

New Hires, Promotions, Partners



T. Samuel Azinger, Marquette 2017, has been named a partner of O'Leary-Guth Law Office S.C., Mequon, with a focus on estate planning.



HOVDEN



SCHUCHARDT

Kai Hovden, U.W. 2017 cum laude, and **Sarah Schuchardt**, U.W. 2018,

have been promoted to partner with DeWitt LLP. Both practice from the Madison office.

Hovden's primary practice areas are intellectual property litigation, including representing businesses and individuals in patent, trademark, and copyright lawsuits; and trusts and estates litigation, including probate contests and complex fiduciary litigation. He also frequently litigates in the transportation and logistics sector, representing shippers, carriers, and brokers.

Schuchardt, a member of the Divorce and Family Law team, handles matters such as divorce, paternity, custody and placement, child support, adoption, prenuptial agreements, and more and has experience representing clients in mediation.

Three attorneys have joined Gardiner Koch Weisberg & Wrona in the Lake Geneva office. **Sam Berg**, Marquette 2014, is with the civil litigation and criminal law groups. He previously worked for the Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Walworth County District Attorney's Office. **Clayton Mieszala**, University of Illinois at Chicago 2022, and

Quincy Obbin, U.W. 2024, are with the civil litigation and criminal law groups.

Matthew R. Gralinski, Marquette 2019, has been named a partner with Hippenmeyer, Reilly, Blum, Schmitzer & Fabian S.C., Waukesha, and concentrates in municipal law, real estate transactions, general business law, and estate planning.



Erik M. Gustafson, Marquette 2017 magna cum laude, has joined von Briesen & Roper s.c. in the Milwaukee office and is an

associate in the Litigation & Risk Management Practice Group. He focuses on first-party property coverage, insurance coverage and analysis, and bad-faith counseling and claims.

Kelly J. Stohr, U.W. 2004, has been promoted to shareholder with Fuhrman & Dodge S.C., Middleton, and concentrates in estate planning, probate and trust administration, real estate, and business transactions.

Davis Runde, U.W. 2017, and **Evan Mayer**, St. Thomas 2020 magna cum laude, have been elected shareholders at Weld Riley S.C., Wausau. Runde practices in the school, municipal, and business and corporate sections. Mason practices in the family, bankruptcy, civil litigation, and estate planning sections.

Authors, Speakers

Authors of the recently revised *Contract Law in Wisconsin* (State Bar of Wis. 6th ed. 2025) are the following: **Anthony S. Baish**, Michigan 1998, **Xavier O. Jenkins**, Marquette 2021, and **Matthew**

M. Wuest, U.W. 2010, Godfrey & Kahn S.C., Milwaukee; **James E. Bartzen**, U.W. 1980, Boardman & Clark LLP, Madison; **Isaac S. Brodkey**, U.W. 2021, **Oliva M. Dunn**, U.W. 2017, and **James B. Egle**, U.W. 1992, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP, Madison; **Olivia Brooks**, U.W. 2021, and **Larri J. Broomfield**, Harvard 1988, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., Milwaukee; **Andrew J. Clarkowski**, U.W. 1995, and **David M. Pelletier**, Villanova 2003, Axley Brynson LLP, Madison; and **Matthew S. Geimer**, U.W. 2005, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Also, **Danielle M. Johnson**, St. Thomas 2013, Wisconsin School of Business, Madison; **Randall L. Nash**, U.W. 1979, Nash Law LLC, Milwaukee; **Jessica Hutson Polakowski**, Minnesota 2006, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., Madison; **Jeffrey D. Roeske**, Marquette 2014, Uline Inc., Pleasant Prairie; Hon. **Richard J. Sankovitz**, Harvard 1983, Resolute Systems LLC, Milwaukee; **Neil S. Schadle**, Iowa 2021, DeWitt LLP, Madison; **Jane C. Schlicht**, Marquette 1983, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Milwaukee; and **Scott J. Thomsen**, Drake 2003, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Milwaukee.

Authors of the newly released *The Wisconsin Business Entity Handbook* (State Bar of Wis. 2024) are the following: **Nathaniel S. Hammons**, Boston University 2003, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee (lead author); **Joseph W. Boucher**, U.W. 1978, **Julijana L. Englander**, U.W. 2023, and **Craig B. Miller**, Suffolk 2006, Neider & Boucher S.C., Madison; **Joseph A. Camilli**, Hamline 2012, von Briesen & Roper s.c., Milwaukee; and **West A. Foster**, U.W. 2023, **Jessica Y. Harrison**, U.W. 2000, and **Melissa Auchard Scholz**, U.W. 1995, Scholz Nonprofit Law LLC, Madison.

In Memoriam

Thaddeus M. Bond Jr., University of Illinois Chicago 1991, Third Lake, Ill., Jan. 16, 1966 - Dec. 21, 2024.

Mary Susan Maloney Celentani, Marquette 1978, Milwaukee, Nov. 16, 1953 - Nov. 23, 2024.

Megan A. Flood, U.W. 2007, Waunakee, Dec. 21, 1978 - Dec. 29, 2024.

Hon. **Larry L. Jeske**, Marquette 1965, Gillett, Aug. 1, 1940 - Dec. 15, 2024.



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Madison, May 11, 1963 – Nov. 16, 2024.

Rod J. Koenen, U.W. 1988, Union Grove,
Sept. 2, 1960 – Aug. 3, 2024.

Thomas D. McCormick, William Mitchell
1979, Hudson, March 26, 1948 – Sept.
13, 2022.

Richard K. Nordeng, U.W. 1975, Wauna-
kee, Aug. 8, 1945 – Dec. 14, 2024.

Tony J. Renning, Marquette 1997, Osh-
kosh, Sept. 10, 1970 – Dec. 3, 2024.

Daniel A. Rottier, U.W. 1976, Madison,
Aug. 14, 1951 – Jan. 3, 2025.

Andrew L. Somers Jr., New York Law
School 1960, Fitchburg, Dec. 1, 1936 –
Dec. 24, 2024.

Gerald S. Walsh, Marquette 1960,
Wauwatosa, Sept. 1, 1932 – March 11,
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