# 57 Total Brach Eichler Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America© 2026







## Congratulations to Edward Yun voted 2026 "Lawyer of the Year"

Roseland, NJ (August 21, 2025) -Brach Eichler LLC is pleased to announce that thirty-four lawyers have been included in the 2026 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®. Additionally, twenty-three Brach Eichler attorneys have been selected to the publication's "Ones to Watch" category, recognizing up-and-coming young lawyers. Brach Eichler has three new Best Lawyers on the list this year including Judge Lisa Chrystal (the Hon. Lisa F. Chrystal, (Ret.), Cheryl Ritter and David Ritter, Jr., and ten new attorneys on the "Ones to Watch" list including Eric Boden, Brian Brown, Jessica Cascio, Rebecca Falk, Ashley Matias, Daniel Plaia, Jalen Porter, Michael Russo, Amy Van Fossen and John Zepka.

Additionally, congratulations to Edward Yun who was voted the 2026 "Lawyer of the Year" for Healthcare Law, Newark. This recognition is based on Edward receiving the highest number of votes by other Healthcare Law attorneys. The Lawyer of the Year Award denotes him as the highest-rated Healthcare lawyer in the Newark metro area.

## The Brach Eichler Best Lawyers in America© 2026 are:

Lindsay P. Cambron was recognized in the fields of Environmental Law and Real Estate Law. Lindsay advises clients on regulatory matters and compliance at local, state, and federal levels and has extensive litigation experience, representing clients in cost recovery actions, toxic tort claims, and appeals of agency decisions. Lindsay counsels industrial and commercial clients, real estate developers and other real estate clients on the New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act, the Industrial Site Recovery Act (ISRA), the Site Remediation Reform Act (SRRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as well as other environmental laws and regulations, and handles matters involving wetlands, brownfield redevelopment, vapor intrusion, permitting, and compliance. Lindsay also has extensive experience handling access issues for both individual and corporate clients.

Edward P. Capozzi, who was named in the field of Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs. Ed is a Member and Chair of the Personal Injury practice and 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. Known for his fierce cross-

examination of medical witnesses and artistic presentations of his cases, Edward lectures across the country on trial techniques and the concept of proximate cause. He is the author of The Domino Theory and The Domino Theory Second Edition, published by Trial Guides, in which he explains proximate cause and shows other attorneys how to successfully present any case to a jury. Recognized by The Best Lawyers in America© since 2018.

Shannon Carroll, who was named in the fields of Healthcare Law and Litigation – Healthcare, is a Member in the Healthcare Law practice where she represents doctors and other healthcare providers in civil and administrative actions involving fraud allegations, reimbursement issues, and state licensing matters. Shannon also represents healthcare clients in disputes involving contracts, restrictive covenants, shareholder oppression, and unfair competition and counsels healthcare providers, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and medical staffs on peer review, fair hearing, credentialing and privileging matters.

Hon. Lisa F. Chrystal, P.J.F.P. (Ret.) was named in Arbitration, Family Law Arbitration, Family Law Mediation and Mediation. Judge Chrystal concentrates her practice in the areas of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and discovery management. A compassionate and attentive listener known for her legal acumen and her responsible and equitable counsel, she focuses on civil cases and family law matters, prejudgment and post judgement, as well as custody and parenting time and the resolution of disputes through mediation, typically a more amicable and cost effective approach than litigation. Judge Chrystal also conducts mock trials to assist lawyers in trial preparation. She is a court approved certified mediator and "parenting coordinator."

Matthew M. Collins, who was named in the field of Employment Law – Management, is Co-Chair of the Employment Law practice where he represents clients in state and federal court, and before various administrative agencies, on all types of employment related claims. He also provides strategic counsel to clients on a wide range of labor and employment issues such as discrimination, harassment, whistleblowing, discipline and discharge, layoffs, collective bargaining agreements, reasonable accommodations for disabled employees, and compliance with state and federal family and medical leave acts and applicable wage and hour laws. Matthew conducts training in these areas for executives, directors, managers, supervisors, and employees and internal investigations of employee complaints. Additionally, he drafts and provides advice on employment contracts, employment manuals, personnel policies and procedures, restrictive covenants, and severance agreements, among others.

