **Camille A. Olson** has represented companies in class actions involving relationships with independent contractors. Earlier this year, she was retained by some of the largest media and gig economy companies to defend against systemic worker misclassification challenges. Her role in a Senate committee hearing was covered by numerous media outlets, and she also published a paper on the topic. She's on the advisory council to the dean of the University of Michigan Law School.

STEPHANIE PENNINGER

Partner
Benesch Law



With a background in maritime and transportation law, **Stephanie Penninger** has become an expert on the FDA final rule from earlier this year that requires those who transport food to use sanitary transportation practices. She also resolved a case involving a cargo vessel that sank during hurricane Joaquin. Under her leadership, an ABA committee for which she's diversity chair partnered with the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association for the organization's first all-female panel series.

FELICIA GERBER PERLMAN

Partner
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom



A member of her firm's corporate restructuring group, **Felicia Gerber Perlman** recently represented Key Safety Systems, Concordia International Corp. and Atlas Resource Partners. She's on the board of the Women in Law Empowerment Forum and the Chicago Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law Firms. She's been recognized by the Diversity & Flexibility Alliance for her role in creating a flexible work environment, and Turnarounds & Workouts named her to its list of outstanding young bankruptcy lawyers.

DANIELLE ANNE PHILLIP

Shareholder
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The first lawyer in her family and a first-generation American, **Danielle Anne Phillip** focuses on patent, trademark and copyright litigation. She's also focused on mentoring, especially female lawyers of color. Through the Chicago Committee, an organization seeking diversity in the legal profession, she mentors lawyers at firms across the city. She's on the advisory board of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession and is a lifetime member of the Black Women Lawyers' Association.

NANCY OLSON

Partner
Skadden



With extensive experience in senior housing, **Nancy Olson** recently led the representation of Brookdale Senior Living in its agreements to restructure its portfolio of 128 communities. As her firm's real estate partner for M&A, she's led the real estate aspects for numerous billion-dollar deals. Outside the office, she's on the board of the Chicago Foundation for Women. She's been recognized by Chambers USA and Real Estate Forum, which named her among its "Women of Influence."

JEANAH PARK

Shareholder
Vedder Price



On behalf of a medical practice, **Jeanah Park** recently obtained a favorable jury verdict and a million-dollar-plus attorney fee award in a restrictive covenant dispute. She regularly counsels clients on privacy and data security issues and advises them on compliance with federal and state privacy and security regulations. The daughter of South Korean immigrants and the first lawyer in her family, she promotes diversity and inclusion at the firm and in the community.

MARILYN A. PEARSON

Partner
McDermott Will & Emery



Recently, **Marilyn A. Pearson**, who focuses her practice on traditional labor law, represented United Airlines in contract negotiations with its attendants, represented by the Association of Flight Attendants Union. She was an integral part of a breakthrough for United's labor relations in negotiations that had been going on for over three years. She dedicates many hours to pro bono work, recently, obtaining asylum for an Afro-Colombian athlete who was receiving death threats in Colombia.

PAULITA PIKE

Partner
Ropes & Gray



Known for her independent trustee representations, **Paulita Pike** has twice received Fund Directions' independent counsel of the year award. Her clients include some of the nation's best-known fund groups and their independent trustees, representing over 400 funds with nearly \$500 billion in assets. In 2017, she launched a program to help associates find nonprofit organizations to support. In her own pro bono work, she helps DACA recipients extend or change their immigration status.

JANET PIOLI

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Over the past five years, registered patent attorney **Janet Pioli** has handled over 70 ex parte appeals on behalf of her clients, winning all but three of those cases. Of the three that she lost, she persevered and successfully obtained issued patents in each of those cases. Her pro bono work focuses on veterans' issues; she's taken five veterans' cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, winning her most recent case.

MEGAN POETZEL

Partner
Jenner & Block



Litigator and first-chair trial lawyer **Megan Poetzel** balances seats at the courtroom counsel table, firm management committees, a nonprofit legal services organization and her family's dinner table. She's represented WMC Mortgage in over a dozen cases involving mortgage-backed securitization trusts arising from the 2008 financial crisis. Earlier this year she was elevated to co-chair her firm's complex commercial litigation practice, one of the firm's largest practice groups with more than 100 lawyers.

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In response to the #MeToo movement, **Kristen Prinz** has implemented new culture training programs for corporate clients to deter discrimination and harassment while fostering positive workplace cultures. She's also involved in addressing gender bias and harassment, counseling women on addressing pay disparity and other forms of discrimination. She's represented female attorneys in discrimination claims against firms nationwide and has advised female associates at small firms about how to negotiate maternity leave and other pregnancy accommodations.

