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## Partner Bhavani K. Raveendran honored by Crain's Chicago Business as a Notable Woman in Law

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Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, a national litigation firm primarily based in Chicago, is pleased to announce that Partner Bhavani K. Raveendran has been named to the Crain's Chicago Business 2022 list of Notable Women in Law. The honorees were announced Friday, September 2 online and the list is in print with this week's issue.

Raveendran is the Partner leading the firm's Civil Rights legal team alongside Founding Partner Antonio Romanucci. Her work is focused on police misconduct, prison abuse, hazing, bullying, sexual abuse and wrongful death cases, developing strategy and litigating high profile cases. She leads and manages younger lawyers on the team along with paralegals and clerks. She has the honor of representing the family of George Floyd in the civil lawsuit against the City of Minneapolis and four of its police officers, which resulted in a historic \$27 million settlement in March of 2021. Further, she also has a strategic leadership role in other national police misconduct cases and serves as first chair on civil rights matters in over 14 jurisdictions. She brings justice to those who have been sexually assaulted in schools, at work, and in other settings, and has first-chaired federal and state trials to verdict. She has also received numerous settlements for her clients, notably including one of the largest high school hazing settlements in Illinois. She is Chair of the Human Rights Section Council of the Illinois State Bar Association, on the Board of Managers for the Illinois Trial Lawyers' Association and Founding Chair of its Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Chairperson of the Police Misconduct Litigation Group for the American Association of Justice (AAJ), and Secretary for the Minority Caucus for AAJ. She is also the chairperson of AAJ's Police Misconduct Task Force. Recently, she testified in front of the United States Congressional Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties advocating for a change in the Section 1983 statute that, if changed, could hold public employers liable when their employees harm others in the scope of their employment, much in the same way private employers are currently held responsible for their employees.

"Bhavani's leadership within our firm and within the broader legal community has brought tremendous value and insight. She cares deeply about her clients and about the law, and is dedicated to justice in civil rights and human rights. We applaud her recognition on this respected Crain's list of high achieving women in the legal profession," said Romanucci & Blandin Founding Partner Antonio M. Romanucci.

You can read the listing in Crain's and access her complete bio [here](#).