

16 Brach Eichler Members Included In 2018 New Jersey Super Lawyers, The Most In Firm's History

Roseland, NJ, (March 19, 2018) – Sixteen members of [Brach Eichler LLC](#) have been selected to the *2018 New Jersey Super Lawyers* list, the most named to the prestigious ranking in the firm's history and more than double the number of members that were named just two years ago. Each year, no more than five percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at *Super Lawyers* to receive this honor. In addition, 10 Brach Eichler attorneys were named to the *2018 New Jersey Rising Stars* list, double the number of those who were named to the 2017 list. *Rising Stars* recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys age 40 or under or who are in practice for 10 years or less. Each year, no more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at *Super Lawyers* to receive this honor.

"This year's rankings underscore the exceptional level of professionalism, talent, and service that we strive to offer our clients each and every day," noted John D. Fanburg, Brach Eichler managing member. "I am particularly proud of the depth and quality of talent across so many of our practice areas—a fact that is reflected in the number of our attorneys named to this prestigious list."

The Brach Eichler attorneys named by *New Jersey Super Lawyers* in 2018 are:

Edward P. Capozzi, a member in the litigation practice and head of the personal injury practice, is 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 was recognized by the *New Jersey Law Journal* with its "Hall of Fame Award 2014," having obtained the largest verdict in a product liability case in New Jersey. Recognized by *Super Lawyers* every year since 2010, he resides in Kinnelon, NJ.

Matthew M. Collins is chair of the firm's labor and employment law practice, and a member in the litigation and cannabis law practice groups. He represents both employers and employees in all aspects of labor and employment law including: counseling and compliance services; regulatory investigations and hearings; litigation and alternative dispute resolution; wrongful termination, hostile work environment, whistleblower, and retaliation claims; and wage, overtime, misclassification, commission, and bonus claims. First named to *New Jersey Super Lawyers* in 2017, he resides in Randolph, NJ.

Susan K. Dromsky-Reed is a member in the trusts & estates, tax, and family law practice groups. As part of her focus on estate planning and estate administration, she provides individuals and families with advice regarding spousal, intergenerational, business succession, charitable giving, trusts, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, split-dollar insurance financing transactions, and sales of assets to defective grantor trusts. A fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, she was named to the *Super Lawyers* list for trusts & estates in 2017. She resides in Kinnelon, NJ.

John D. Fanburg is managing member of the firm, chairs its health law practice group and co-chairs the cannabis law practice. Fanburg has over 30 years' experience representing major hospitals, diverse medical groups, and statewide physician specialty organizations in a broad range of corporate, transactional, and regulatory matters. He was a member of Governor Phil Murphy's transition team, serving on the health care transition subcommittee. Fanburg has been named to *New Jersey Super Lawyers* every year since 2005. He is AV Preeminent-rated by Martindale Hubbell, which is their highest ranking, and has been selected by his peers as among the *Best Lawyers in America*. Fanburg has also been recognized for the past several years by notable ranking company, *Chambers USA*. He resides in Livingston, NJ.

Stuart M. Gladstone chairs the firm's trusts & estate practice group and is a member in the business transactions & financial services and tax practice groups. He is recognized as one of New Jersey's leading authorities representing individuals, families,

and companies of all sizes in the fields of comprehensive estate planning, business succession, and estate taxation. Gladstone has been named to *New Jersey Super Lawyers* every year since 2005. He is AV Preeminent-rated by Martindale Hubbell, which is their highest ranking and has been selected by his peers on an annual basis as among the *Best Lawyers in America*. Gladstone is a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and chairman of the Essex County Estate Planning Council. He lives in Livingston, NJ.

Joseph M. Gorrell is a member in the health law practice group and counsels hospitals, medical staffs, nursing homes, and individual practitioners on a broad scope of issues ranging from practice bylaws to regulatory disciplinary actions to medical bioethics. He is known for his deep experience in transactional and litigation matters within the health care arena. Named to *New Jersey Super Lawyers* every year since 2005, Gorrell has also been AV Preeminent-rated by Martindale Hubbell, their highest rating for professional excellence. He has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* since 1993 and has been recognized by the notable ranking company, *Chambers USA*. Gorrell resides in Bridgewater, NJ.

Carol Grelecki is a member in the health law practice group 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 among the *Best Lawyers in America* since 2015. This is the first time Grelecki has been recognized by *New Jersey Super Lawyers*. She resides in Scotch Plains, NJ.

