Accolades

We're proud of the work we do for our clients and honored to be recognized.

Chambers USA

Calfee has consistently been recognized as a Leading Law Firm in Ohio by *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Business Lawyers*. We are grateful to our clients and legal industry colleagues who served as references and provided vital feedback to the Chambers researchers, which helped to support this terrific result.

Chambers and Partners assesses law firms on technical legal ability, client service, commercial vision and business understanding, diligence, value, and depth of teams. Law firm departments are ranked on the qualities of their attorneys, and the effectiveness and capability of the department as a whole (its strength and depth). Law firms and individual lawyers are ranked in bands from 1 (highest) to 6, and being ranked in any band is considered a significant achievement in the global legal community.

A client provided the following feedback to a Chambers researcher in the course of the 2020 research process, "The practical nature of the firm is what makes Calfee special. They are experienced and knowledgeable enough to interact with larger firms, which typically are on the other side of our deals, but they are more effective because they're responsive and focus on the most important issues. They help get the right outcome, but more quickly and effectively, which translates into value. They stack up well with larger firms across the country and better than most firms in the local market. We think very highly of them."

*Chambers USA 2020* recognized Calfee in the following eight practice areas:

- Banking and Finance (Band 2)
- Corporate/M&A (Band 2)
- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Band 2)
- Insurance: Policyholder (Band 1)
- Intellectual Property (Band 2)
- Labor & Employment (Band 4)
- Litigation: General Commercial (Band 3)
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- Real Estate (Band 4)

Chambers ranks individual attorneys based on their legal knowledge, experience, ability, effectiveness and client service. Each of the following 23 Calfee attorneys, across 12 practice areas, have been recognized as a "Leader in Their Field" by *Chambers USA* 2020:

- Karl S. Beus, Banking & Finance (Band 2)
- Mitchell G. Blair, Litigation: General Commercial (Band 2)
- John R. Cernelich, Labor & Employment (Band 4)
- John S. Cipolla, Intellectual Property (Band 1)
- William E. Coughlin, Natural Resources & Environmental (Band 4)
- Mara E. Cushwa, Real Estate (Band 4)
- Steven W. Day, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation (Band 3)
- Terrence F. Doyle, Corporate/M&A (Band 4)
- Arthur C. Hall III, Corporate/M&A (Band 3)
- Maura L. Hughes, Antitrust (Band 2)
- Laura L. Hult, Banking & Finance (Band 3)
- John J. Jenkins, Corporate & M&A (Band 2)
- Christopher Jones, Natural Resources & Environment (Band 2)
- James M. Lawniczak, Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Senior Statesperson)
- Thomas F. McKee, Corporate/M&A (Sr. Statesperson)
- Robert A. Miller, Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Band 2)
- Douglas A. Neary, Corporate/M&A (Band 2)
- Raymond Rundelli, Intellectual Property (Band 4)
- Sean S. Suder, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use (Band 1)
- K. James Sullivan, Insurance (Band 1)
- Todd Tucker, Intellectual Property (Band 4)
- Jennifer L. Vergili, Corporate/M&A (Band 4)
- Christopher S. Williams, Litigation: General Commercial (Band 4)

With more than 200 researchers, Chambers has been conducting independent research into top law firms worldwide for nearly 30 years and is considered the preeminent ranking organization in the legal industry globally.
Chambers High Net Worth

Calfee's Estate and Succession Planning and Administration practice group was ranked in Chambers HNW 2020 as a "Leading Law Firm" in Private Wealth Law in Ohio (Band 2). Three of Calfee's Estate and Succession Planning and Administration attorneys have been ranked as "Leaders in their Field" in Private Wealth Law in Ohio in 2020:

- Jean M. Hillman, Private Wealth Law (Band 3)
- Joseph M. Mentrek, Private Wealth Law (Band 2)
- Fran Mitchell Schaul, Private Wealth Law (Band 3)

U.S. News – Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" Rankings

Calfee earned 13 National Rankings and 36 Metropolitan Rankings (Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati) in the 2020 "Best Law Firms" report published by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers.

