

von Briesen Welcomes Jeff Van Winkle and Congratulates 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers® Rising Stars

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von Briesen & Roper, s.c., today announced that attorney, **Jeff Van Winkle**, joined the firm's Chicago office location at 320 South Canal Street. Van Winkle is a Shareholder in the Business Practice Group. Van Winkle has more than three decades of experience representing businesses, investors and entrepreneurs in all phases of their businesses with extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, international transactions, financing and securities. Van Winkle was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate Law (2017-2023).

Van Winkle serves on the Board of Advisors for the Small Business Advocacy Council. He is a member of the State Bars of Illinois and Michigan, International Trade Association of Greater Chicago, American Bar Association and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Van Winkle received a J.D. from the University of Michigan and a B.A. from Calvin University.

In addition, von Briesen is proud to announce that two attorneys have been listed as 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers® Rising Stars in Intellectual Property: **Derek E. Clements** and **Alexander R. Karana**.

Clements focuses his practice on patents with substantial experience in the mechanical, electrical and software industries. He received a J.D. from the University of Illinois Chicago (formerly John Marshall Law School) and a B.S., Biology, from Indiana University.

Karana focuses his practice on prosecuting patent and trademark applications for diverse clients and providing counsel in business transactions across entertainment, engineering, and technology sectors. He received a J.D. from the University of Illinois Chicago and a B.S., Chemical Engineering, from Michigan State University.
