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I have been
volunteering for the
State Bar of
Wisconsin since 2006.

Give me the chance
to do more.

After passing the Bar Exam in 2006, my career started in Superior, WI. I opened my solo firm, Kirk Law Office, LLC, in 2013. In 2024, I left Superior and moved to my hometown of Lublin, WI in western Taylor County. My office is now in Thorp (Clark County). My practice areas include elder and estate planning, probate, and serving as GAL in juvenile neglect and abuse matters.



Greater Wisconsin.

A lot has been said lately about the shortage of attorneys in rural areas of Wisconsin. I know the problem firsthand. The State Bar has been making great strides towards encouraging lawyers to practice in rural areas, but this is not just a State Bar problem. The State Bar should not be acting alone. I want the Bar to leverage others to help. Government agencies, financial lenders, for-profit regional stakeholders, and even non-rural lawyers and firms all have many reasons to want lawyers in rural parts of Wisconsin. They also have available resources, infrastructure, and systems to help. The Bar needs to ask for their help, and let them help.

My State Bar Experience.

- CLE presentations at the Annual Meeting and Conference, Local Bar Leaders Conference, WISLAP Training, and Solo Small Firm Conference
- Solo Small Firm and General Practice Section Board
- Solo and Small Firm Conference Planning Committee
- Law Office Management Assistance Program Advisory Committee
- Local Bar Relations Committee
- Local Bar Leaders Conference Planning Committee
- Challenges Facing New Lawyers Committee
- Professionalism Committee
- Challenges Facing New Lawyers Task Force
- Greater Wisconsin Initiative Working Group
- Board of Governors
- Executive Committee of the Board of Governors



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No Attorney Left Behind.

Regardless of where we practice, lawyers are dealing with increased rates of burnout, anxiety, disrupted sleep, low energy and concentration, and damaged relationships. We chose a career to help others and instead are quietly and silently killing ourselves. I do not think there is a one-size-fits-all solution to the stress we feel as lawyers. WISLAP is available for us, but maybe we need more. I pledge to listen to members, investigate options, and advocate for the well-being of all members. You deserve to feel supported, included, and valued.



2001 – UW Superior, B.S. Legal Studies
2006 – Hamline University School of
Law, J.D.