Riza I. Dagli chairs the firm's Criminal Defense and Government Investigations Group and was named in the field of Criminal Defense: White-Collar. Voted the 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" for Criminal Defense: White-Collar in Newark, he focuses his practice on high-stakes criminal and commercial litigation, and represents businesses and individuals in complex and international matters and governmental investigations. Riza is regularly retained by corporations, Healthcare professionals, Healthcare organizations, financial businesses, lawyers, accountants, executives, and companies of varying sizes, in all stages of federal and state white-collar criminal and civil litigation, from initial inquiries to trial and appeals.

Jonathan S. Davis, who was named in the field of Real Estate Law, is a Member of the Real Estate and Corporate Transactions & Financial Services practices. His practice includes all aspects of commercial leasing including office, retail, warehouse, industrial, and ground leases and works closely with our Healthcare department on medical office and surgery center leases. Jonathan's practice includes the representation of institutional and private lenders in mortgage loans and other secured transactions and involves managing environmental issues in leasing, financing and purchase and sale transactions.

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.

Susan K. Dromsky-Reed, recognized in the field of Trusts and Estates, serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Trusts and Estates practice and is a Member of the Tax and Family Law Services practices. She is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and serves as President and Board Member of Executive Women of New Jersey, and is Chair for Trusts and Estates Legislation, New

Jersey State Bar Association's Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section Board of Consultors. Susan's practice encompasses all aspects of estate planning and administration, advising individuals and families on spousal, intergenerational, business succession, trust, and charitable planning. A Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, she has also been recognized by the Chambers High Net Worth Guide for her work in Private Wealth Law.

John D. Fanburg, who was named in the field of Healthcare Law for the 22nd 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. He has more than 40 years of experience in health and hospital law, with an emphasis on corporate, transactional, and regulatory matters for physicians and healthcare institutions. His clients include major hospitals, medical groups, ACOs, ambulatory surgery centers, ambulatory care facilities, investors in private equity transactions, imaging centers, laboratories, physician specialty organizations and IVF providers. A recognized leader in this sector, John is an attorney to some of the state's largest medical societies, providing quarterly legal and regulatory updates on New Jersey and national issues. The value of this advice helps physicians maintain their businesses, generate revenue, and employ individuals. He helps healthcare providers position themselves to deal with the constantly evolving medical marketplace, particularly healthcare reform. This includes advising clients about mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, various business ventures, and creative healthcare business arrangements. He was also named to ROI-NJ's list of top Healthcare Influencers in New Jersey.

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. Stuart 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.

Charles X. Gormally, who was named in the fields of Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Labor and Employment, is the General Counsel to the Firm, and Co-Chair of the Cannabis Industry practice. 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 and has been named to The Best Lawyers in America© every year since 2013.

Joseph M. Gorrell, who has been named in the field of Healthcare Law for more than three decades, is a Member of the Healthcare Law practice. He counsels physician practices, hospitals and medical staffs on a broad scope of issues ranging from corporate governance and documentation, to regulatory disciplinary actions before the Board of Medical Examiners, to transactions with private equity and hospital affiliates. Mr. Gorrell also serves as an arbitrator on behalf of the American Health Law Association. 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 transactional, regulatory, licensure, and corporate matters. She has been named to The Best Lawyers in America© since 2015.

Alois V. Habjan, who was named in the field of Real Estate Law, concentrates in the area of commercial real estate and represents and advises real estate developers, owners and operators of and investors in real estate. Al handles a wide variety of commercial transactions involving apartment complexes, office buildings and vacant land, including acquisitions, sales, leases, refinancings, acquisitions of Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) portfolios, construction and acquisition financing, and agency (Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae) commercial financing.

Alan R. Hammer, who was named in the fields of Real Estate Law and Real Estate Litigation, 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.

