PRESS RELEASES

16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

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Benesch is pleased to announce that eight attorneys have been selected by their legal community peers to the 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers list, and nine have been named to the 2026 Illinois Rising Stars list.

The Super Lawyers selection process evaluates lawyers based upon multiple criteria, including professional achievement and peer recognition; honors and awards; firm and bar involvement and leadership; scholarship and professional writings; community service and pro bono activities; and other outstanding achievements.

Rising Stars honorees are top up-and-coming attorneys who are no more than 40 years old or who have been practicing for no more than 10 years. Only five percent of attorneys are chosen for the Super Lawyers list, and no more than 2.5 percent are selected to Rising Stars. Learn more about the Super Lawyers selection process by clicking here.

2026 Illinois Super Lawyers Honorees:

1. Ronald Betman - Business Lit
2. Christopher Grohman - Crime Def: White Collar
3. Manish Mehta - IP
4. Juan Morado, Jr - Healthcare
5. Margo Wolf O'Donnell - Employment Lit.
6. Tara Raghavan - IP
7. John E. Rooney - Energy & Resources
8. Kal K. Shah - IP Lit.

2026 Illinois Rising Stars

1. Michael Ward - Real Estate

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2. Patrick James Beisell - Business Lit.
3. Katie Burnett - Business Lit.

4. Thomas DaMario - IP Lit.
5. Trevor Martin - IP
6. Samantha Roth Bender - Business Lit.
7. Craig Sanders - Business Lit.
8. Cassie Gawron Sikorski - Healthcare