

Three Chicago Partners Named among Who's Who for Third Consecutive Year

Recognition

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Jenner & Block Co-Managing Partner Randy Mehrberg, Chicago Office Managing Partner Melissa Root, and Former Chair Tony Valukas are listed in *Crain's Chicago Business*' Who's Who guide. The list is published in *Crain's Chicago Business*' The Book 2025, a reference guide of leaders who are "Chicago's movers and shakers."

Randy started his legal career with Jenner & Block and left to serve in leadership positions with several large publicly traded companies and in government. He returned to the firm in 2016, when he helped launch the firm's Energy Practice. In 2020, Randy was selected to serve as co-managing partner with Katya Jestin. In addition to Randy's experience as an in-house leader and trusted outside advisor, he is deeply committed to serving the Chicago community. His civic involvement includes serving on the boards of the Lincoln Park Zoo, the United Way of Greater Chicago, the Millennium Park Foundation, Northwestern Medicine, and HistoryMakers. He is also a member of the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club, the Association of General Counsel, and the Economic Club of Chicago.

Melissa joined the firm in 2005 and, in 2022, was elevated to the first managing partner of the firm's Chicago office. She is a Co-Chair of the firm's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice and a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy whose career has been highlighted by her work in high-profile bankruptcies including those of Puerto Rico and USA Gymnastics. Melissa also devotes a substantial amount of time to pro bono work. A leader in the firm, she serves on the Management Committee and as a Co-Chair of the Women's Forum affinity group. Melissa's civic involvements include serving as a Trustee of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and on the Executive Committee of the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Board. She is an alumna of Leadership Greater Chicago and was a 2023 Daniel Burnham Fellow.

Tony is a trial lawyer who has led some of the most significant investigations in US history, including, among others, the examination into the failure of Lehman Brothers Holdings and the internal investigation for General Motors regarding recalls stemming from faulty ignition switches. Tony started his career at the US Attorney's Office, joined Jenner in 1976, left to serve as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois from 1985 to 1989, and then returned to the firm. He served as Chairman of Jenner & Block from 2007 to 2017. A leader in the legal community, Tony

chaired the inaugural Chicago Bar Foundation's groundbreaking "Investing in Justice" Campaign in 2007. His community involvement includes membership of the National Association of Former US Attorneys, the Chicago Inn of Court, Lawrence University, and the Commercial Club.

Crain's has also recognized Partner Joe Torres as a Notable Latino Leader, Partner Precious Jacobs-Perry as a Notable Black Leader, and Partner Debbie Berman as a Notable Nonprofit Board Leader.

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