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Choate Attorneys Named in the Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators for 2027

Melissa Tearney, Eric Marandett, and Paul Popeo have been named in the *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigators in America for 2027.

Melissa Bayer Tearney is listed for “Complex Investigations & Litigation.” Melissa is co-chair of Choate’s Litigation practice and assists clients ranging from start-ups to global companies – and their high-level executives – to successfully navigate the complex and high-stakes challenges of government investigations, internal investigations, False Claims Act litigation, and the development and implementation of effective compliance measures and programs.

Eric J. Marandett is named for “IP Litigation, Including Patents.” Eric is co-head of Choate’s IP Litigation team and represents biotech, pharmaceutical, and technology companies in high stakes patent litigation and other intellectual property and commercial disputes to protect critical intellectual property portfolios.

Paul D. Popeo is listed for “Commercial Litigation, Especially IP and Technology.” Paul advises leading global technology and life sciences companies and their CEOs on high-stakes litigation, including pre-litigation strategies involving technology, intellectual property, as well as fiduciary and governance issues.

The 2027 listing is *Lawdragon*’s 5th edition assessing America’s top litigators representing corporations and other entities in matters involving antitrust, intellectual property, white collar and investigations, securities and corporate governance litigation, and a vast array of class actions, product liability and other complex civil litigation. Selections are made based on journalistic research, submissions, and vetting.

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