Edward Hilzenrath, was recognized in the field of Healthcare Law and is a Member of the Healthcare Law practice. Ed represents a broad array of healthcare providers across a spectrum of healthcare-related legal matters, including corporate, transactional, and regulatory issues. His clients include hospitals, physicians, physician groups, ambulatory surgical centers, imaging centers, management services organizations, and private equity backed Healthcare organizations. He advises clients on practice formations and sales, buy-sell agreements, employment issues, practice mergers, fraud and abuse, Anti-Kickback and Stark Law compliance, and HIPAA compliance. In addition, Ed proactively counsels clients about the impact of new Healthcare legislation.

Jeffrey H. Itzkowitz, who was named in the field of Real Estate Law has over 30 years' experience in all aspects of transactional real estate and is a Member of the firm's Real Estate practice. Jeffrey primarily focuses on commercial and corporate real estate transactions including leasing, sales, acquisitions, and all types of financing. His portfolio of matters includes development and construction projects, including the development of residential apartment houses, condominium, townhome, and single-family communities; conversions of existing properties to the condominium and cooperative form of ownership; limited liability company partnerships and related work; and environmental and land use issues.

Thomas Kamvosoulis, was recognized in the field of Commercial Litigation and is a Member of the Litigation practice. For nearly 20 years, he has successfully guided clients through the litigation process and helped them achieve cost-effective, pragmatic solutions to a wide array of legal problems. Tom's expertise is advising clients in complex corporate divorces and employment disputes, with a particular emphasis on the healthcare industry. He represents hospital systems, medical practices, surgery centers, individual physicians, and other healthcare businesses in a wide-range of matters, including practice dissolutions, shareholder buyouts, minority oppression lawsuits, restrictive covenant enforcement, and trade secret cases.

Brian R. Lenker, who was named in the fields of Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Transactions/UCC Law, Corporate Law and Financial Services Regulation Law, chairs the firm's Corporate Transactions & Financial Services practice and is a member of the Executive Committee. He concentrates his practice on banking and acquisitions, sales and reorganizations of businesses, and commercial real estate. Brian has been named to The Best Lawyers in America© since 2015.

Tracy E. Miller, who was named in the field of Healthcare Law, brings over 35 years of experience in Healthcare law, policy, and regulation and is Counsel in the Healthcare practice. She advises health systems, hospitals, physician groups, long-term care providers, and organizations engaged in value-based care on governance, strategic transactions, regulatory compliance, data privacy, and cybersecurity. Tracy also counsels clients on complex ethical issues, physician alignment, incident response, and Healthcare AI and research, drawing on her previous role as Executive Director of the New York State Governor's Task Force on Ethics in Medicine.

Stuart L. Pachman was recognized in the field of Corporate Law and 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 was first named to The Best Lawyers in America© in 1993.

Caroline J. Patterson, who was named in the field of Healthcare Law, is Vice Chair of the firm's Healthcare Law practice. She brings more than 25 years of legal experience to her work representing Healthcare practices and industry professionals in transactional, corporate and regulatory matters. Caroline is a prominent healthcare and business attorney with a reputation for sound judgment, responsiveness, and a creative approach to achieving her client's legal and business objectives and concentrates her practice on a wide variety of healthcare matters, including mergers, acquisitions, sales, strategic partnerships,

joint ventures, private equity investments, HIPAA compliance, federal and state laws fraud and abuse laws, ownership and compensation arrangements, and employment negotiations.

Allen J. Popowitz, who was named in the fields of Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law and Real Estate Law, is the Real Estate practice Chair and a Member in the Corporate Transactions & Financial Services, Real Estate, and Tax Appeals practices. Allen 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. Popowitz was first named to The Best Lawyers in America© in 2013.

