

## 107 Miller Canfield Lawyers Named Super Lawyers and Rising Stars in 2014; Cranmer Again Named Top Lawyer in Michigan

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Miller Canfield announced today that 107 of its lawyers have been recognized in *Super Lawyers* in 2014. Seventy-one lawyers were named as "Super Lawyers" in Michigan; three in Illinois; and one in Ohio. Twenty-seven lawyers in Michigan were named as "Rising Stars;" four in Illinois; and one in New York.

Special recognition went to **Thomas W. Cranmer**, whom the publication ranked as the top lawyer in Michigan. Cranmer is the leader of Miller Canfield's Litigation Practice Group. His practice focuses largely on white-collar criminal defense, complex commercial litigation and "bet-the-company" litigation. This is the third time in four years that Cranmer has been hailed as the top lawyer in the state.

**Megan P. Norris** (Employment and Labor, Detroit office) was also ranked within the Top 100 Lawyers in Michigan.

Norris was also one of three Miller Canfield lawyers listed among the Top 50 Women Lawyers in Michigan, as well as **Amy M. Johnston** (Personal Injury Defense: Products, Detroit office).

Miller Canfield lawyers named in **Super Lawyers Michigan 2014** (\* denotes new to the list.)

*Ann Arbor office*

**Joseph M. Fazio**, Real Estate  
**Sonal Hope Mithani**, Civil Litigation Defense  
**Thomas C. O'Brien**, Criminal Defense  
**Stephen G. Palms**, Real Estate

*Detroit office*

**Marjory G. Basile**, Intellectual Property Litigation  
**William B. Beach**, Government/Cities/Municipalities  
**Orin D. Brustad**, Employee Benefits/ERISA  
**Harold W. Bulger, Jr.**, Bonds/Government Finance  
**Beverly Hall Burns**, Employment and Labor  
**Michael P. Coakley**, Securities Litigation  
**Donna J. Donati**, Employment and Labor  
**Lawrence M. Dudek**, Real Estate  
**W. Mack Faison**, Business Litigation  
**Adam S. Forman**, Employment and Labor  
**Joseph F. Galvin**, Litigation  
**Leonard D. Givens**, Employment and Labor  
**Jonathan S. Green**, Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights  
**Saul A. Green**, Criminal Defense  
**Michael W. Hartmann**, Litigation

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**Irene Bruce Hathaway**, Litigation

**Todd A. Holleman**, Business Litigation

**Amy M. Johnston**, Personal Injury Defense: Products (Top 50 Women Michigan Super Lawyers)

**Stephen S. LaPlante**, Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights

**Michael P. McGee**, Bonds/Government Finance

**Jeffrey M. McHugh**, Tax

**Megan P. Norris**, Employment and Labor (Top 50 Women Michigan Super Lawyers and Top 100 Michigan Super Lawyers)

**A. Michael Palizzi**, Business Litigation

**Joel L. Piell**, Government/Cities/Municipalities

**Clarence L. Pozza, Jr.**, Business Litigation

**Steven A. Roach**, Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights

**Jerry T. Rupley**, Bonds/Government Finance

**Jennifer L. Sabourin**,\* Employment Litigation: Defense

**Larry J. Saylor**, Business Litigation

**Brian M. Schwartz**,\* Employment Litigation: Defense

**Michael H. Traison**, Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights

**Amanda Van Dusen**, Bonds/Government Finance

**Richard A. Walawender**, Mergers and Acquisitions

**Richard W. Warren, Jr.**,\* Employment & Labor

**Jerome R. Watson**, Employment Litigation Defense

**John H. Willems**, Employment and Labor

### *Grand Rapids office*

**Robert L. DeJong**, Litigation

**Joseph M. Infante**, Business Litigation

**Charles (Sandy) Mishkind**, Employment Litigation Defense

**Stanley J. Stek**, Litigation

**Trent J. Taylor**, Banking

### *Kalamazoo office*

**Ronald E. Baylor**, Environmental

**Douglas L. Callander**, Employment and Labor

**Don M. Schmidt**, Government/Cities/Municipalities

**Kurt N. Sherwood**, Employment and Labor

**John G. Van Slambrouck**,\* Estate & Probate

### *Lansing office*

**William J. Danhof**, Bonds/Government Finance

**Christopher J. Dembowski**, Bonds/Government Finance

**Michael J. Hodge**, Employment Litigation Defense

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**Harvey J. Messing**, Utilities  
**Thomas C. Phillips**, Environmental  
**Sherri A. Wellman**, Energy & Natural Resources