BETH QUINTANA

Partner
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With a practice concentrated on private equity fund formation, **Beth Quintana** represents a wide range of asset managers, advising them on regulatory and compliance matters, governance arrangements and more. In addition to her legal work, she's involved in recruiting, mentoring and retaining her firm's women lawyers. She's also on the board of the Women's Bar Foundation of Illinois, which has awarded over \$1 million to women pursuing law degrees in Illinois.

ELKE REHBOCK

Partner
Dentons US



As a partner in her firm's corporate practice, **Elke Rehbock** represents U.S. and foreign corporate and financial institution clients. She recently advised global education services company Kaplan in its \$22.5 million acquisition of Professional Publications, an independent publisher of professional licensing exam review materials. Beyond transactional work, she's the go-to counsel for a number of European families, their companies and family offices. She also serves on the board of the Lyric Opera.

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With more than 20 years of experience as an engineer and registered patent attorney, **Rebecca P. Rokos** assists clients with navigating IP issues, managing and designing patent portfolios, and drafting technology transfer agreements. In the past year, she's presented on patent-related topics at the Association of Corporate Counsel Chicago, the Intellectual Property Owners Association annual meeting, and her firm's corporate IP seminar. She was recently elected 2018-19 board vice chair for Chicago Women in IP.

MELISSA M. ROOT

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Restructuring lawyer **Melissa M. Root** is known for her work on high-profile bankruptcy cases, for her commitment to pro bono work and serving the bar. She's part of the team representing government retirees of Puerto Rico in a bankruptcy case. Pro bono, she represented former students of the now-defunct ITT Technical Institute seeking to have nearly \$600 million in debts wiped out. She co-chairs an ABA committee and is a contributing editor for Collier on Bankruptcy.

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As co-leader of her firm's global gaming practice, **Martha A. Sabol** supports its growth, including over 50 lawyers working on gaming matters worldwide. She also co-chairs her firm's global woman's initiative, last year starting a coaching program for nine up-and-coming women leaders. Outside of law, she dedicates time to community programs that focus on Chicago's underserved and, for the past seven years, the Susan G. Komen 60-mile Walk for the Cure in San Diego.

TRISHA M. RICH

Partner
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In only 12 years of practice, **Trisha M. Rich** has developed a reputation for advising lawyers on legal ethics and professional responsibility. In the last 18 months, she's published nearly a dozen articles on legal ethics and has presented at nearly two dozen events for lawyers. In 2017, the Chicago Bar Foundation named her Exceptional Young Lawyer of the Year, and Law Bulletin Media included her in its Forty Under 40 Illinois Lawyers to Watch.

REGINA A. RIPLEY

National Partner
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As her firm's first female equity partner, **Regina A. Ripley** has worked to promote female attorneys and create meaningful opportunities for young associates. Over the past four years, she's grown her business from one case to a multimillion-dollar book of business representing insurance companies in federal and state courts nationwide. Outside the office, she runs a nonprofit travel soccer club that she founded to serve children and families who otherwise couldn't afford the experience.

FERLILLIA ROBERSON

Partner
DLA Piper



Trial attorney **Ferlillia Roberson** focuses her intellectual property practice on patent, trade secrets, trademarks and other IP-related counseling and litigation. She's represented some of the world's largest technology companies in multi-patent International Trade Commission litigation. Outside the courtroom, she's a mentor to young women and colleagues. She's also active with many professional organizations, including Chicago Women in IP, Lawyers Committee for Better Housing, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, and Black Women's Lawyers Association of Greater Chicago.

GLORIA SANTONA

Of Counsel
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After nearly 40 years as a member of McDonald's legal team, **Gloria Santona** joined Baker McKenzie earlier this year. While at McDonald's, she was named an outstanding general counsel by the National Law Journal and was recognized as one of America's top general counsel by Corporate Board Member magazine. Under her leadership, McDonald's legal department won numerous awards for its commitment to diversity and pro bono; she's currently supporting her firm's efforts in those areas.

SUZANNE SAXMAN

Partner
Seyfarth Shaw



Led by **Suzanne Saxman**, Seyfarth's national mergers and acquisitions practice engaged in more than 200 M&A transactions over the last two years. She's also been involved in the firm's development of a sophisticated M&A budgeting tool, which improves deal transparency, accountability and predictability. She's the immediate past president of ACG Chicago and continues to serve on its board. Since 1986, she's served as pro bono legal counsel to Austin Peoples Action Center.