Alan R. Hammer is a member in the real estate and real estate tax appeals practice groups where he represents professional real estate investors, lenders, purchasers, and sellers of office buildings, shopping centers, industrial facilities, apartment complexes, and vacant land. Hammer has been named to *New Jersey Super Lawyers* every year since 2005. For 25 years, he has been peer review-rated as AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating for professional excellence, and has been named by his peers as among the *Best Lawyers in America* for the past 12 years. Hammer has also been recognized for several years by *Chambers USA*, the notable ranking company. He resides in Livingston, NJ.

Debra Lienhardt is a member in the health law practice. Deb has a dynamic practice, representing a variety of health care providers, including ambulatory care facilities, hospitals, physician groups, long-term care facilities, real estate operators, and health care entrepreneurs, in corporate, transactional, and regulatory matters. She has extensive experience assisting professionals with the establishment, operation, and expansion of medical practices and is also proficient in all facets of the ambulatory surgical center business. This year represents the first time she was named to *New Jersey Super Lawyers*. She lives in Glen Ridge, NJ.

Mark Manigan is a member of the firm's health law practice where he represents health care industry participants in a wide range of transactional and regulatory matters. Manigan has been named to *NJBIZ's* "Power 50 Healthcare" list seven years in a row. In addition, he was named in 2016 and 2018 among *New Jersey* and *New York Best Lawyers* and to *New Jersey Super Lawyers* in 2017. Manigan was a member of Governor Chris Christie's and Governor Phil Murphy's transition teams, in each case serving on the healthcare transition subcommittees. He resides in Maplewood, NJ.

Allen J. Popowitz is chair of the real estate practice group and a member in the real estate tax appeals, business transactions and financial services, and cannabis law practice groups. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial real estate transactions and mortgage lending. A resident of Franklin Lakes, NJ, Popowitz was named to *New Jersey Super Lawyers* in 2010-2012 and again, in 2015-2017. He has also been recognized for the past several years by notable ranking company, *Chambers USA*.

Anthony M. Rainone is a member in the labor and employment and litigation practice groups handling counseling and litigation for all types of labor and employment issues, in addition to shareholder disputes, commercial contracts, and construction law. He has been peer review-rated as AV Preeminent, the highest rating for professional excellence by Martindale

Hubbell, and had previously been named to the list of *New Jersey Rising Stars* from 2009 to 2016 and to *New Jersey Super Lawyers* in 2017. He resides in North Caldwell, NJ.

David J. Ritter is chair of the tax practice and a member in the trusts & estates and business transactions and financial services practice groups. He concentrates his practice on 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 broad range of clients. Named among *Best Lawyers in America* every year since 2007, this is the first year he was named to *New Jersey Super Lawyers*. Ritter is a resident of Scotch Plains, NJ.

Keith J. Roberts is a member in the health law and personal injury practice groups. Certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a Civil Trial Attorney, he focuses his practice on complex insurance litigation, personal injury, and PIP arbitration. He is one of a select few attorneys to serve on the New Jersey Insurance Commissioner's Technical Advisory Committee on PIP (PIPTAC). As a result, he has participated in the administrative and statutory reform of New Jersey's No Fault Automobile Insurance System, as well as the No Fault PIP Arbitration process. Named a *New Jersey Super Lawyer* in 2017, he resides in Old Tappan, NJ.

Carl J. Soranno chairs the family law practice group and is a member in the business litigation and patent, intellectual property & information technology practice groups. With nearly 25 years of litigation, trial, and appellate experience, he devotes his practice to representing and counseling business and individual clients involved in commercial litigation; commercial transactions; complex family issues, including divorce and other matrimonial matters; bankruptcy litigation; and business workouts. Soranno is peer review-rated as AV Preeminent, the highest rating for professional excellence by Martindale Hubbell, and has been selected as an *ALM Top Rated Lawyer* in Litigation and Intellectual Property. Named to *New Jersey Super Lawyers* since 2015, he resides in Flanders, NJ.

Rosaria A. Suriano is a member in the firm's litigation practice. With more than 27 years of trial and appellate court experience in both state and federal courts, she represents large and mid-sized companies in business litigation, contract disputes, and real estate and construction litigation. Suriano is peer review-rated as AV Preeminent, the highest rating for professional excellence by Martindale Hubbell. Selected for inclusion by *New Jersey Super Lawyers* every year since 2015, she was also recognized by *NJBIZ* magazine as one of the "Best 50 Women in Business in New Jersey" in 2011 and was named a "NJ Top 25 Leading Woman Entrepreneur" in 2017 by Leading Women Entrepreneurs. She resides in Readington Township, NJ.

