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# 103 von Briesen Attorneys Named to The Best Lawyers in America® 2027

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von Briesen & Roper, s.c. is proud to announce that 103 attorneys are included in the 33rd Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®. Among the accolades von Briesen received: five attorneys are designated as "Lawyer of the Year", five lawyers are listed for the first time and 17 attorneys are listed as Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America.

**"Lawyer of the Year" Awards:**

Madison, WI

- **Michael P. Crooks** – Insurance Law; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

Milwaukee, WI

- **Mollie T. Kugler** – Insurance Law
- **Laurie J. McLeRoy** – Appellate
- **John P. Rocco** – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- **Christopher R. Smith** – Municipal

**Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®**

Madison, WI

- **John P. Pinzl** – Insurance Law, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Brian J. Seidl** – Litigation - Real Estate; Real Estate

Milwaukee, WI

- **Alexandra N. Appenzeller** – Banking and Finance; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquistions; Real Estate
- **Christopher E. Avallone** – Appellate; Commercial Litigation
- **Ryan T. Duffy** – Litigation - Real Estate; Real Estate
- **Erik M. Gustafson** – Insurance Law
- **Reid J. Hazelton** – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions
- **Ryan P. Heiden** – Education Law; Labor and Employment - Management; Municipal
- **Trace P. Hummel** – Construction Law; Litigation - Construction Law
- **Avery J. Mayne** – Elder Law; Family Law; Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates
- **Claire A. McDonough** – Trusts and Estates
- **Michael R. Sherer** – Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **Taylor Van Zeeland*** – Insurance Law
- **Derek J. Waterstreet** – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Real Estate
- **Alexis J. Witte*** – Trusts and Estates

Neenah, WI

- **Patrick J. Leigl** – Government Relations; Labor and Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment

Waukesha, WI

- **Kevin J. Clark** – Litigation - Construction

**Best Lawyers®**:

Chicago, IL

- **Thomas A. Miller** – Patent Law

Madison, WI

- **Devon R. Baumbach** – Commercial Litigation
- **Philip J. Bradbury** – Construction Law
- **Kraig A. Byron** – Litigation - Land Use and Zoning; Litigation - Real Estate
- **Blayne Nicole Christy** – Insurance Law
- **Michael P. Crooks** – Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants; Mediation; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Kyle J. Gulya** – Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management
- **Chris A. Jenny** – Construction; Corporate Law; Real Estate Law
- **Megan L.W. Jerabek** – Trusts and Estates
- **Joshua C. Kopp** – Corporate Law
- **Jenifer L. Kraemer** – Construction Law; Real Estate Law
- **Marcus S. Loden** – Mergers and Acquisitions; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates
- **Richard J. Mundt** – Insurance Law; Litigation - Construction; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **Julie E. Piper-Kitchin** – Litigation - Insurance; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Quentin F. Shafer** – Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Matthew Van Keulen** – Litigation - Insurance

Milwaukee, WI

- **Jamie B. Barwin** – Corporate Law; Tax Law; Trusts and Estates
- **Steven R. Beckham** – Litigation - Insurance
- **Patrick M. Bergin** – Patent Law; Trademark Law
- **Terri S. Boxer** – Trusts and Estates
- **Christy A. Brooks** – Family Law
- **Doris E. Brosnan** – Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **Andrew P. Brusky** – Elder Law
- **Janet E. Cain** – Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **Joseph A. Camilli** – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions
- **Steven G. Carlson** – Commercial Litigation; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Michael P. Carlton** – Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental
- **Nicholas D. Castronovo** – Commercial Litigation
- **Andrew J. Christman** – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- **David I. Cisar** – Banking and Finance Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy; Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law
- **Lee Anne N. Conta** – Insurance Law, Litigation - Insurance
- **Jonathan J. Feldbruegge** – Commercial Litigation; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Kevin M. Fetherston** – Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **Ryan P. Fetherston** – Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **Mark F. Foley** – Information Technology Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy; Litigation - Intellectual Property
- **William D. Gardner*** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy
- **John G. Goller** – Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- **Ericka C. Hammett** – Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants

- **Kenneth A. Hoogstra** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Immigration Law
- **Nathan K. Johnson** – Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Terry E. Johnson** – Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants; Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **Thomas J. Kammerait** – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Mark S. Kapocius** – Education Law; Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management
- **Christopher T. Koehnke** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Real Estate
- **Sumeeta A. Krishnaney** – Elder Law; Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates
- **Mollie T. Kugler** – Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law, Litigation - Insurance
- **Beth Kushner** – Appellate; Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Susan E. Lovern** – Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Environmental; Litigation - Health Care; Litigation - Real Estate; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- **Alan H. Marcuvitz** – Economic Development Law; Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law; Land Use and Zoning Law; Litigation - Land Use and Zoning; Litigation - Real Estate; Real Estate Law
- **Jeffrey E. Mark** – Corporate Law; Health Care Law
- **Timothy C. McDonald** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Laurie J. McLeRoy** – Appellate; Litigation - Municipal; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Thomas A. Myers** – Corporate Law
- **John A. Nelson** – Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- **Kristen N. Nelson** – Health Care Law; Litigation - Health Care
- **Randy S. Nelson** – Trusts and Estates
- **Steven L. Nelson** – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Construction
- **Kelly J. Noyes** – Commercial Litigation; Health Care Law
- **George S. Peek** – Trusts and Estates
- **Thomas J. Phillips** – Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law
- **Jessica M. Reginato** – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- **Philip C. Reid** – Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Clayton L. Riddle** – Construction Law; Insurance Law; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **John P. Rocco** – Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- **David J. Roettgers** – Corporate Law
- **Joseph J. Rolling** – Litigation - Land Use and Zoning; Litigation - Real Estate
- **Mark E. Schmidt** – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Construction; Litigation - Real Estate Law
- **John A. Sikora** – Corporate Law; Tax Law
- **Christopher R. Smith** – Government Relations; Municipal Law; Real Estate Law
- **Steven M. Szymanski** – Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions; Tax Law
- **William E. Taibl** – Banking and Finance Law; Financial Services Regulation Law
- **Robert B. Teuber** – Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law
- **Heidi L. Vogt** – Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance
- **Anne E. Wal** – Real Estate Law
- **Stacy C. Gerber Ward** – Health Care Law
- **Daniel S. Welytok** – Tax Law
- **William R. West** – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
- **David A. Westrup** – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Bankruptcy
- **Barry R. White** – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Real Estate
- **Brion T. Winters*** – Real Estate
- **Michael J. Wirth** – Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Waukesha, WI

- **Nancy M. Bonniwell** – Trusts and Estates

- **Erica A. Storm** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Employment Law - Management
- **Morgan L. Turner***– Trusts and Estates
- **Scott E. Wade** – Workers' Compensation Law - Employers
- **Peter J. Walsh** – Elder Law, Trusts and Estates

(***** indicates lawyers listed for the first time)