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Masuda Funai Attorneys Recognized in The Legal 500 Chicago City Elite Rankings

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Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell, Ltd. announced that **12** of its lawyers have been recognized in the 2026 edition of *The Legal 500 Chicago City Elite* rankings across five practice areas.

The recognized lawyers are:

CORPORATE

AND

M&A

- Ben Gould
- George Kobayashi
- Riebana Sachs
- Karl Von Drathen
- Jennifer Watson



COMMERCIAL

DISPUTES

- Steve Katz
- Rein Krammer
- Christen McGlynn
- Jiwon Yhee



LABOR

&

EMPLOYMENT

- Frank Del Barto



INTELLECTUAL

PROPERTY

- Michael Golenson



REAL

ESTATE

- Tim Hammersmith



Masuda Funai was also ranked Tier 1 in Chicago for Corporate and M&A, reflecting the strength of the firm's transactional practice and its work on sophisticated domestic and cross-border matters. Ben Gould also received an individual Tier 1 ranking in the same category.

"This recognition reflects the exceptional depth of talent across our key practice areas and our ability to bring that experience together for clients with complex cross-border business needs," said George Kobayashi, President of Masuda Funai. "It affirms both the quality of our lawyers and the distinctive value we provide to our clients."

ABOUT THE LEGAL 500

The Legal 500 is an independent legal research and rankings organization that assesses law firms and lawyers in more than 100 countries. Its rankings are based on client and peer feedback, interviews with legal professionals, and an evaluation of the strength and complexity of matters handled.

ABOUT MASUDA FUNAI

Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell, Ltd. is a full-service U.S. law firm with nearly a century of experience advising international and domestic companies. The firm counsels clients on corporate transactions, commercial matters, employment and labor, immigration, intellectual property and technology, litigation and real estate. Masuda Funai is particularly recognized for advising Japanese and other international companies on establishing, acquiring, operating and expanding businesses throughout the United States.

Masuda Funai is a full-service law firm with offices in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, and Schaumburg.