

Jenner & Block Secures Trial Victory for Chance the Rapper

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On March 20, 2026, Jenner & Block secured a trial victory for Chancellor J. Bennett, known as Chance the Rapper, in a multi-year, high-profile breach of contract dispute with his former manager, Patrick Corcoran.

A Cook County, IL jury delivered a complete verdict — a decision with both symbolic and precedent-setting impact on the music industry. On Corcoran's claim, the verdict marks the first litigated ruling of its kind on the enforceability of oral post-termination provisions in artist/manager agreements.

And, on Bennett's claim, the jury's message to managers was loud and clear: they are agents, charged with acting in the artist's best interest, and cannot seek to cut themselves into deals meant to benefit artists. That principle, now backed by a jury verdict, stands as a foundation and source of inspiration for independent artists seeking to protect their rights. In recognition of Jenner's work on behalf of Chance the Rapper, *The AmLaw Litigation Daily* awarded a shout-out to the trial team in its weekly column, Litigator of the Week.

Following the verdict, Precious emphasized that "This ruling is not only a victory for Mr. Bennett, it is a victory for independent artists everywhere. We are happy for our client who has been standing on principle for years."

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