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Locke Lord New York's Christopher Fontenelli and Andrew Braunstein Named to Super Lawyers® 2023 New York Rising Stars List

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Locke Lord Partner [Christopher Fontenelli](#) and Associate [Andrew Braunstein](#) have been named to the Super Lawyers® 2023 New York Rising Stars list.

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Fontenelli is a litigator whose practice focuses on two distinct but related areas of law — complex commercial litigation and labor and employment. In the area of complex commercial litigation, he represents various clients in the financial services industry, such as banks, trusts, private equity firms, portfolio companies and servicers in connection with class actions and commercial contractual disputes. Fontenelli also counsels many of those same clients concerning a wide variety of labor and employment matters, including disputes relating to the misappropriation of trade secrets, enforcement of restrictive covenants, discrimination, harassment, wage and hour violations, and employee misclassification.

Braunstein focuses on representing financial institutions and service providers in high-stakes and consumer class action litigations as well as government and regulatory investigations. He has extensive experience representing banks, non-bank lenders, trusts and loan servicers in class actions and other complex litigations involving alleged violations of federal and state consumer protection laws. Braunstein also represents these clients in sensitive civil, criminal and regulatory investigations.

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