

2024 Chambers USA Recognizes 35 Practice Areas, 76 Lawyers from Jenner & Block

News

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Jenner & Block has been recognized as a leading firm across 35 practice areas in the 2024 edition of *Chambers USA*. The recognition includes practice rankings in 13 national and 22 state categories.

In the ranking's inaugural year, the firm achieved a nationwide Band 1 ranking in Higher Education for its strong litigation work on behalf of universities, colleges, and schools. *Chambers USA* noted, "the firm is particularly regarded for its appellate capabilities, including before the Supreme Court."

Also in the ranking's inaugural year, the firm achieved a nationwide Band 1 ranking in Law Firm Defense, where it is known for its "sterling reputation for its advocacy skills" in defending legal industry clients across the full gamut of legal issues, acting for a broad spectrum of multinational, mid-size and boutique firms, as well as for its "wealth of expertise defending malpractice and ethics claims in trial and in arbitration." The firm's Law Firm and Professional Services Defense clients shared that the Jenner team has a "deep understanding of the issues," "outstanding analytical skills," and the ability to "break down complexity and manage it in a very productive way."

The firm achieved a high national ranking in Native American Law, and a nationwide Band 1 ranking for Native American Law: Appellate, where it was commended for its strong litigation capabilities involving Native American tribes, "notable experience" acting before the federal and state courts, and sizable team of former government attorneys and enrolled members and descendants of federally recognized tribes. One client commented, "Jenner & Block offers an impressive mix of advocates from those specializing in federal Indian law and connected to Native nations to experts with years of experience in Supreme Court advocacy."

Jenner & Block was honored among "The Elite" nationally for Corporate Crime & Government Investigations. The practice is known for its "highly regarded white-collar group, with a deep bench of litigators that includes a number of former federal prosecutors," and was described as "adept at handling criminal and civil proceedings as well as internal investigations into FCPA violations, public corruption and securities fraud." Clients commented that the team is "incredibly sophisticated, smart and dedicated," "utterly responsive, clear and to the point," and "very experienced in dealing with the US government."

The firm's Government Contracts and Grants Practice was also honored among "The Elite" nationally. Described by clients as "thorough, analytical and also pragmatic," the practice is known for its "notable experience advising clients on a host of issues including bid protests, internal investigations and regulatory compliance" and for providing "counsel to a wide spectrum of clients ranging from renowned defense contractors to start-ups."

Jenner & Block achieved high national band rankings in Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets, where it was recognized for advising "leading publishers, broadcasters and other content owners on how to protect and enforce copyrights and trademarks" and for its "strong trade secrets offering," and was described as having "exceptionally strong subject matter expertise in complex and sophisticated issues."

The firm also ranked highly at a national level for Food & Beverages: Regulatory & Litigation, where it was noted for its "established reputation for its disputes capabilities and strong capacity to effectively handle commercial litigation, consumer class actions and government investigations on behalf of prominent multinationals from the food and beverage sphere," as well as for its experience in "food and beverage insurance coverage disputes," both domestically and internationally.

Other national band rankings included Appellate Law; Derivatives; Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation); and Transportation: Aviation (Regulatory).

At the state level, Jenner also stood out with seven Band 1 rankings in 2024. In California, the firm ranked Band 1 in Litigation: General Commercial: Highly Regarded. In Washington, DC, the firm ranked Band 1 in Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite. In New York, the firm ranked Band 1 in Media & Entertainment: Litigation. In Illinois, the firm ranked Band 1 in four categories: Energy & Natural Resources; Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Policyholder; Litigation: General Commercial; and Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations.

