Seventeen Brach Eichler Attorneys Included in The Best Lawyers in America© 2022

Roseland, NJ (August 19, 2021) – Seventeen attorneys at Brach Eichler LLC have been selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© 2022. Additionally, six Brach Eichler attorneys have been selected to the publication's "Ones to Watch" category, recognizing up-and-coming young lawyers. Brach Eichler has two new associates included on the list this year Alex Capozzi and Lauren Adornetto Woods.

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Edward P. Capozzi, who was named in the field of personal injury litigation – plaintiffs, is a Member and Chair of the Personal Injury Practice. Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney, he focuses his practice on personal injury arising from automobile, premises, product liability, and construction accidents. He has been recognized by the *New Jersey Law Journal* as having the highest auto accident settlement in New Jersey in 2017. Additionally, Capozzi was named to the publication's "Hall of Fame Award 2014," having obtained the largest verdict in a product liability case in New Jersey. Recognized by The Best Lawyers in America© since 2018, Capozzi resides in Kinnelon, NJ.

Lani M. Dornfeld, who was named in the field of healthcare law, is a Member in the Healthcare Law Practice where she represents a variety of healthcare providers, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health agencies, hospice organizations, substance use disorder treatment and mental health facilities, physician and dental groups, and individual healthcare practitioners. She handles regulatory, corporate, and transactional matters. This is the third year she was named among The Best Lawyers in America©. She resides in Boynton Beach, FL.

Susan K. Dromsky-Reed, who was named in the field of trusts and estates, is a Co-Chair and Member in the Trusts and Estates Practice and a Member in the Tax and Family Law Services Practices. She also serves on the firm's Executive Committee. As part of her focus on estate planning and estate administration, she provides individuals and families with advice regarding spousal, intergenerational, business succession, trust, and charitable planning. Susan is also a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and this represents the fourth year she was named to The Best Lawyers in America©. She resides in Kinnelon, NJ.

John D. Fanburg, who was named in the field of healthcare law for the 20th year, is the Managing Member of the firm, chairs its Healthcare Law Practice, co-chairs the Cannabis Industry Practice, and is a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Fanburg has experience representing major hospitals, ambulatory care facilities, diverse physician medical groups, and statewide physician specialty organizations in a broad range of corporate, transactional, and regulatory matters. Fanburg has been named to The Best Lawyers in America© every year since 2003. He is a resident of Livingston, NJ.

Stuart M. Gladstone, who was named in the fields of tax law and trusts and estates, co-chairs the firm's Trusts and Estates Practice and is a Member in the firm's Corporate Transactions & Financial Services and Tax Practices. He is recognized as one of New Jersey's leading authorities representing individuals as well as companies of all sizes in the fields of comprehensive estate planning, business succession, and estate taxation. Gladstone is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and has been the chairman of the Essex County Estate Planning Council for the past 20 years. Gladstone, a resident of West Orange, NJ, has been named to The Best Lawyers in America© every year since 2005.

Charles X. Gormally, who was named in the fields of commercial litigation and litigation – labor and employment, is the General Counsel to the Firm, Founding Member of the firm's Litigation Practice, and Co-Chair of the Cannabis Industry Practice. He currently is authorized to practice in New Jersey, New York, and California. He counsels clients on complex business matters,

challenges to governmental regulation, contract disputes, and tort actions, and has successfully tried many jury and bench trial cases in the federal and state courts. Gormally serves as both a mediator and arbitrator in the State alternative dispute resolution programs. He has been designated on multiple occasions by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney for the past 25 years. Gormally, previously served as Mayor, Councilman, and Chairman of the Planning Board for the Borough of Mountain Lakes. He has been named to The Best Lawyers in America© every year since 2013.

Joseph M. Gorrell, who was named in the field of healthcare law for the 31st year, is a Member in the Healthcare Law Practice. He counsels hospitals, medical staffs, nursing homes, and individual practitioners on a broad scope of issues ranging from practice bylaws to regulatory corrective actions to medical bioethics, and serves as an arbitrator on behalf of the American Health Law Association. A resident of Bridgewater, NJ, Gorrell was first named to The Best Lawyers in America© in 1991.