Kenneth A. Porro, who was named in the field of Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, has over forty years of governmental, land use, real estate and business litigation experience practicing throughout the State of New Jersey, and is a Member of the firm's Real Estate and Environmental and Land Use Practices. Ken represents property owners and municipalities in condemnation and riparian rights matters and has successfully handled complex eminent domain cases, ensuring just compensation for landowners facing government takings. He further advises clients on riparian claims, waterfront development rights, and disputes involving state-owned tidelands, bringing clarity to property interests along New Jersey's waterways. His deep understanding of land use, governmental regulations, and property valuation makes him a sought-after attorney for land use title litigation.

Anthony M. Rainone, who was named in the fields of Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment, and Commercial Litigation, is Co-Chair of the Labor and Employment Law Practice. He concentrates his practice in labor and employment issues, counseling businesses about their personnel discipline and termination decisions, employment handbook preparation, drafting employment contracts, non-solicitation, non-compete, and non-disclosure agreements, against employee claims of unlawful discrimination, harassment, whistleblower, retaliation and wrongful discharge, collective and class actions for wage and hour violations, and breach of employment contracts, as well as conducting internal investigations.

Cheryl L. Ritter, who was named in the field of Tax Law is Counsel in the Tax and Trusts and Estates practices. She assists clients in the development and implementation of estate and gift planning matters including wills, trusts, financial powers of attorney, living wills, and Healthcare agent designations. Additionally, Cheryl counsels individual clients on the tax-efficient transfer of wealth using a variety of strategies, including dynasty trusts, life insurance trusts (individual and survivorship), qualified personal residence trusts, grantor retained annuity trusts, charitable trusts, limited liability companies, and sales to intentionally defective grantor trusts, among others.

David J. Ritter, who was named in the fields of Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Law, Tax Law, and Trusts and Estates, is Chair of the Tax Practice and a Member in the Trusts and Estates practice. David 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.

David J. Ritter, Jr., who was named in the fields of Corporate Law and Trusts and Estates is a Member in the Corporate Transactions & Financial Services, Tax, and Trusts and Estates practices. He is knowledgeable in preparing wills, revocable trusts, living wills, powers of attorney, and healthcare agent designations. He advises clients on the many ways to structure these documents and non-probate assets that do not pass under these documents, including creating trusts to hold assets for the benefit of children or loved ones, and establishing an estate plan that achieves client objectives while minimizing tax consequences. In the area of corporate formation, David advises clients with respect to the best type of business entity (partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, as well as any related tax elections), and can create the entity and prepare the governing documents. David also helps clients sell their business or acquire an existing business, including advising on the best structure for a sale or acquisition (based on liability, tax consequences, and other factors).

Sean Alden Smith, who was named in the field of Family Law, is a Member of the Family Law Services and Litigation practices.

For more than 20 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."

Carl J. Soranno was named in the fields of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Family Law and Litigation – Bankruptcy. He is the Chair of the Family Law Services practice and serves clients in multiple areas across a wide variety of concerns and challenges. In the family law space, 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 experience includes business formation, bankruptcy, and commercial litigation.

Frances B. Stella, who was named in the fields of Environmental Law and Litigation – Environmental, chairs the Environmental and Land Use practice and is a Member in the Cannabis Industry, Real Estate, and Litigation practices. Francie 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.

Rose A. Suriano, was named in the field of Commercial Litigation and is a Member of the firm's Litigation practice. With over 30 years of trial and appellate court experience in both state and federal courts, Rose represents both national and international companies in business litigation, contract disputes, and construction litigation. In 2011 and 2021 she was selected by NJBIZ for inclusion on the "Best 50 Women in Business in New Jersey" list and in 2023 was named to their "Leaders in Law" list. In 2024, Rose was honored as one of five "Women of Achievement" by the New Jersey chapter of Professional Women in Construction.

Edward J. Yun, was recognized in the field of Healthcare Law and is a Member of the firm's Healthcare practice. He helps clients resolve the broad spectrum of legal and business challenges that confront the healthcare industry. He has in-depth experience representing professionals, multispecialty practices, ambulatory surgery centers, health technology companies, clinical laboratories, substance use disorder treatment facilities, home health agencies, hospitals, clinically integrated networks, clinical research foundations, and other health-related businesses. He counsels clients in fraud and abuse and regulatory compliance concerns, healthcare transactions, certificate of need and facility licensure applications, Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial payor contracting, payment models and reimbursement, provider audits and investigations, and day-to-day business affairs.