At an individual level, Jenner had 76 lawyers recommended across numerous practice areas. Among the individuals, 14 lawyers improved their band rankings, and 16 lawyers were newly ranked across multiple practice areas—state and nationwide. These included Partners April Otterberg and Alex Trepp, and Special Counsels William Barksdale and Lenny Powell, who were newly recognized as "Up and Coming" lawyers. Partner Joseph Gromacki was named an "Eminent Practitioner" in Corporate/M&A. Five Jenner lawyers were honored as "Senior Statespeople," including Of Counsel Ron Peterson (Bankruptcy/Restructuring), Donald Resnick (Real Estate), David Sanders (Media & Entertainment: Litigation), Chuck Sklarsky (Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations), and Partner Anton Valukas (Litigation: General Commercial and Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations). Partner John Estes was named a "Star Individual" in Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation).

Highlights of Jenner & Block's practice-level and individual achievements include:

Jenner & Block ranked Band 1 in 10 practice categories, including three national and seven state recognitions:

- **Higher Education** (Nationwide), Band 1
- **Law Firm Defense** (Nationwide), Band 1
- **Native American Law: Appellate** (Nationwide), Band 1
- **Energy & Natural Resources** (IL), Band 1
- **Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Policyholder** (IL), Band 1
- **Litigation: General Commercial** (IL), Band 1
- **Litigation: General Commercial: Highly Regarded** (CA), Band 1
- **Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations** (IL), Band 1
- **Media & Entertainment: Litigation** (NY), Band 1
- **Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite** (DC), Band 1

15 lawyers achieved Band 1 rankings across 15 practice areas:

- **Andrew Bart**: Media & Entertainment: Litigation (NY), Band 1
- **Gregory Boyle**: Derivatives: Enforcement (Nationwide), Band 1
- **David DeBruin**: Litigation: General Commercial (DC), Band 1
- **Sam Feder**: Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (DC), Band 1
- **Ian Heath Gershengorn**: Native American Law: Appellate (Nationwide), Band 1
- **Keith Harper**: Native American Law (Nationwide), Band 1
- **Katya Jestin**: Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (NY), Band 1
- **Suedeem Kelly**: Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) (Nationwide), Band 1
- **Terri Mascherin**: Litigation: General Commercial (IL), Band 1
- **John Mathias Jr**: Insurance: Dispute Resolution (IL), Band 1
- **Michael McNamara**: Law Firm Defense (Nationwide), Band 1

- **Dean Panos:** Food & Beverages: Regulatory & Litigation (Nationwide), Band 1
- **Reid Schar:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (IL), Band 1
- **Catherine Steege:** Bankruptcy/Restructuring (IL), Band 1
- **Howard Suskin:** Litigation: Securities (IL), Band 1

14 lawyers advanced in practice categories in which they were previously ranked:

- **Angela Allen:** Bankruptcy/Restructuring (IL), Band 5
- **Noah Bleicher:** Government Contracts and Grants (Nationwide), Band 4
- **Gregory Boyle:** Derivatives (Nationwide), Band 3
- **Brandon Fox:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (CA), Band 4
- **Jan Larson:** Insurance: Policyholder (CA), Band 4
- **Vincent Lazar:** Bankruptcy/Restructuring (IL), Band 2
- **Terri Mascherin:** Litigation: General Commercial (IL), Band 1
- **Michael McNamara:** Litigation: General Commercial (CA), Band 2
- **Thomas Perrelli:** Litigation: General Commercial (DC), Band 2
- **Matthew Price:** Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) (Nationwide), Band 4
- **Steven Siros:** Environment: Litigation (IL), Band 2
- **Alison Stein:** Media & Entertainment: Litigation (NY), Band 3
- **Howard Suskin:** Litigation: Securities (IL), Band 1
- **Adam Unikowsky:** Appellate Law (Nationwide), Band 2

16 lawyers achieved new rankings:

- **William Barksdale:** Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) (Nationwide), Up and Coming
- **Andrew Bart:** Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets (Nationwide), Band 2
- **Ishan Bhabha:** Higher Education (Nationwide), Band 2

