PRESS RELEASES

49 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2025 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

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Benesch is pleased to announce that 16 attorneys have been selected by their legal community peers to the 2025 Ohio Super Lawyers list, and 33 have been named to the 2025 Ohio 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 Ohio lawyers are chosen for the Ohio Super Lawyers list and no more than 2.5 percent in the state are recognized on the Rising Stars list. Learn more about the Super Lawyers selection process by clicking here.

2025 Ohio Super Lawyers Honorees - Cleveland

1. Joseph A. Castrodale - General Lit.
2. Thomas O. Crist - Construction Lit.
3. Marisa Darden - Crime Def: White Collar
4. Phillip Eckenrode - Business Lit
5. Joseph N. Gross - Employment & Labor
6. Kathryn Gaydos - Real Estate
7. Kevin D. Margolis - Environmental
8. Barry J. Miller - Construction Lit.
9. Jared E. Oakes - Real Estate
10. Gregory J. Phillips - Business Lit.
11. Brian N. Ramm - PI - Products; Defense
12. Jeffrey J. Wild - Real Estate
13. Eric L. Zalud - Transportation/Maritime

14. Robert A. Zimmerman - General Lit.

2025 Ohio Super Lawyers Honorees - Columbus

1. Marc S. Blubaugh - Transportation/Maritime
2. Frank W. Carsonie - Health Care

2025 Ohio Rising Stars Honorees - Cleveland

1. Samantha J. Barbara - Securities & Corp Finance
2. Christopher Battles - Business Lit
3. James Bedell - Business Lit.
4. Alayna Bridgett - Health Care
5. Daniel Briggs - Business/Corp.
6. Allyson Cady - Business Lit.
7. John Dagon - Business Lit.
8. Lyndsay Flagg - Employment Lit: Defense
9. Mitchell Gecht - Securities & Corp Fin.
10. David Michael Hopkins - Civil Lit: Defense
11. Mariam Keramati - Real Estate
12. Jared Kriwinsky - Real Estate
13. Lauren Lipsyc - Real Estate
14. Justin Lovdahl - Construction Lit.
15. Warren T. McClurg - Business Lit.
16. Sean McKinley - Employment & Labor
17. Brian D. Mielcusny - Mergers & Acq.
18. Samuel Mintzer - Real Estate
19. Lidia Mowad - IP
20. Claire O'Connor - Real Estate
21. Robert Pleines - Transportation/Maritime
22. Adam E. Primm - Employment & Labor

23. Christopher Razek - Transportation/Maritime
24. Mackenzie Rini - Employment & Labor
25. Anthony Rossi - Securities & Corp Fin
26. Abraham Spira - Health Care
27. James J. Walsh, Jr. - Business Lit.
28. Ryan J. Williams - Securities & Corp. Finance

2025 Ohio Rising Stars Honorees - Columbus

1. Holly F. Gross - Government Relations
2. Kari D. Hehmeyer - Energy & Resources
3. Ashley Laughlin Duff - Real Estate
4. Abigail Riffee - Business Lit.
5. Michael Silverstein - Business Lit.