

ABOUT

# Recognition

BFKN's attorneys and practice groups consistently receive recognition and accolades from some of the most prestigious ranking organizations across the U.S. and globally. But our most important and valuable recognition comes from the feedback provided by our clients to these ranking organizations. Feedback such as:

**"BFKN is the best law firm I've dealt with in my 30+ year career."**

**"BFKN is best-in-class. They are super smart, responsive, practical, and cost-efficient while also being trustworthy and dependable."**

**"They are always balanced in their approach to issues. They understand our company's culture and values. Without a doubt, BFKN has been a crucial partner in our success."**

Our firm takes great pride in this feedback and the recognitions below.

## Firm & Culture

- Ranked #1 Midsize Law Firm in Chicago, *Vault* (2022-2024)
- Top 150 Under 150, *Vault* (2016-2024)
- Ranked, Best Midsize Law Firms for Career Outlook, *Vault* (2024)
- Ranked, Most Selective Midsize Law Firms, *Vault* (2024)
- Ranked, Best Midsize Law Firms for Firm Culture, *Vault* (2024)
- Ranked, Best Midsize Law Firms for Associate/Partner Relations, *Vault* (2024)
- Ranked, Best Midsize Law Firms to Work For, *Vault* (2024)
- Ranked, Best Midsize Law Firms for Satisfaction, *Vault* (2024)

## Practices

- Band ranked in *Chambers USA* 2023 in Real Estate, Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secrets, Financial Services Regulation: Financial Institutions M&A, Corporate/M&A & Private Equity, and Litigation: General Commercial
- 8 national and 12 metropolitan rankings in *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*® "Best Law Firms" 2023 list in Advertising Law, Banking and Finance Law, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Financial Services Regulation Law, Franchise Law, Insurance Law, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law
- Named "Highly Recommended Firm Illinois" in *Benchmark Litigation* since 2018
- Shortlisted as "Illinois Litigation Firm of the Year" in *Benchmark Litigation* 2022 and 2023
- #1 Legal Advisor Midwest and #3 Legal Advisor in the U.S. the last five years by announced bank and thrift M&A transactions, according to *S&P Global Market Intelligence*
- #1 Legal Advisor Midwest & #4 Legal Advisor in the U.S. the last decade by announced bank and thrift M&A transactions, according to *S&P Global Market Intelligence*

## Attorneys

- 8 attorneys ranked in *Chambers USA 2023*
- 29 attorneys in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2023 and 7 attorneys listed as *Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch"*
- 13 attorneys listed in *Super Lawyers*® and 4 attorneys listed as "Rising Stars"
- 27 attorneys listed in *Leading Lawyers* and 4 attorneys listed as "Emerging Lawyers"
- 4 attorneys selected *World Trademark Review 1000*, The World's Leading Trademark Professionals 2023
- 3 attorneys named *Benchmark Litigation 2023* "Local Litigation Star" and 2 Attorneys named "Future Star"
- 6 attorneys named in *Benchmark Litigation 2023* "40 & Under List"
- Litigation group co-chairs recognized as "Notable Litigators and Trial Attorneys" in *Crain's Chicago Business 2023*
- 3 attorneys recognized as "Gen X Leaders" in *Crain's Chicago Business* since 2021
- 2 attorneys recognized as "Rising Stars in Law" in *Crain's Chicago Business* since 2021