

LITIGATION REVIEW

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It's Official - Novack and Macey Partners Are Super Lawyers!

We have been honored to have *The Chicago Tribune* call Novack and Macey "a high-powered litigation boutique," and to receive glowing testimonials from our clients. Now comes recognition from our fellow Illinois attorneys, who have selected

- 60% of our partners as *Illinois Super Lawyers* in Commercial Litigation, and
- 80% of our partners as *Illinois Leading Lawyers* in Commercial Litigation.

These numbers represent a rare achievement for any law firm. "Novack and Macey began in 1984 with the vision of being a specialized firm of top-quality business trial lawyers," said senior partner Eric Macey, "and this recognition by our peers is an indication of our success in achieving that vision."

These honors are the result of two separate nomination processes sponsored by two different organizations through which all lawyers in Illinois are invited to nominate lawyers who are outstanding in various areas of law. To maintain the quality and credibility of the survey, lawyers cannot nominate themselves or anyone at their own law firm. And only the top 5% of Illinois attorneys in 65 practice areas are named *Illinois Super Lawyers* or *Illinois Leading Lawyers*.

Illinois Super Lawyers asks the 47,000 practicing lawyers across Illinois to name the best lawyers they personally have observed in action. *The Leading Lawyers Network* asks them which of their peers, including their competitors, they would recommend to a family member or friend if they could not take a case within their area of law or geographic region.

Regardless of which question was asked, Novack and Macey partners were named outstanding litigators.

So, congratulations to Novack and Macey's

- *Super Lawyers*: Karen Levine, Eric Macey, Mitch Marinello, Timothy Miller, Stephen Novack and Don Tarkington.

- *Leading Lawyers*: Andrew Fleming, Karen Levine, Eric Macey, Mitch Marinello, Timothy Miller, Stephen Novack, Don Tarkington and Michael Weinberg.

AN HONOR FOR OUR YOUNGEST PARTNER

Another of our partners, Monte Mann, has been selected as one of **Illinois' 40 under 40 Lawyers to Watch**. Monte, our youngest partner, was selected from more than 1,200 nominations for the award, which is bestowed annually by the publisher of *The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* and *Illinois Lawyer*. Recipients are chosen based on their career achievements, courtroom victories and commitment to their clients and the community. Congratulations Monte!

To be selected to "40 Under 40," a nominee must demonstrate success at serving clients and the community, and Monte has done both. He was nominated for the award by his clients, other attorneys who have acted as co-counsel and even those who have been his opponents.

Senior partner Stephen Novack observes, "From the start, Monte set the standard for our young attorneys. He is an aggressive and passionate advocate. He has received glowing praise from our clients and earned the respect of our adversaries. The award is well deserved."

Monte represents clients in high-stakes business litigation, including contract disputes and others involving corporate governance, business torts, real estate, partnerships, closely held corporations, restrictive covenants and trade secrets.

He also finds time to contribute to the community. He has recently served on the Board of Directors of the Art Institute of Chicago's Evening Associates, which is committed to increasing awareness of art and the Institute's resources as well as raising funds for Institute programming. Monte also has successfully provided pro bono representation to inmates to correct sentencing errors and redress civil rights violations during their incarceration.

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THANK YOU

The honors accorded these partners are recognition of the key traits all of our attorneys possess and that have made Novack and Macey one of the city's best-regarded commercial litigation firms:

- Client focused
- Creative
- Effective
- Knowledgeable
- Respected

We thank everyone who respected the excellence of our partners and our reputation for achieving results and nominated one of our partners.

NOVACK AND MACEY TAKES FLIGHT TO NEW OFFICES IN THE BOEING BUILDING

As we have grown – we have doubled in size in the past 5 years – so has our need for additional space. So, over the first weekend in June, we at Novack and Macey packed our bags and flew to our new, expanded offices in the Boeing Building, 100 North Riverside Plaza.

This 36-story, 1.1 million square foot commercial complex sits on a unique air-rights site on the west bank of the Chicago River. When it was completed in 1991, the building was awarded the American Institute of Architect's National Honor Award, (the jury noting that the building "cleverly overcomes complex technical challenges and integrates itself magnificently within its riverfront site"), and the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois' "Most Innovative" Design Award.

We are proud to be a part of such a prestigious building. With two-thirds more square footage, we now have both more conference space and room to grow in the coming years.

We invite you to visit us and see the new Novack and Macey.

Novack and Macey LLP is a litigation firm that concentrates in complex commercial cases, including matters involving banking, contracts, class actions, creditors' rights, energy, RICO, securities, business torts, real estate, partnerships and close corporations, employment, unfair competition and antitrust, insurance coverage and environmental issues.

Novack and Macey LLP prides itself on being creative while providing sound, practical and cost effective advice and representation. Please contact us if you have a legal problem that you wish to discuss.

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