

Greensfelder Practices and Officers Ranked by Chambers USA 2019

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., announced that the firm's franchising practice and officers Beata Krakus and Leonard D. Vines have been nationally ranked in the 2019 edition of the **Chambers USA** legal industry guide. In addition, three other Greensfelder practices and four officers were ranked by Chambers in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Chambers ranked the firm in St. Louis for Litigation: General Commercial, Labor & Employment, and Real Estate. The firm's attorneys ranked in St. Louis, and their primary practice areas, are:

- Amy L. Blaisdell (Labor & Employment)
- Vincent J. Garozzo (Corporate/M&A)
- David M. Harris (Litigation: General Commercial)
- Kevin T. McLaughlin (Labor & Employment)

Based in the firm's Chicago office and a member of Greensfelder's Franchising & Distribution practice group, Krakus works with franchise programs for concepts including real estate brokerages, hotels, restaurants, and fitness and personal health systems, among others. Her practice also encompasses other distribution models, and she assists clients in managing their distribution networks.

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

Also based in St. Louis, 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.

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

Harris works from Greensfelder's St. Louis and Chicago offices. A member of the firm's Litigation practice group, he focuses on the energy, securities and health care industries, representing large integrated energy companies, broker-dealers in securities matters, and a broad spectrum of other companies and industries. Harris is a former member of the firm's executive committee and board of directors.

Leader of Greensfelder's Employment & Labor practice group and a former member of the firm's board of directors, McLaughlin handles employment issues including traditional labor matters. He works with employers to navigate lawsuits, investigations and day-to-day human resources issues. He is based in Greensfelder's St. Louis office.