

# Joe Drayton and Bart Williams Named Two of Savoy Magazine's 2024 Most Influential Lawyers

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**NEW YORK and LOS ANGELES, August 28, 2024** - Proskauer, a leading international law firm is pleased to announce that partners [Joseph \(Joe\) Drayton](#) and [Bart Williams](#) have been named to Savoy's 2024 Most Influential Lawyers list. Comprised of a powerhouse roster of the top Black lawyers in the country, Savoy's Most Influential Lawyers recognizes individuals whose prowess and commitment to excellence inspire the highest levels of corporate and legal leadership.

Joe is a first-chair trial lawyer and has represented some of the nation's most prominent companies in all facets of intellectual property (IP) litigation before state and federal courts, as well as the International Trade Commission and American Arbitration Association. He has over 20 years of experience in both domestic and international IP and complex commercial disputes, including patent, trade secrets, copyright, trademark and trade dress and false advertising and also counsels clients in all aspects of IP acquisition, transfer, protection and enforcement. Joe is a trusted advisor for several corporate executives and is recognized as a national leader in the legal community, having received the National Bar Association's C. Francis Stadford Award, the highest award bestowed by the association. He also served as the 76th president of the National Bar Association and is a former Vice President and Board chair of the New York City Bar Association.

Bart serves as Chair of the Firm's Litigation department and is one of the nation's most sought-after trial lawyers. His legal acumen and experience across commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense and internal corporate investigations has made him the trusted trial counsel for numerous Fortune 500 companies in high-stakes, high-profile matters, and he is frequently called upon months or even weeks before a trial to deliver a win. Bart is a longtime member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and also serves on Proskauer's Diversity Task Force, which is focused on developing initiatives to recruit, retain, promote and elevate diverse lawyers firmwide. Beyond the courtroom, Bart actively contributes to the Los Angeles community with a focus on advocating for children through various organizations. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the LA84 Foundation, is the co-founder and co-chair of the Board of Advisors of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Debate League and serves on their Board of Advisors.

*Savoy* showcases and drives positive dialogue on and about Black culture in entertainment, sports, business, politics, design and style. The publication serves as a cultural catalyst for the African-American community through in-depth reporting and social commentary.

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