### **Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2026**

Eric J. Boden, who was named in the field of Commercial Litigation, provides dedicated and thorough representation in complex civil litigation matters, with an emphasis on business partnership disputes, trusts and estates conflicts, and healthcare matters. Eric works closely with each client to custom tailor litigation strategies to meet the client's objectives.

Brian W. Brown was recognized in the field of Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, is an experienced litigator who handles every type of plaintiff's personal injury case including wrongful death, premises liability, and construction accidents. He has tried numerous bench and jury trials throughout New Jersey.

Alex Capozzi was named in the field of Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs. He is a certified civil trial attorney with extensive experience litigating catastrophic injury and wrongful death claims in both New York and New Jersey. Alex has personally obtained multi-million dollar jury verdicts on behalf of injured victims. Outside of the office, Alex is a board member of several organizations dedicated to protecting ordinary families, workers, and consumers by fighting to preserve and strengthen the laws governing product safety, safe workplaces, and quality healthcare.

Jessica Cascio was recognized in the field of Family Law and is an Associate in the firm's Family Law practice. She is a strong and compassionate advocate for her clients, handling all aspects of matrimonial and family law, including prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, custody and parenting time, relocation, cohabitation, child support, college contribution, alimony and equitable

distribution, as well as post-divorce disputes.

Doris Cheung, who was named in the field of Commercial Litigation, is Counsel in the firm's Litigation practice. She focuses on complex commercial litigation in both state and federal courts and arbitration and mediation. She has experience with complex civil litigation, contract disputes, insurance and healthcare matters, shareholder disputes, employment disputes, and other commercial claims.

Vanessa Coleman, who was named in the field of Healthcare Law, is an Associate focusing her practice on general corporate, transactional and regulatory matters. Vanessa also has a litigation practice that focuses on defense of physicians in medical staff privileges matters and licensing matters before the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners.

Mark E. Critchley was recognized in the field of Commercial Litigation and is Counsel in the Litigation practice. Mark focuses his practice on assisting business and individual clients in contractual and commercial disputes. He is an experienced litigator in federal and state courts involving contractual disputes, consumer fraud, shareholder disputes, construction litigation and probate litigation.

Paul DeMartino, Jr., who was named in the fields of Commercial Litigation and Healthcare Law, is Counsel in the Litigation and Healthcare Law practices. Paul specializes in healthcare litigation with an emphasis in representing physicians, medical practices, ambulatory surgery centers and hospital systems navigate through complex business matters often involving contractual and shareholder disputes. More specifically, Paul has first-hand knowledge of the delicate issues that physicians and medical providers encounter daily from a clinical and regulatory perspective to the interpolitics between practice members, partners, employees, and hospital staff.

Corey A. Dietz, who was named in the fields of Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs and Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs, is a Member in the Personal Injury practice. Corey 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.

Rebecca Falk was recognized in the field of Healthcare Law and is an Associate in Brach Eichler's Healthcare practice where she negotiates, drafts, and advises on variety transactions, including payor arrangements and employment relationships. Rebecca approaches her practice with enthusiasm and ingenuity drawing from her passion for medical research, science, and law. She also advises the firm's healthcare provider clients on regulatory matters, such as the No Surprises Act and HIPAA.

Jeremy L. Hylton, who was named in the field of Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, is Counsel in the Personal Injury department. His practice includes appeals and personal injury litigation, encompassing motor vehicle accidents, slip and falls, and products liability actions. As a former defense attorney, Jeremy utilizes his experience to successfully navigate his clients through the intricacies of the legal adversarial system.

Daniel G. Leone was named in the field of Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs and is an Associate in the Personal Injury practice. In this role, Dan works closely with his clients to provide counsel on litigation and settlement strategy.