In addition, the following Brach Eichler attorneys were named to the 2018 *New Jersey Rising Stars* list:

Kent Anderson is an associate in the litigation practice group. He also provides Copyright Agent Services to Brach Eichler clients. A Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US), he served as a Deputy Attorney General in the State of New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Division of Law, where he was recognized for his contributions as part of the Attorney General's Cyber Working Group, which coordinates the State's approach to cyber issues across criminal/civil law enforcement. He resides in Hoboken, NJ.

Alex S. Capozzi is an associate in the litigation and personal injury practice groups. He has extensive experience litigating cases involving personal injuries and complex civil issues against insurance companies. He has personally obtained multi-million-dollar jury verdicts on behalf of injured victims and he is recognized as being one of the youngest attorneys in the history of New Jersey to ever receive a multi-million-dollar jury verdict at trial. He resides in Jersey City, NJ.

Shannon Carroll is an associate in the health law practice group, where she focuses her practice in the areas of health care litigation, complex commercial litigation, compliance, and health care fraud. She represents doctors and other health care providers in civil and administrative actions involving fraud allegations, reimbursement issues, and contract disputes. She has been named to *New Jersey Rising Stars* since 2013. Carroll resides in Oradell, NJ.

Corey A. Dietz is an associate in the litigation and personal injury practice groups. Dietz is a trial attorney who works with the

firm's personal injury clients to obtain just compensation in the aftermath of motor vehicle and trucking accidents, construction accidents, slip and fall, product liability, and wrongful death, among other matters. He is an aggressive advocate for his clients and has experience handling complex matters against insurance companies. Dietz has helped obtain numerous six- and seven-figure settlements. He lives in Warren, NJ.

Mark A. Fantin is an associate in the litigation practice, where he focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation in both state and federal courts. Fantin has experience in shareholder disputes, dissolution, commercial real estate, franchise and license agreements, employment law, securities litigation and other business-related matters. Fantin has been named among *New Jersey Rising Stars* since 2012 and resides in Chester, NJ.

Lauren D. Goldberg is counsel in the health law practice group and serves a diverse group of providers, including health systems, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and other outpatient facilities, clinical laboratories, urgent care providers, and physicians. Her practice emphasizes corporate transactions, fraud and abuse, and facility licensure. Named to *New Jersey Rising Stars* since 2014, Goldberg is a resident of Livingston, NJ.

Lucas A. Markowitz is an associate in the labor and employment and litigation practice groups. He concentrates his practice on employment litigation and arbitration, and also litigates a wide variety of complex commercial matters including discrimination claims, trade secret and restrictive covenant cases, class and collective actions, shareholder and partnership disputes, professional malpractice cases, and estate litigations. He resides in Morristown, NJ.

Autumn M. McCourt is an associate in the litigation and criminal defense and government investigations practice groups. She represents corporate and individual clients in litigation involving both civil and criminal matters in both state and federal courts. These include contract disputes, consumer fraud actions, employment disputes, construction disputes, shareholder disputes, unfair competition, defending employers against discrimination and harassment claims, health care fraud, and insurance fraud, among others. She resides in Ogdensburg, NJ.

Kristofer C. Petrie is an associate in the litigation and personal injury practice groups. He handles a wide variety of matters including motor vehicle wrecks; trucking collisions; construction accidents; wrongful death; slip and fall; product liability; negligent security; and lead, mercury, and mold poisoning among others. He resides in Hoboken, NJ.

Brian R. Wong is an associate in the health law practice group. He provides transactional, corporate, and regulatory counsel to health care providers including hospitals and health systems, ambulatory care facilities and physician groups, as well as health care entrepreneurs. Wong also represents buyers and sellers in asset and stock purchases and counsels on entity formation and licensure and other various agreements. He lives in Branchburg, NJ.

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Brach Eichler LLC, is a full-service law firm based in Roseland, NJ. With over 70 attorneys, the firm is focused in the following practice areas: Health Law; Real Estate; Litigation; Trusts & Estates; Business Transactions and Financial Services; Personal Injury; Criminal Defense and Government Investigations; Employment Services; Environmental & 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 *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers in America*, and *New Jersey Super Lawyers*. For more information, visit www.bracheichler.com.