

Partners Michael McNamara and Reid Schar Recognized as West Trailblazers

Recognition

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The American Lawyer recognized Jenner & Block Partners Reid J. Schar and Michael McNamara as 2022 West Trailblazers, “professionals in the West who have moved the needle in the legal industry.”

Mr. Schar’s profile highlights his recent investigation into the Chicago Blackhawks and its significance for the future. “We need a cultural shift, particularly in professional sports, that emphasizes player safety – both physical and mental – and produces an environment where employees, whether in uniform or not, feel that their voices will be heard if they raise their hand with a concern. Hopefully, our work will help further this cultural shift,” he told the publication.

In his profile, Mr. McNamara discusses the increasing number of cases against law firms related to Ponzi schemes run by former clients, which has led to many law firms re-examining and improving client vetting and intake processes. Mr. McNamara said, “courts will have to grapple with how to draw the line between lawyers who unwittingly aided a wrongdoing client and lawyers who deliberately helped.”

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