

# **Greensfelder Practices and Officers Highly Ranked by Chambers USA 2020**

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., is pleased to announce that the firm and its attorneys have been highly ranked in the 2020 edition of the Chambers USA legal industry guide.

Chambers ranked Greensfelder's Franchising practice, along with the firm's Franchising Officers Beata Krakus and Leonard D. Vines, as among the nation's top leaders in franchising law.

Chambers USA also ranked Greensfelder in St. Louis for the practice areas of Litigation: General Commercial, Labor & Employment, and Real Estate. In addition, Chambers USA ranked the following Greensfelder Officers as among the top attorneys in St. Louis in their respective practice areas:

- Amy L. Blaisdell (Labor & Employment)
- Vincent J. Garozzo (Corporate/M&A)
- Jill K. Luft (Labor & Employment)
- Kevin T. McLaughlin (Labor & Employment)

"It is an honor for Greensfelder and our attorneys to be recognized again in the prestigious Chambers USA guide," said Greensfelder President and Chief Executive Officer Kevin T. McLaughlin. "We are gratified that our clients continually commend for us for meeting and exceeding their goals in serving their legal and business needs."

Based in Greensfelder's Chicago office, Ms. Krakus is a member of Greensfelder's Franchising & Distribution industry group. She works with clients across the United States and around the world, preparing franchise programs for concepts including real estate brokerages, hotels, restaurants, and fitness and

personal health systems, among others. She also works with other distribution models and assists her clients in managing their distribution networks.

Based in Greensfelder's St. Louis office and also a member of the Franchising & Distribution group, Mr. Vines has extensive experience representing national, regional and local franchisors and distributors. He has assisted start-up and established franchisors, as well as franchisees and franchisee associations. Mr. Vines also is a frequent lecturer and writer on franchise topics.

Also based in St. Louis, Ms. Blaisdell is a member of Greensfelder's Employment & Labor practice group and leads the firm's Health Care industry team. She has represented employers nationwide in the defense of employment and employee benefits litigation, including in the U.S. Supreme Court. She focuses her practice on highly regulated industries including health care and financial services. She is a member of the firm's board of directors.

Mr. Garozzo is the leader of the firm's Business Services practice group. Based in St. Louis, he has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and tax issues. A member of Greensfelder's board of directors, he formerly served as the firm's president.

Based in St. Louis, Ms. Luft is the leader of the firm's Employment & Labor practice group. She regularly defends employers in employment-related litigation in state and federal courts and provides proactive employment and human resources counseling to clients.

In addition to his role as Greensfelder's president and CEO, Mr. McLaughlin is a member of the firm's Employment & Labor practice group. He handles a range of employment issues including traditional labor matters, working with employers to navigate lawsuits, investigations and human resources issues.

He is based in St. Louis.

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