

## **Pullman & Comley Attorneys Named as 2018 Connecticut Super Lawyers and Rising Stars**

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BRIDGEPORT, Connecticut: Thirty attorneys from Pullman & Comley, LLC, were recently named to the *Connecticut Super Lawyers* list for 2018, the law firm reported today. In addition, nine of the firm's attorneys were named as 2018 *Super Lawyers* "Connecticut Rising Stars."

The Pullman & Comley attorneys on the 2018 *Connecticut Super Lawyers* list include the following, listed with their cited practice areas:

David P. Atkins, Professional Liability: Defense, Business Litigation, Civil Litigation  
Elizabeth J. Austin, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights

Livia DeFilippis Barndollar, Family Law

Morris Banks, Securities & Corporate Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Tax

Collin P. Baron, Health Care, Business/Corporate

Campbell D. Barrett, Family Law, Appellate

Deborah S. Breck, Estate Planning & Probate, Estate & Trust Litigation

John B. D'Agostino, Real Estate, Securities & Corporate Finance

Anne C. Dranginis, Family Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Appellate

Monte E. Frank, Business Litigation, State, Local & Municipal, Employment & Labor

Eliot B. Gersten, Business Litigation, General Litigation, Real Estate

Irve J. Goldman, Bankruptcy, Business Litigation

Nancy A. D. Hancock, Securities & Corporate Finance, Business/Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions

Joshua A. Hawks-Ladds, Employment & Labor, Business Litigation, General Litigation

Robert C. Hinton, Business Litigation, Employment Litigation

Lee D. Hoffman, Energy & Natural Resources, Environmental, Utilities

Robert L. Holzberg, Alternative Dispute Resolution

Jonathan A. Kaplan, Business Litigation, Bankruptcy

Michael A. Kurs, Health Care, Administrative Law, General Litigation

Michael A. LaVelle, Health Care

Thomas F. Maxwell, Jr., Civil Litigation, Criminal Defense, Insurance Coverage

Christopher P. McCormack, Environmental Litigation, Business Litigation, Environmental

Michael P. McKeon, Schools & Education, Employment Litigation

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Adam S. Mocchiolo, Business Litigation, Employment & Labor, Intellectual Property, Immigration  
Gary B. O'Connor, Environmental, Real Estate, Land Use/Zoning, State, Local & Municipal  
Jonathan B. Orleans, Employment & Labor, Business Litigation  
Michael G. Proctor, Real Estate, Health Care  
James T. (Tim) Shearin, Business Litigation, Antitrust Litigation, Securities Litigation  
Alan J. Sobol, Criminal Defense, Business Litigation, Construction Litigation  
and Diane W. Whitney, Environmental, Land Use/Zoning.

Those named to the Rising Stars list include:

Russell F. Anderson, Business/Corporate  
Megan Y. Carannante, Business Litigation, Construction Litigation, Employment & Labor  
Nathaniel Gentile, Criminal Defense: White Collar  
Johanna S. Katz, Family Law  
Jon T. Kukucka, Family Law, Appellate  
Erick A. Russell, Government Finance  
Zachary D. Schurin, Schools & Education, Employment & Labor, Employment Litigation Kelly A. Scott, Family Law  
Steven J. Stafstrom, Jr., Business Litigation.

David P. Atkins, Campbell D. Barrett, Jonathan B. Orleans and James (Tim) Shearin were each ranked as a "2018 Connecticut Top 50 Super Lawyer"; James (Tim) Shearin was ranked as a "2018 Connecticut Top 10 Super Lawyer" and Diane W. Whitney was ranked as a "2018 Top 25 Women Connecticut Super Lawyer." Campbell D. Barrett and James (Tim) Shearin were additionally selected as "2018 New England Top Super Lawyers." The names of the attorneys selected to Connecticut Super Lawyers appear in the November 2018 issue of *New England Super Lawyers*, and in a special section appearing in the February 2019 issue of *Connecticut* magazine.

*Super Lawyers* 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. *Super Lawyers* selects attorneys using a rigorous, multiphase rating process. Peer nominations and evaluations are combined with third party research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on an annual, state-by-state basis. The Rising Stars selection process is the *Super Lawyers* selection process except that candidates must be either 40 years old or younger or in practice for ten years or less, and the selection process does not include peer evaluation by practice area.

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Pullman & Comley will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2019. With more than 95 attorneys, it is one of Connecticut's largest firms and provides a wide range of legal services to clients in the New England region, as well as throughout the United States and internationally. Pullman & Comley's major practice areas include business organizations and finance; environmental; government finance; health care; labor, employment law and employee benefits; litigation; property tax and valuation; real estate and land use; regulatory, energy and telecommunications; and trusts and estates. The firm has offices in Bridgeport, Hartford, Stamford, Waterbury and White Plains. The firm is an active member of the Law Firm Alliance, an international affiliation of law firms.