William Krais and Kaitlin Hackett Named 2026 *NJBIZ* Leaders in Law Honorees

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William Krais, Principal and Chair of Porzio's Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Group, and Kaitlin Hackett, Associate in the firm's Wealth Preservation Group, have been named 2026 NJBIZ Leaders in Law honorees. Krais was selected in the Personal Injury category, and Hackett was recognized as a Rising Star for her emerging leadership and early-career achievements in the New Jersey legal community.

Krais is regarded as a leading civil trial attorney in New Jersey. With more than 35 years of experience, he has achieved significant results for clients in catastrophic injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, and general negligence cases. He is certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a civil trial attorney, co-chairs the Morris County Bar Association Civil Practice Committee, is a trustee of the American Board of Trial Advocates, Northern New Jersey chapter, and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the legal profession's most prestigious honors. His commitment to advocacy, professionalism, and client service have earned him deep respect throughout the legal community.

Hackett focuses her practice on estate planning, estate administration, and guardianship matters, providing tailored legal solutions for clients navigating complex tax planning, probate, and estate-related disputes. She manages high-net-worth estate administrations, preparing tax returns and accountings to ensure compliance with New Jersey regulations, and frequently serves as a special medical guardian and court-appointed counsel for individuals alleged to be incapacitated. Committed to community service, Hackett serves as Co-Chair of the NJSBA Young Lawyers Division's Wills for Heroes Committee, offering free estate planning services to New Jersey's first responders and public safety personnel.

The NJBIZ Leaders in Law program honors legal professionals whose dedication to their work and their communities is exemplary. Following an open nomination period, honorees are selected by an independent panel of judges with deep experience in the justice system.

Honorees will be recognized at the 2026 NJBIZ Leaders in Law celebration on Tuesday, March 31 at The Marigold in Somerset.

No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. A description of the selection process may be accessed here.