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[Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c.](#) (Reinhart) is pleased to announce that the firm received [Benchmark Litigation 2020's](#) top honor – being named a “Highly Recommended” law firm. The publication also recognized firm shareholders Christopher P. Banaszak, Laura Brenner, Mark A. Cameli, Robert Driscoll, Scott W. Hansen, David Hanson, David G. Peterson, Allen C. Schlinsog, Jr. and David Sisson as “Litigation Stars.” Additionally, Jessica Polakowski was named a “Future Star.”

Reinhart is one of only seven law firms in Wisconsin to be awarded Benchmark Litigation's “Highly Recommended” ranking for its “consistent flow of positive peer reviews throughout the legal community.”

[Christopher P. Banaszak](#) is a shareholder and serves as chair of Reinhart's Labor and Employment Practice, co-chair of the Litigation Practice, and he is a member of Reinhart's Board of Directors. He regularly represents clients involved in a range of employment-related disputes before state and federal courts as well as before governmental and regulatory agencies. Banaszak has experience representing clients with harassment, retaliation, wage and hour, ERISA and FMLA matters, non-compete agreements, wrongful discharge, breach of contract, whistleblower, trade secret, etc.

[Laura A. Brenner](#) is a shareholder in Reinhart's Litigation Practice and co-chair of the firm's Commercial and Competition Law Group, a cross-disciplinary group comprised of both corporate and litigation attorneys. Brenner's team practices at the forefront of the law affecting clients whose livelihood depends on buying or selling products and services. Representing a wide range of clients on a national and international level, she offers clients practical solutions to complex problems. In addition to her litigation work, she also acts as outside general counsel to many companies by helping them develop preemptive strategies to avoid risk in competitive environments.

[Mark A. Cameli](#) is a shareholder and co-chair of Reinhart's Litigation Practice, and chair of the firm's White Collar Litigation and Corporate Compliance team. Cameli defends companies and individuals in Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) enforcement actions and conducts internal investigations for companies concerned with securities compliance related issues. He frequently works with manufacturing, health care, religious organizations, defense contractors and

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others who are targets or victims of fraud, including government program fraud. Cameli also has substantial experience representing companies accused of wrongdoing by whistleblowers, including in the context of qui tam actions.

[Robert Driscoll](#) is a shareholder in the firm's Labor and Employment Practice. His practice covers a wide variety of litigation-related issues facing employers including claims of unlawful discrimination and/or retaliation, disputes over non-compete agreements and other restrictive covenants, wage and hour claims (both individual and class actions), and he also represents clients in appeals. Driscoll also counsels employers to help them avoid disputes with a particular emphasis on discrimination (including disability discrimination), wage and hour issues, and non-compete agreements.

[Scott W. Hansen](#) is a shareholder in Reinhart's Litigation Practice His work primarily involves resolving complex disputes between businesses or between business and governments. Hansen has been recognized for litigating some of the most complex and high-stakes civil cases in Wisconsin. In addition to his legal work, he has published and taught on a variety of topics such as persuasion in complex litigation, the benefits of mock juries, the use of financial experts in federal, etc. Hansen primarily serves manufacturers in industries of foods, chemicals, equipment, and other goods, healthcare providers and insurers, and/or financial service institutions.

[David G. Hanson](#) is a shareholder in the firm's Intellectual Property and Litigation practices. For more than 25 years, Hanson has gained first-chair IP litigation experience, litigating patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret cases throughout the country involving mastering technical case facts spanning a wide spectrum including mechanical, electrical, and life sciences matters. His practice also involves ERISA litigation, including withdrawal liability matters. He has represented clients involved in materials handling, mining, cloning and gene sequencing, construction and manufacturing, and varied consumer products industries.

[David G. Peterson](#) is a shareholder in Reinhart's Litigation Practice where he primarily focuses on disputes involving commercial litigation, environmental remediation and product liability. Peterson also represents clients in tax assessment valuation matters and corporate governance disputes. In addition to his significant trial experience, he has extensive experience in mediation and arbitration. His accounting background allows him to provide clients with creative strategies in respect to the multiple variables potentially impacting a client's

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overall business goals, plans, and objectives.

[Jessica Polakowski](#) is a shareholder in Reinhart's Intellectual Property Litigation and Litigation practice groups where she practices goal-oriented litigation, believing that it is critical to understand a client's long and short-term goals, in order to litigate effectively. She regularly appears in the Western District of Wisconsin and works to both advise and assist clients in the defense and protection of their intellectual property rights. Polakowski serves a wide range of business clients such as electrical and mechanical designers and manufacturers, biotech companies, health care technology companies, software developers, service firms and product distributors.

[Allen C. Schlinsog, Jr.](#) is a shareholder in the firm's Litigation Practice as well as the chair of the Product Liability and Safety Practice Group. Schlinsog handles complex commercial litigation and intellectual property cases, but his practice focuses primarily on the defense of complex product liability claims involving regulated products, including mining, pharmaceutical and medical device industries. Over the course of his career, he has gained considerable experience in significant class actions, product liability, and mass tort proceedings. As national counsel for several clients, he regularly appears in state and federal courts across the country in catastrophic injury, class action, and mass tort cases.

[David J. Sisson](#) is a shareholder in the firm's Litigation and Labor and Employment practices. His work focuses on resolving disputes involving departing key employees and shareholders in closely held corporations and others who owe fiduciary duties. Controversies often develop at the conclusion of these relationships regarding what may be owned by, or owed to, the respective parties. Sisson also helps develop creative theories to avoid litigation and achieve amicable separations even after threats and provocative actions have occurred, including all forms of alternative dispute resolution.

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