Carol Grelecki, who was named in the field of healthcare law, is a Member in the Healthcare Law Practice and represents physicians and other medical professionals, hospitals, ambulatory care facilities, independent practice associations, clinical laboratories, utilization managers, and billing companies in regulatory, licensure, corporate, and transactional matters. She has been named to The Best Lawyers in America© since 2015. She resides in Scotch Plains, NJ.

Alan R. Hammer, who was named in the fields of real estate law, as well as litigation – real estate, is a Member in the Real Estate Practice where he represents professional real estate investors, lenders, purchasers, and sellers of office buildings, shopping centers, industrial facilities, apartment complexes, and vacant land. He also serves on the firm's Executive Committee. Hammer has been named to The Best Lawyers in America© every year since 2006. He resides in Livingston, NJ.

Brian R. Lenker, who was named in the field of banking and finance law, chairs the firm's Corporate Transactions & Financial Services Practice and is a member of the firm's Executive Committee. He concentrates his practice on banking and acquisitions, sales and reorganizations of businesses, and commercial real estate. Named to The Best Lawyers in America© since 2015, Lenker resides in Sparta, NJ.

Stuart L. Pachman, who was named in the field of corporate law for the 29th year, is a Member in the Corporate Transactions & Financial Services and Litigation Practices. He counsels businesses and their officers on complex agreements, structuring transactions, business formations and breakups, and day-to-day issues including those involving litigation at both the trial and appellate level. He is a Founding Fellow of The American College of LLC and Partnership Attorneys. Pachman, now a resident of Sarasota, FL, was first named to The Best Lawyers in America© in 1993.

Allen J. Popowitz, who was named in the field of real estate law, is the Real Estate Practice Chair and a Member in the Corporate Transactions & Financial Services Practice as well as the Real Estate Tax Appeals Practice. He also serves on the firm's Executive Committee. Popowitz concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial real estate and mortgage lending and advises clients on sales, purchases, financing, leasing, and Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 tax-deferred exchanges. A resident of Franklin Lakes, NJ, Popowitz was first named to The Best Lawyers in America© in 2013.

David J. Ritter, who was named in the fields of corporate law and trusts and estates, is a Member in the Trusts and Estates Practice and Chair of the Tax Practice. He concentrates his practice in personal, tax, and estate planning and laws governing corporations, memberships, and limited liability companies. A trusted personal and business advisor, he also provides business succession planning and sophisticated estate planning services to a wide range of clients. First named to The Best Lawyers in America© in 2007, Ritter is a resident of Scotch Plains, NJ.

Sean Alden Smith, who was named in the field of family law, is a member of the Family Law Services Practice. For more than 15 years, Sean has focused his practice on representing both corporations and individuals in their business and commercial litigations, personal matters, and complex high-net-worth matrimonial matters. In 2013, he was recognized for his development as a skilled litigator through his selection by the New Jersey Law Journal as a "New Leader of the Bar." In 2015, he was asked to

co-chair the Essex County Bar Association Family Law Executive Committee, a position he still holds today. Smith resides in Westfield, NJ.

Carl J. Soranno was named in the field of bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law as well as family law. Soranno chairs the Family Law Services Practice and has served clients in multiple areas across a wide variety of concerns and challenges. He represents high-net-worth individuals in contested and uncontested divorce actions, which include issues related to complex property division, valuation of closely-held businesses, executive compensation packages, alimony, and tax-related matters. In addition to family law matters, Carl's 30 years of experience includes business formation, bankruptcy, and commercial litigation. A resident of Flanders, NJ, he is also a businessman and entrepreneur, having successfully launched a public biotechnology firm.

