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## Six Gould & Ratner Lawyers Named to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists



**David Michael**



**Vanessa Tiradentes**



**Abby Mahony**



**Rebecca Smart**

Gould & Ratner is pleased to announce that two attorneys have been selected to the 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers list. Each year, no more than five percent of Illinois lawyers receive this honor. In addition, four attorneys have been named to the 2026 Illinois Rising Stars list, which awards lawyers who are under 40 and practicing fewer than 10 years. No more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state receive this honor each year.

Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The patented selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

### **2026 Illinois Super Lawyers Honorees**

1. David Michael, Employment & Labor
2. Vanessa Tiradentes, Business Litigation

### **2026 Illinois Rising Stars Honorees**

1. Abby Mahoney, Mergers & Acquisitions
2. Angelo Tzivas, Civil Litigation
3. Rebecca Smart, Mergers & Acquisitions
4. Simone Haugen, Professional Liability

# 2026 SUPER LAWYERS HO



**David Michael**  
16<sup>th</sup> Year



**Vanessa Tiradent**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year

# 2026 RISING STARS HO



**Abby Mahony**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



**Angelo Tzivas**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year



**Rebecca Smart**  
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