- **Alexis Early**: International Trade: CFIUS Experts (Nationwide), Band 5
- **Steven Englund**: Media & Entertainment (DC), Band 4
- **Madeleine Findley**: Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (DC), Band 4
- **Annie Kastanek**: Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (IL), Band 4
- **Emily Loeb**: Government Relations: Congressional Investigations (Nationwide), Band 3
- **Michael McNamara**: Law Firm Defense (Nationwide), Band 1
- **April Otterberg**: Law Firm Defense (Nationwide), Up and Coming
- **Leonard Powell**: Native American Law (Nationwide), Up and Coming
- **Kirsten Spira**: Law Firm Defense (Nationwide), Band 2
- **John Storino**: Law Firm Defense (Nationwide), Band 2
- **Wade Thomson**: Litigation: General Commercial (IL), Band 4
- **Alex Trepp**: Media & Entertainment (DC), Up and Coming
- **Joanna Wright**: Litigation: General Commercial (NY), Band 6

Below is a complete list of the Jenner & Block lawyers and practices recognized in the 2024 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

Practices Ranked: 2024 *Chambers USA*

USA – Nationwide

- **Appellate Law** (Band 3)
- **Corporate Crime & Government Investigations: The Elite** (Band 3)
- **Derivatives** (Band 3)
- **Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation)** (Band 3)
- **Food & Beverages: Regulatory & Litigation** (Band 2)
- **Government Contracts and Grants: The Elite** (Band 4)
- **Higher Education** (Band 1)

- **Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets** (Band 2)
- **Law Firm Defense** (Band 1)
- **Native American Law** (Band 2)
- **Native American Law: Appellate** (Band 1)
- **Securities: Litigation** (Band 5)
- **Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory** (Band 3)

California

- **Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets** (Band 3)
- **Litigation: General Commercial: Highly Regarded** (Band 1)
- **Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations** (Band 3)
- **Media & Entertainment: Litigation** (Band 2)

District of Columbia

- **Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets** (Band 3)
- **Litigation: General Commercial: The Elite** (Band 4)
- **Media & Entertainment** (Band 2)
- **Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite** (Band 1)

Illinois

- **Bankruptcy/Restructuring** (Band 2)
- **Corporate/M&A & Private Equity** (Band 5)
- **Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation** (Band 3)
- **Energy & Natural Resources** (Band 1)
- **Environment** (Band 3)
- **Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Policyholder** (Band 1)

- **Intellectual Property** (Band 3)
- **Litigation: General Commercial** (Band 1)
- **Litigation: Securities** (Band 2)
- **Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations** (Band 1)

New York

- **Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets** (Band 2)
- **Litigation: General Commercial: Highly Regarded** (Band 3)
- **Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations: The Elite** (Band 2)
- **Media & Entertainment: Litigation** (Band 1)

Lawyers Ranked: 2024 *Chambers USA*

USA – Nationwide

- **William Barksdale**: Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) (Up and Coming)
- **Andrew Bart**: Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets (Band 2)
- **Ishan Bhabha**: Higher Education (Band 2)
- **Noah Bleicher**: Government Contracts and Grants (Band 4)
- **Gregory Boyle**: Derivatives (Band 3) and Derivatives: Enforcement (Band 1)
- **Alexis Early**: International Trade: CFIUS Experts (Band 5)
- **John Estes**: Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) (Star Individual)
- **Charles Galbraith**: Native American Law (Band 2)
- **Ian Heath Gershengorn**: Appellate Law (Band 2) and Native American Law: Appellate (Band 1)
- **Martin Glass**: Cannabis Law: Eastern United States (Band 2)
- **Keith Harper**: Native American Law (Band 1)

- **Lindsay Harrison:** Leisure & Hospitality (Band 4)
- **Sam Hirsch:** Native American Law (Band 3)
- **Suede Kelly:** Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) (Band 1)
- **Raunaq “Niqui” Kohli:** Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) (Up and Coming)
- **Vincent Lazar:** Derivatives (Band 4)
- **Emily Loeb:** Government Relations: Congressional Investigations (Band 3)
- **Michael McNamara:** Law Firm Defense (Band 1)
- **April Otterberg:** Law Firm Defense (Up and Coming)
- **Dean Panos:** Food & Beverages: Regulatory & Litigation (Band 1)
- **Leonard Powell:** Native American Law (Up and Coming)
- **Matthew Price:** Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation) (Band 4)
- **David Robbins:** Government Contracts and Grants (Band 3)
- **Kirsten Spira:** Law Firm Defense (Band 2)
- **John Storino:** Law Firm Defense (Band 2)
- **Adam Unikowsky:** Appellate Law (Band 2)