Frances B. Stella, who was named in the field of environmental law, chairs the Environmental and Land Use Practice and is a Member in the Cannabis Industry, Real Estate and Litigation Practices. She focuses her practice on federal and state environmental litigation, site remediation, and environmental regulatory compliance and permitting, as well as counseling in real estate redevelopment and transactions. A resident of Harrison, NY, this is the third year she was named among The Best Lawyers in America©.

Rose Suriano, who was named in the field of commercial litigation, is a Co-Chair and Member in the firm's Litigation Practice. With 30 years of trial and appellate court experience in both state and federal courts, Suriano represents both national and international companies in business litigation, contract disputes, and construction litigation. In 2018, she was selected by the *New Jersey Law Journal* as one of 20 "Top Women in the Law" and has been named one of five "Women of Achievement" by the New Jersey chapter of Professional Women in Construction. She was named a "NJ Top 25 Leading Woman Entrepreneur" by Leading Women Entrepreneurs in 2017 and recognized in 2011 by *NJBIZ* magazine as one of the "Best 50 Women in Business in New Jersey." She was first named to The Best Lawyers in America© in 2019, she resides in Readington Township, NJ.



Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2022

Alex S. Capozzi, who was named in the field of personal injury litigation – plaintiffs, is an Associate in the Personal Injury

Practice. Capozzi is a trial lawyer with extensive experience litigating cases involving personal injuries and complex civil issues in both New York and New Jersey. He has personally obtained multi-million-dollar jury verdicts at trial and is a lifetime member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, one of the most prestigious groups of trial lawyers in the United States in which fewer than 1 percent of U.S. lawyers are members.

Mark E. Critchley, who was named in the field of commercial litigation, is an Associate in the Litigation Practice. Critchley focuses his practice on business, commercial, and general litigation. Prior to joining Brach Eichler, he was, for over five years, a Deputy Attorney General with the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Division of Law. He resides in Hoboken, NJ.

Corey A. Dietz, who was named in the field of personal injury litigation – plaintiffs and product liability litigation – plaintiffs, is an Associate in the Personal Injury Practice. Dietz is a trial lawyer focusing on personal injury and has worked hard to achieve multiple six- and seven-figure settlements for his clients in addition to handling all other aspects of trial work. Dietz, a resident of Warren, NJ, was named a New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Star from 2018 – 2021.

Kristofer C. Petrie, who was named in the field of personal injury litigation – plaintiffs, is an Associate in the Personal Injury Practice. Petrie is an aggressive advocate on behalf of his clients and brings with him a passionate, client-centered approach, helping injury victims navigate the complexities of the insurance industry to achieve the best possible outcomes. Petrie was named a New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Star from 2018 – 2021 and resides in West Orange, NJ.

David J. Ritter, Jr., who was named in the field of corporate law, is Counsel in the Tax, Trusts and Estates, and Corporate Transactions & Financial Services Practices. Ritter focuses his practice in the following areas: estate planning, estate administration, corporate organization, corporate transactions, commercial loans, and healthcare. Ritter resides in Milltown, NJ.

Lauren Adornetto Woods, who was named in the field of commercial litigation, litigation – environmental, litigation – labor and employment, and healthcare law is an Associate in the Litigation Practice. Woods is a litigator with experience representing businesses and individuals in a variety of federal and state court matters, with a focus on complex commercial litigation. In addition to breach of contract disputes, Lauren's experience extends to construction litigation, labor and employment and premises liability matters, insurance defense, and consumer fraud class actions.



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About Brach Eichler LLC

Brach Eichler LLC is a full-service law firm based in Roseland, NJ. With over 80 attorneys, the firm is focused in the following practice areas: Healthcare Law; Real Estate; Litigation; Trusts and Estates; Corporate Transactions & Financial Services; Personal Injury; Criminal Defense and Government Investigations; Labor and Employment; Environmental and Land Use; Family Law; Patent, Intellectual Property & Information Technology; Real Estate Tax Appeals; Tax; and Cannabis Law. Brach Eichler attorneys have been recognized by clients and peers alike in The Best Lawyers in America©, Chambers USA, and New Jersey Super Lawyers.