Cynthia J. Liba, who was named in the field of Healthcare Law, provides legal counsel to various Healthcare entities including ambulatory care facilities, physicians, and hospitals. Her focus is primarily on Healthcare business transactions and regulatory compliance issues.

Robyn K. Lym was recognized for Commercial Litigation and focuses her practice on commercial, construction, and civil litigation. Robyn's experience involves trial and appellate matters, federal and state litigation involving large scale electronic discovery, and emergent applications seeking injunctive relief.

Ashley L. Matias was recognized in the areas of Labor and Employment Law - Employee, Labor and Employment Law -

Management and Litigation – Labor and Employment. Ashley represents employers and individual employees in the private and public sector in matters involving state and federal claims of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, whistleblowing, and wage and hour violations. She specializes in matters involving pregnancy discrimination, and assists employers and employees in navigating federal and state leave laws and requests for pregnancy-related accommodations, and uses her litigation experience to counsel employers across numerous industries on employment law compliance, policy drafting and implementation. Ashley uses a proactive approach to establish best practices throughout the employee life cycle.

Daniel J. Plaia is a results-oriented lawyer, recognized in the area of Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, who focuses on representing plaintiffs in personal injury and trial litigation matters. Daniel brings a compassionate approach to client care and to negotiations and uses it to his client's advantage.

Jalen D. Porter is an Associate in the firm's Labor & Employment practice, recognized in the areas of Labor and Employment Law – Employee and Labor and Employment Law – Management. Jalen specializes in employment litigation and represents clients in matters involving state and federal claims of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, whistleblowing, and wage and hour violations.

Neha C. Rao was recognized in Commercial Litigation and is an Associate in the Litigation practice. She handles a wide range of complex litigation and business related matters, with a focus on Healthcare litigation.

Michael D. Russo, IV is an attorney in Brach Eichler's Personal Injury department and was recognized in the area of Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs. He focuses his practice on representing plaintiffs in personal injury and workers' compensation cases. Prior to joining Brach Eichler, Michael litigated employment matters, in addition to handling a variety of personal injury, and workers' compensation cases.

John Simeone was recognized in the area of Commercial Litigation. His experience spans across multiple practice areas including trusts and estates litigation and employment litigation.

Michael A. Spizzuco, Jr., who was named in the fields of Commercial Litigation, Labor and Employment Law – Employee, Labor and Employment Law – Management, and Litigation – Labor and Employment, has an expansive litigation practice encompassing both New Jersey and New York state and federal courts. He focuses on assisting clients in the construction, manufacturing and supply-chain management sectors and represents construction companies in various matters including construction defects, contractual disputes, mechanic/construction lien law claims, warranty claims, and public-works project disputes. Michael also reviews and drafts contracts for businesses, project owners, general contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers. Additionally, he serves his clients in defending Division of Consumer Affairs investigations.

Amy M. Van Fossen is Counsel in Brach Eichler's Tax and Estate Planning & Administration practices and was recognized in the area of Trusts and Estates. Amy has considerable experience in sophisticated estate planning and administration. She assists clients in developing effective estate planning strategies to minimize transfer taxes, and is well-versed in employing the full range of estate planning tools, such as wills, revocable trusts, grantor retained annuity trusts, and other vehicles to protect high net worth individuals and multi-generational wealth.

John R. Zepka is an Associate in the firm's Corporate Transactions & Financial Services Practice and was named in the field of Banking and Finance Law. John has an extensive corporate practice, representing clients in corporate structure and governance matters, mergers/acquisitions, joint ventures and investments, financing and loan transactions. John is frequently called upon to serve as counsel to companies of all sizes, advising on day-to-day legal and operational issues. His clients appreciate that he stands shoulder to shoulder with them as they navigate the complex business marketplace.

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#### **About Brach Eichler LLC**

Brach Eichler LLC is a full-service law firm based in Roseland, NJ. With over 90 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.