Firms included in the "Best Law Firms" listings are recognized for professional excellence with consistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise.

Best Lawyers®

Sixty Calfee attorneys were recognized in the 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®. Since it was first published in 1983, Best Lawyers has become regarded as a definitive guide to legal excellence and serves as a resource for both lawyers and consumers in search of legal talent nationwide. Best Lawyers is based on a peer-review survey in which more than 55,000 leading attorneys cast more than 6.7 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas.

Three Calfee attorneys have been recognized as 2021 "Lawyers of the Year," a designation presented annually to a single attorney in each practice area and metropolitan area.

Fourteen Calfee attorneys have been named to the inaugural Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch list for 2021. This recognition is given to attorneys who typically have been in practice between 5-9 years and who demonstrate outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. The award recipients are selected through peer-review, just as with the traditional Best Lawyers list.
The International Financial Law Review's IFLR1000

Calfee earned recognition in four practice areas in the 2021 IFLR1000 – Guide to the World's Leading Financial and Corporate Law Firms rankings lists: Banking, Capital Markets, M&A and Restructuring and Insolvency. Four Calfee Partners were recognized as "Highly Regarded Attorneys" in the state of Ohio.

The International Financial Law Review 1000 Guide recognizes the world's leading financial and corporate law firms and lawyers. IFLR1000 has been producing legal market intelligence since 1990 and remains the only international legal directory dedicated to ranking law firms and lawyers on the basis of financial and corporate transactional work.

Benchmark Litigation

Benchmark Litigation ranked Calfee a "Recommended" litigation law firm in Ohio in 2020. Eleven Calfee attorneys were selected for inclusion to the Benchmark Litigation 2020 guide and two attorneys were selected for inclusion to the "40 & Under Hot List."

The guide’s results are the culmination of a six-month research period that included extensive interviews with the nation’s leading private practice lawyers and in-house counsel. Benchmark Litigation is the only publication on the market to focus exclusively on litigation in the United States.

Ohio Super Lawyers

Twenty-eight Calfee attorneys were selected for inclusion to the 2020 Ohio Super Lawyers and Ohio Rising Stars lists. Each year, no more than 5% of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor. Super Lawyers is a comprehensive listing of outstanding lawyers in more than 70 areas of practice. Each attorney listed in Ohio Super Lawyers has been chosen by their peers as being among the best in their profession.

World Trademark Review 1000

Raymond Rundelli has been named to the World Trademark Review 1000 – The World’s Leading Trademark Professionals. The annual WTR 1000 research directory recognizes the world’s leading trademark firms and professionals. Each year, WTR conducts exhaustive qualitative research to identify the firms and individuals that are deemed outstanding in this critical area of practice.
BTI Brand Elite

Calfee has been named to the BTI Brand Elite 2019 listing, ranking the firm in the top 20% of all law firms for providing premium-worthy value. The BTI Brand Elite list is compiled based on in-depth interviews with close to 700 corporate counsel at the world's largest and most influential companies. Calfee also received this recognition in 2018.

Cincy Leading Lawyers

Eleven Calfee attorneys were named 2020 Cincy Leading Lawyers. Hundreds of members of Greater Cincinnati’s legal community nominated colleagues for this honor, specifying a particular strength and area of practice for each nominated attorney, and a jury of peers made the final selections. Cincy Leading Lawyers recognizes the Tristate’s best lawyers annually in Cincy Magazine’s most popular issue, “The Power 100.”

"Green +" Certification

The Cleveland Calfee Building was awarded "Green +" certification through 2018 from the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association for its energy savings, recycling, and sustainability practices. "Green +" is the highest certification awarded by the CMBA’s Green Initiative Committee.

We’re proud of our legacy of helping clients succeed. And we’re honored to continue earning recognition for those achievements.