

Crain's Chicago Business Names Three Jenner & Block Partners to 2026 Notable Leaders in Accounting, Consulting & Law List

Recognition

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Crain's Chicago Business recognized Jenner & Block Partners Annie Kastanek, Wade Thomson, and Andrew Vail among its 2026 Notable Leaders in Accounting, Consulting & Law. The list spotlights firm leaders and practice heads whose work shapes business, civic life, and the courts throughout the region.

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Annie serves as Co-Chair of Jenner's Appellate and Supreme Court Practice, a role she has held since 2024, having joined the firm in 2022. She helps to oversee the firm's appellate strategy across multiple circuits, having argued more than 50 federal appeals and briefed over 200. As a Management Committee member, she shapes firm-wide strategy while maintaining an active appellate and trial practice spanning criminal law, complex commercial cases, and national security litigation.

A nationally recognized litigator practicing out of Chicago and London, Wade has built a dynamic practice that spans industries and continents, serving as both advocate and arbitrator in complex and contentious cross-border disputes. He serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Business Litigation Practice and an elected member of the firm's executive committee, leading one of the firm's premier practice groups handling high-stakes commercial disputes, international arbitrations, and government investigations across the US and Europe.

As Co-Chair of Jenner's Specialized Litigation and Arbitration, Trade Secrets and Restrictive Covenants, and Real Estate and Hospitality Practices, Andrew stands at the forefront of some of the most significant current legal matters. He's a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and counsels clients on critical commercial disputes. As GC of United Way, he helps advance the organization's initiatives in Chicagoland. As a CBA Officer, he advances the bar association's mission, including protecting the rule of law.

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