

Three Jenner & Block Partners Named 2025 Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys by *Crain's Chicago Business*

Recognition

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Partners Annie Kastanek, April Otterberg, and Wade Thomson were named 2025 Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys by *Crain's Chicago Business*. The award honors “attorneys shaping Chicago’s legal landscape.”

Annie’s profile highlights her role as Co-Chair of Jenner & Block’s Appellate and Supreme Court Practice and her position on the firm’s management committee. With experience handling over 200 federal appeals and 13 federal trials, she regularly represents clients before the US and Illinois Supreme Courts and other federal and state appellate courts. Annie’s notable accomplishments include helping secure a \$53 million federal antitrust jury verdict against major egg producers for price fixing and her work on the team that won a rare vacatur of an international arbitration against the former chairman of India’s Securities & Exchange Board.

April’s profile highlights her role as Co-Chair of Jenner’s Law Firm Defense Practice, leading a team of 12 lawyers. April’s recent successes include resolving an 11-year court battle for a client and securing pre-complaint resolutions in multimillion-dollar claims against two law firms. She also successfully secured the commutation of a client’s federal death sentence after representing him for 18 years. April’s service includes roles on the Illinois State Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Professional Conduct and the board of the DuPage Children’s Museum.

Wade’s profile highlights his roles as Co-Chair of Jenner’s Business Litigation Practice and in firm leadership, and his work representing global clients in commercial disputes, government investigations, and international arbitration. Wade’s achievements include successfully representing Meleveetil Damodaran, former chair of India’s Securities & Exchange Board, in obtaining a rare vacatur of an international arbitration award. Wade’s community involvement includes serving on the boards of World Business Chicago, the National Immigrant Justice Center, the Chicago Public Library Foundation, and the Better Government Association.

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