LISA T. SCRUGGS

Partner
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Over the past 18 months, **Lisa T. Scruggs** served as regulatory counsel on three transactions involving acquisitions of portfolios of private school networks totaling over \$500 million. She also was appointed as a Special Assistant Attorney General to work on remedying discriminatory practices at the Chicago Police Dept. She serves on the advisory board of the Alliance of Public Charter School Attorneys and the national advisory board of the National Charter School Legal Action Fund.

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As the leader of her firm's 33-attorney banking group, **Eileen Sethna** works with financial institutions, hedge funds, real estate investors and small business owners. Since 2006, she's represented the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer and, in order to

litigate on its behalf, was appointed to serve as a Special Assistant Attorney General. Away from work, she fundraises for Misericordia, twice co-chairing its annual gala.

MOLSHREE A. "MOLLY" SHARMA

Partner
Boyle Feinberg Sharma



Family lawyer **Molly A. Sharma** represents left-behind parents whose children have been abducted to the U.S., as well as parents who have no choice but to leave with their children for fear of grave harm. She also works with clients facing challenges from impending

divorces or post-decree matters and has litigated and settled a multimillion-dollar child custody case. She contributes articles to the ABA Family Advocate and Family Lawyer Magazine.

ANNE MCCLAIN SIDRYS

Partner
Kirkland & Ellis



With an early career as an auditor, litigation partner and CPA **Anne McClain Sidrys** has managed dozens of complex commercial litigation matters, including for her long-standing clients Revlon, Motorola and IBM. She's been recognized as a female powerbroker by

Law360 and named to Benchmark Litigation's top 250 women in litigation for the last five years. She oversees her firm's flex-work program and presents on panels discussing strategies for work-family balance.

JEAN SOH

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With a practice spanning many industries, **Jean Soh** focuses her work on bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors' rights and related litigation. Prior to joining Polsinelli, she was a judicial law clerk in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Earlier in her career she was a U.S.

Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon and an intern for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda—experiences that led her to represent asylum seekers through the National Immigrant Justice Center.

AMANDA SONNEBORN

Partner
Seyfarth Shaw



Known for litigating class-action and multi-plaintiff claims, **Amanda Sonneborn** is an authority on Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) litigation and traditional labor law. She serves as co-managing partner of her firm's Chicago office,

represents multiple Fortune 500 clients and supports the firm's pro bono efforts. She's frequently quoted by legal and industry media outlets and was previously named one of the National Law Journal's 40 Under 40 Rising Stars in Chicago.

JULIE K. STAPEL

Partner
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius



As chair of the employee benefits practice for her firm's Chicago office, **Julie K. Stapel** recently rejuvenated several key client relationships through her ERISA knowledge and ability to translate that knowledge into terms that clients understand. She

recently led a project in which more than 20 private fund investments were transferred from one pension plan to another as a result of a corporate merger. She's the former president of the Chicago chapter of Worldwide Employee Benefits.

JENNIFER A. SMITH

Partner
Franczek Radelet



At the frontlines of today's hot-button issues in education, **Jennifer A. Smith** investigates and litigates cases involving Illinois schools and universities. She's currently litigating two lawsuits involving transgender rights and counselling school districts on navigating the

evolving litigation risks associated with transgender students. She also mentors up-and-coming firm leaders, providing guidance on navigating the path to partnership.

KIMBERLY T. SMITH

Co-Chair - National Private Equity Practice
Katten Muchin Rosenman



In an area of law where women in power are rare, **Kimberly T. Smith** manages her firm's national private equity practice, serving as lead lawyer on leveraged buyouts, M&A and recapitalizations on multimillion-dollar deals. She also counsels executives on compensation

and equity-related matters and is called on by media to comment on PE trends. For over 15 years, she's helped drive improvement at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago; she's currently on the corporate board.

MARY SMITH

Partner
VENG Group



In August 2017, **Mary Smith** became national secretary of the American Bar Association—the first Native American officer in the organization's 140-year history. An expert in heavily-regulated environments, data privacy, corporate governance and American Indian law,

she's served as Associate White House Counsel to the President of the United States and Associate Director of White House Policy Planning. She's a past recipient of the ABA's Spirit of Excellence award for her work in diversity and inclusion.