California

- **Brandon Fox:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Band 4)
- **Jan Larson:** Insurance: Policyholder (Band 4)
- **Michael McNamara:** Litigation: General Commercial (Band 2)
- **Reid Schar:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Band 2)
- **David Singer:** Media & Entertainment: Litigation (Band 4)
- **Andrew “A. J.” Thomas:** Media & Entertainment: Litigation (Band 3)

District of Columbia

- **David Bitkower:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Band 5)
- **David DeBruin:** Litigation: General Commercial (Band 1)
- **Steven Englund:** Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets (Band 2) and Media & Entertainment (Band 4)
- **Sam Feder:** Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (Band 1)
- **Madeleine Findley:** Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (Band 4)
- **John Flynn:** Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (Band 3)
- **Rebekah Goodheart:** Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (Band 3)
- **Trey Hanbury:** Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (Band 3)
- **Lindsay Harrison:** Litigation: General Commercial (Band 4)
- **Thomas Perrelli:** Litigation: General Commercial (Band 2)
- **Brian Scarbrough:** Insurance: Policyholder (Band 4)
- **Howard Symons:** Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (Band 3)
- **Alex Trepp:** Media & Entertainment (Up and Coming)

Illinois

- **Angela Allen:** Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Band 5)
- **Debbie Berman:** Litigation: General Commercial (Band 2)
- **David Bradford:** Litigation: General Commercial (Band 2)
- **Geoffrey Davis:** Tax (Band 4)
- **Joseph Gromacki:** Corporate/M&A (Eminent Practitioner)
- **Reggie Hill:** Intellectual Property (Band 4)
- **Annie Kastanek:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Band 4)
- **David Kroeger:** Insurance: Dispute Resolution (Band 2)
- **Vincent Lazar:** Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Band 2)

- **Terri Mascherin:** Litigation: General Commercial (Band 1)
- **John Mathias, Jr:** Insurance: Dispute Resolution (Band 1)
- **Michelle McAtee:** Real Estate (Band 4)
- **Ron Peterson:** Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Senior Statesperson)
- **Shoba Pillay:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Up and Coming)
- **Matt Renaud:** Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Band 3)
- **Donald Resnick:** Real Estate (Senior Statesperson)
- **Melissa Root:** Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Band 4)
- **David Sanders:** Media & Entertainment: Litigation (Senior Statesperson)
- **Reid Schar:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Band 1)
- **Steven Siros:** Environment: Litigation (Band 2)
- **Chuck Sklarsky:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Senior Statesperson)
- **Catherine Steege:** Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Band 1)
- **Howard Suskin:** Litigation: Securities (Band 1)
- **Wade Thomson:** Litigation: General Commercial (Band 4)
- **Joseph Torres:** Labor & Employment (Band 2)
- **Andrew Vail:** Litigation: General Commercial (Band 3)
- **Anton Valukas:** Litigation: General Commercial (Senior Statesperson) and Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Senior Statesperson)

New York

- **Stephen Ascher:** Litigation: Securities (Band 5)
- **Anthony Barkow:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Band 2)
- **Andrew Bart:** Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets (Band 2) and Media & Entertainment: Litigation (Band 1)

- **Anne Cortina Perry:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Up and Coming)
- **Katya Jestin:** Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Band 1)
- **Susan Kohlmann:** Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets (Band 3)
- **Richard Levin:** Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Band 6)
- **Alison Stein:** Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets (Band 4) and Media & Entertainment: Litigation (Band 3)
- **Joanna Wright:** Litigation: General Commercial (Band 6)

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