### *Troy office*

**James L. Allen**, Real Estate  
**Matthew P. Allen**,\* Business Litigation  
**Thomas G. Appleman**, Securities and Corporate Finance  
**Brad B. Arbuckle**, Securities and Corporate Finance  
**Thomas W. Cranmer**, White-Collar Criminal Defense (#1 Ranked Michigan Super Lawyer)  
**Gerald J. Gleeson II**, Litigation  
**Gary R. Glenn**, Tax  
**Kal G. Goren**, Employee Benefits/ERISA  
**Ronald E. Hodess**, Real Estate  
**David D. Joswick**, Securities and Corporate Finance  
**Kenneth E. Konop**, Estate Planning and Probate  
**Stephen J. Ott**, Personal Injury Defense: Products  
**Ronald H. Riback**, Banking  
**Dawn M. Schluter**, Estate Planning and Probate  
**James A. Simpson**, Banking

Miller Canfield lawyers named "Rising Stars" in ***Super Lawyers Michigan 2014***

### *Ann Arbor office*

**David D. O'Brien**, Criminal Defense  
**Kimberly L. Scott**, Intellectual Property Litigation

### *Detroit office*

**Laura M. Bassett**, Bonds/Government Finance  
**Colin M. Battersby**, Business Litigation  
**Kimberly A. Berger**, Intellectual Property Litigation  
**Steven M. Frank**, Bonds/Government Finance  
**Shawn N. Hopper**, Banking  
**Lara L. Kapalla**, General Litigation  
**Robert E. Murkowski**, Business Litigation  
**Adam B. Norlander**, Banking  
**Nelson O. Ropke**, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor  
**Saura James Sahu**, Employment and Labor  
**M. Misbah Shahid**, Employment and Labor  
**Michael C. Simoni**, Business Litigation  
**Christopher M. Trebilcock**, Employment and Labor

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**Joseph G. Vernon**, Business Litigation

*Kalamazoo office*

**Paul D. Hudson**, Appellate

**James L. Liggins, Jr.**, Business Litigation

**Leigh M. Schultz**, Employment and Labor

**Matthew B. Van Dyk**, Real Estate

*Lansing office*

**Paul M. Collins**,\* Environmental

**Scott R. Eldridge**, Employment Litigation Defense

**G. Alan Wallace**, Government/Cities/Municipalities

*Troy office*

**Eric C. Bartley**, Banking

**Alexander J. Clark**, Real Estate

**Mary Kate Griffith**, Information Technology/Outsourcing

**Ryan J. Riehl**,\* Tax

Miller Canfield lawyers named in **Super Lawyers Illinois 2014**

*Chicago office*

**Darryl R. Davidson**, Bonds/Government Finance

**Cara M. Houck**, Business Litigation

**Robert T. Zielinski**, Labor and Employment

Miller Canfield lawyers named "Rising Stars" in **Super Lawyers Illinois 2014**

*Chicago office*

**Jeffrey M. Drake**, Intellectual Property Litigation

**Kathleen E. Koppenhoefer**, Business Litigation

**Blake E. Schulman**,\* Real Estate

**Ryan C. Williams**,\* Litigation

Miller Canfield lawyers named "Rising Stars" in **Super Lawyers New York Metro 2014**

*New York office*

**Amita Gopinath**,\* Business/Corporate

Miller Canfield lawyers named in **Super Lawyers Ohio 2014**

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*Cincinnati office*

**Paul E. Perry**, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business

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