BLOOMA STARK

Member
Aronberg Goldgehn Davis & Garmisa



A lawyer and a CPA, **Blooma Stark** focuses her practice on estate planning and probate law, including tax planning, asset protection planning and elder care planning. For more than 30 years she's served on the Chicago Bar Association trust law committee. Since

2006, she's been recognized annually as a Leading Lawyer in Trust, Will and Estate Planning Law. She's also been named an Illinois Super Lawyer in Estate Planning and Probate Law annually since 2005.

KELLY A. STARR

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As an associate at her firm 23 years ago, **Kelly A. Starr** believed that the path to becoming the best lawyer possible was to commit to extra hours, extra study and, significantly, ensure full-time availability to respond to client calls. It remains the core

message she shares with young lawyers coming to her for advice. Her list of long-tenured clients—for whom she provides executive compensation and benefits counsel—are evidence that she got it right.

LIISA M. THOMAS

Partner
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton



Co-leader of her firm's privacy and cybersecurity practice, **Liisa M. Thomas** and her team represented fast-food brand Sonic Corp. following a nationwide data breach that impacted its restaurants in 2017. She's multi-lingual, has lived in France, Spain and

Egypt, and has experience navigating multi-country privacy matters. She's the author of "Thomas on Data Breach: A Practical Guide to Handling Worldwide Data Breach Notification" and has been honored by the Illinois Diversity Council for her leadership.

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Partner
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With the recent changes to the tax code, **Carol Thompson** has been counseling clients on the impact of the new laws. She's also worked as bank counsel on transactions for several of Chicago's cultural institutions and health systems, universities and municipal entities nationwide. Previously, while serving as her firm's co-diversity partner, she expanded inclusion and working parent policies—initiatives that contributed to it being named among the 50 best law firms for women.

O. KATE TRAGESSER

Partner
Taft Stettinius & Hollister



As chair of her firm's women, minority and veteran-owned businesses practice group, **O. Kate Tragesser** assists clients with a broad range of government procurement and diversity certification issues. She recently assisted in the negotiation of the Midway International Airport concession renovation and expansion project. She's been recognized as a "Rising Star" by Illinois Super Lawyers and Leading Lawyers Network and is a frequent speaker on strategic partnerships and diversity certifications.

CARYN TROMBINO

Partner
Perkins Coie



On the heels of Michigan State University's sex abuse scandal, white collar defense and investigations attorney **Caryn Trombino** was retained by The Ohio State University to lead an independent investigation into abuse allegations raised against a former OSU doctor. She's also been involved in high-profile criminal fraud cases since joining her firm in 2010. In 2012, she launched the Chicago chapter of the national Women in White Collar Defense Association, growing its membership to over 100.

ANITA VENTRELLI

Senior Partner
Schiller DuCanto & Fleck



A litigator in a demanding area of the law—divorce—**Anita Ventrelli** recently assumed leadership roles with the ABA as chair of its family law section and director of its annual Family Law Advocacy Institute, which trains lawyers in trial techniques. She also recently began her 30th year with her firm, where she started out as a law clerk while still in school, and where she now devotes time to mentoring and training younger lawyers.

JENNY JOHNSON WARE

Partner
Johnson Moore



While **Jenny Johnson Ware** has scored impressive trial victories, the highest praise she receives from clients is that they sleep better at night knowing she's got their back. She counsels high-net-worth families and closely-held companies facing disputes with the IRS and DOJ Tax Division. She's on the faculty at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, and the board of the Harvard Law School Society of Illinois, where she promotes mentoring and connections among women.

KELLY M. WARNER

Partner
Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila



While **Kelly M. Warner** is discrete about her practice—which involves sensitive investigations—she's vocal in her support of access to justice and supporting attorney competence in electronic discovery. As vice chair of the Chicago Bar Foundation grants committee, she directs over \$2 million annually to organizations that serve local residents who can't afford legal help. As education co-chair for the Seventh Circuit Pilot Program on Electronic Discovery, she creates free educational programs on timely electronic discovery issues.

DIANA TSAI

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After joining her firm out of law school in 2000, **Diana Tsai** not only quickly ascended from associate to equity member—one of the youngest in the firm's history—but also into a series of firm leadership positions. In her current role, she's assistant group leader for its corporate finance practice, one of the firm's largest. Away from work, she serves on the board of the West Suburban Humane Society, also leading its governance committee.

ROSA TUMIALÁN

Member
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Last fall, **Rosa Tumialán** was victorious in an appellate case considering the impact of the repeal of a consumer protection provision in the Illinois Mortgage Foreclosure Law. As a member of her firm's business litigation group, she focuses on commercial disputes, including class action defense and insurance coverage litigation. She also mentors young attorneys, has an active pro bono practice and co-edits a publication for DRI, an organization of defense attorneys and in-house counsel.

