

Four Jenner & Block Partners Recognized in Crain's "2020 Notable Women in Law"

Recognition

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Partners Gayle E. Littleton, Gail H. Morse, Julie J. Olenn, and Erin R. Schrantz have been recognized in Crain's "2020 Notable Women in Law" for their efforts in "expanding the role of the women's resource group to make sure that young associates get the skills and confidence they need to succeed." Honorees are also recognized for providing advice to clients, or the general public, on the many legal questions that have arisen as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Ms. Littleton's profile highlights her work in investigations related to fraud, whistleblower complaints, harassment and discrimination, and anti-corruption. It notes her involvement as co-chair of the firm's Chicago Women's Forum, as well as her involvement representing Commonwealth Edison and Exelon in the government's public-corruption investigation that resulted in a deferred-prosecution agreement with the Justice Department.

Ms. Morse's recognition describes her efforts in co-authoring analyses of tax implications of federal coronavirus relief acts, including the CARES Act. Leading the firm's national state and local Tax Practice, Ms. Morse's profile highlights her work achieving federal tax exemption for One Roof Chicago, a nonprofit working to build housing for aging LGBTQ individuals. It also mentions Ms. Morse's pro bono work in securing property tax exemptions for parcels of property to be included in the construction of a new family support center for the historic YWCA Evanston/North Shore.

Ms. Olenn's profile highlights her role as co-chair of the firm's Private Wealth Practice, as well as her focus on multigenerational tax planning and trust administration. It also recognizes her work in helping lead an initiative to train firm lawyers in the preparation of health care powers of attorney for individuals working at health care organizations and community nonprofits, in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Ms. Schrantz's recognition explains her role as a member and former co-chair of the Women's Forum, where she promoted mentor programs to advance junior female partners to equity. The profile highlights her efforts in internal investigations, such as her work leading a team that conducted an investigation into faulty ignition switches at General Motors, as well as leading a compliance team for the monitor of Credit Suisse AG after the bank's settlement with the New York Department of Financial Services, part of a broader \$2.6 billion settlement.

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