

Nine Women Recognized as "Leading Lawyers" in Illinois

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Nine of our women lawyers were highlighted across multiple categories in the "Leading Women Lawyers" edition of *Leading Lawyer Magazine*, a monthly publication that highlights top legal practitioners in Illinois.

Natalie Spears, a litigator in our Chicago office, earned a spot on the cover for being a "total trial package." Natalie ranked in the publication's overall Top 10 list, as well as being listed among the Top 10 for business attorneys and litigators. The article on Natalie, her practice, and insights into being a lawyer, can be found [here](#).

In addition to Natalie, Pamela Baker and Linda White, along with Jana Cohen Barbe and Mary Wilson—who each had previously earned a spot on the Top 100 Women Lawyers list in the magazine's Real Estate edition—were again included in both the "Top 100" overall and "Top 100" business attorney lists.

Overall, our lawyers were listed in 19 separate categories.

- **Advertising and Media Law** – Carol Anne Been, Natalie Spears
- **Arts, Entertainment and Sports Law** – Carol Anne Been
- **Association and Non-Profit Law** – Mary Wilson
- **Closely & Privately Held Business Law** – Linda Chaplik Harris
- **Commercial Litigation** – Natalie Spears
- **Copyright & Trademark Law** – Carol Anne Been
- **Corporate Finance Law** – Linda Chaplik Harris
- **Employee Benefits Law** – Pamela Baker
- **Health Law** – Mary Wilson
- **Insurance, Insurance Coverage & Reinsurance Law** – Donna Vobornik
- **Intellectual Property Law** – Carol Anne Been
- **Mergers & Acquisition Law** – Linda Chaplik Harris
- **Public Finance Law** – Jana Cohen Barbe, Mary Wilson
- **Publicly Held Corporations Law** – Linda Chaplik Harris
- **Real Estate Law: Commercial** – Jana Cohen Barbe, Linda White

- **Real Estate Law: Finance** – Jana Cohen Barbe, Linda White
- **Real Estate Law: Tax** – Jana Cohen Barbe
- **Securities & Venture Finance Law** – Linda Chaplik Harris
- **Trade Secrets/Unfair Competition** – Carol Anne Been

Leading Lawyers Magazine employs a peer-review process to select leaders in their field. This includes mailing a survey to thousands of lawyers to complete, and those most often recommended by their peers are approved by an advisory board and then selected for inclusion. The total list is limited to less than five percent of all licensed lawyers within a state.

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