OLIVIA TYRRELL

Partner - Corporate and Securities Practice
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As her firm's go-to practitioner for clients seeking M&A counsel, **Olivia Tyrrell** recently advised on \$28 billion worth of transactions in a 16-month period. Previously, she worked on three antitrust-mandated divestitures as part of the Abbott-Alere merger, and led a team advising Johnson Controls on the \$4.4 billion spin-off of its global automotive business. She participates in the Chicago Council on Global Affairs Leadership Exchange Program and serves on the Lyric Opera of Chicago board.

SHERI E. WARSH

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As a full equity partner in her firm's trusts and estates group, **Sheri E. Warsh** works with high-net-worth clients on wealth preservation and planning. She's also a rainmaker, leading a massive RFP process that landed the firm its largest estate planning client, despite competition from more than 20 firms. As a board member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois, she's working to develop new ways for wealthy donors to contribute to the cause.

ANNA WERMUTH

Vice Chair - National Labor and Employment Department
Cozen O'Connor



In a widely-publicized case, **Anna Wermuth** secured a unanimous National Labor Relations Board decision dismissing a unionization petition brought by football players at Northwestern University. She went on to represent additional universities in connection with union organizing campaigns. In 2017 and 2018, she was named one of the top 20 labor and employment attorneys in the nation by Lawdragon, and a "Woman Making an Impact in the Law" by the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin.

MARILYN A. WETHEKAM

Partner
Horwood Marcus & Berk



A leader in the state tax field, **Marilyn A. Wethekam** represented the Illinois Retail Merchants Association in its 2017 suit against Cook County to repeal the sweetened beverage tax. Although they lost the permanent injunction and the tax was enforced, it was repealed after just a few months. All involved agree that her efforts were instrumental in this result. A longtime member of the Council on State Taxation, she became its first female chair in 1992.

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Over the last 12 months, **Linda D. White** has represented building ownership in negotiating new leases, lease restructures, relocations and renewals for nearly one million square feet of space, including leases for Fortune 500 companies such as Morgan Stanley. She's currently representing Blackstone in the \$500 million renovation of Willis Tower. She's on the editorial board of The Practical Real Estate Lawyer and since 2007 has been named a Leading Lawyer by Chambers USA.

RACHEL YARCH
Partner
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Chair of her firm's labor and employment practice group, **Rachel Yarch** has recently engaged in a series of publications, presentations and training sessions geared toward preventing and addressing sexual harassment in the workplace. In April, she was the keynote speaker at the Illinois Cooperative Education and Internship Association's Conference, discussing the legal implications of unpaid internships. In May, she obtained summary judgment for a client on a discrimination claim brought in the federal court.

MARY WILSON
Partner
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From 2012 through 2017, **Mary Wilson** served as her firm's Chicago office managing partner, leading it through two mergers to create the largest global law firm. A national finance, healthcare law and tax-exempt organization lawyer, she's worked on finance transactions with many of Chicago's leading healthcare organizations. She's currently on the Chicago board of the American Diabetes Association, and KEEN Chicago, which provides free athletic programs to kids facing physical and mental challenges.

SHARON S. ZABAN
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One of the more complex transactions **Sharon S. Zaban** handled recently involved a multimillion-dollar loan secured by a portfolio of industrial properties located in several states, which necessitated a complex document structure to avoid unnecessary mortgage taxes and enforceability restrictions due to state-specific laws. As co-chair of two groups at her firm—banking law and real estate—she concentrates her practice in all aspects of real estate law, with a particular emphasis on real estate financing.

LAUREN J. WOLVEN
Partner - Trusts and Estates
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As Illinois chair of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, **Lauren J. Wolven** holds the organization's highest-ranking state-level position. She manages tax and legal issues surrounding the wealth of individuals, families and closely-held businesses, and is on the frontlines of trends such as inheritances for posthumously-conceived children, and issues raised by reproductive technologies. She's a frequent presenter, a prolific writer and has helped draft statutes that are currently on the books in Illinois.

GLADYS ZOLNA
Member
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Over the last year, **Gladys Zolna** worked with a Fortune 500 company to transfer a self-funded retiree plan to a private health exchange, resulting in savings for the company and its retirees. She joined her firm in 2017 with experience in qualified retirement plans, health and welfare benefits, and executive compensation. She's on the board of Connections for Abused Women and their Children, and participates in the University of Chicago Law School Women's Mentoring Program.

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