

Benesch Named 2027 Highly Recommended Firm by Benchmark Litigation; 14 Attorneys Recognized, Including 4 First-Time Honorees

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Benesch is pleased to announce its inclusion in the Benchmark Litigation 2027 guide, marking the firm's 12th consecutive year of recognition. Following its elevation last year, Benesch maintained its **Highly Recommended** ranking nationwide, while its Cleveland office earned a **Highly Recommended** ranking for the first time.

In addition to the firm rankings, eight Benesch attorneys were recognized as **Litigation Stars** and six were named **Future Stars**, including four first-time Future Star honorees. Earlier this year, Hanna Conger and Caitlin Kovacs were also named to Benchmark Litigation's [40 & Under List](#).

2027 Litigation Stars

J. Erik Connolly

- Jurisdiction: Illinois
- Practice areas: Securities, Product Liability, Commercial, Class Action

Nicole Wrigley

- Jurisdiction: Illinois
- Practice areas: Securities, Product Liability, Commercial, Class Action

Joseph Castrodale

- Jurisdiction: United States (National), Ohio
- Practice areas: Intellectual Property, Commercial

Scott Humphrey

- Jurisdiction: Illinois
- Practice area: Commercial

Gregory Phillips

- Jurisdiction: United States (National), Ohio
- Practice areas: Intellectual Property, Securities, Commercial, Energy

David Rammelt

- Jurisdiction: Illinois
- Practice area: Commercial

Nicholas Secco

- Jurisdiction: United States (National), Illinois
- Practice area: Commercial

Eric Zalud

- Jurisdiction: United States (National), Ohio
- Practice area: Commercial

2027 Future Stars

Kevin Capuzzi - First-time honoree

- Jurisdiction: Delaware

Marisa Darden

- Jurisdiction: Ohio

Timothy Frey - First-time honoree

- Jurisdiction: Illinois

Caitlin Kovacs

- Jurisdiction: Illinois
- Practice areas: Securities, Product Liability, Commercial

Adam Primm - First-time honoree

- Jurisdiction: Ohio

Lauren Zimmerman - First-time honoree

- Jurisdiction: New York

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Litigation Star honorees consistently receive high praise from their peers and clients for their ability to handle complex, high-stakes cases. These attorneys are widely recommended within the business and legal communities for the quality of their litigation and trial work.

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