

**Scott Sussman – Treasurer, Incumbent**

*Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison, Wisconsin*

I respectfully request your vote to serve as Treasurer for the Government Lawyers Division (GLD) of the State Bar. I am currently serving in this position and have previously served as a Board Member for the GLD and hope to continue my service on the GLD as Treasurer. I will provide oversight of the financial situation of the GLD and ensure that all GLD board members are aware of the financial situation before deciding matters before the GLD.

I am Deputy Chief Legal Counsel at the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. As Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, I am involved in a wide array of legal matters including employment law matters, HIPAA compliance, analyzing proposed legislation and administrative code provisions, resolving nursing home disputes, drafting and reviewing contracts, and advising on benefit determinations for Wisconsin veterans. These opportunities enable me to work with a broad group of government attorneys and have made me realize the critical role that government attorneys play in advocating for the public interest.

I have been an attorney for more than 20 years and am married to my wife who is a fourth-grade teacher, and we are the proud parents of Elliott and Charlotte.

I am excited for this opportunity to serve government lawyers by continuing to serve as Treasurer of the GLD. I will work to support causes important to government lawyers and address the concerns of government-employed attorneys. I thank you for your consideration and welcome your support.



**Scott Brown – Director**

*Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

I am proud to currently serve as Corporation Counsel for Milwaukee County. The highpoints of my career have all be in public service, including serving as a judicial law clerk in New Jersey, a public defender in Philadelphia, or as an Assistant Corporation Counsel in Milwaukee County. With my promotion to Deputy Corporation Counsel and now to Chief Corporation Counsel, I am excited to continue what I hope will be a lifelong career in public service. I have enjoyed serving as a Director on Board since 2020. I have had the opportunity to meet colleagues from across the state that represent a diverse cross section of lawyers that work in government. It has been intellectually engaging to grapple with the issues facing government lawyers and working towards solutions to support our colleagues in this practice area. I hope to be continue to be an instrumental part of the Government Lawyers’ Divisions’ efforts to enhance and enrich practice for government lawyers across the state. This includes advocating for better compensation, focusing on work/life balance, and identifying opportunities for and supporting career advancement within government. My current position as Corporation Counsel for Milwaukee County provides a unique perspective on the challenges government lawyers face. I would be honored to serve as a Director for Government Lawyers Division’s Board.



**Brian Bushaw – Director**

*Outagamie County Family Court, Appleton, Wisconsin*

Commissioner Bushaw is an active member of the Wisconsin Family Court Commissioner's Association, presently serving as Vice President of that organization. He is serving on his second tour as a member of the Family Law Section Board for the State Bar of Wisconsin. He was previously a board member from 2006-2017 serving as an executive board member from 2013-2017. Commissioner Bushaw practiced in Dane County and the surrounding area from 2004-2013 before relocating to Appleton for his wife's employment at Lawrence University.



**Holly Fulkerson – Director (applied for president-elect)**

*WI Department of Transportation, Madison, Wisconsin*

Since 1992, when I first started working in group homes with adults facing developmental and cognitive challenges, and in my subsequent work providing civil and criminal legal representation and guidance to underrepresented people, I have enlightened myself extensively through formal education and lived experience and have developed a deep awareness of the existence of blatant and unconscious biases that permeate our society. As I have grown and expanded my legal knowledge, I have encountered these biases frequently and have spent a great deal of my career trying to address stereotypes and seeking ways to identify and mitigate negative behaviors directed toward individuals based on those biases. I have worked in a wide range of environments with individuals of diverse backgrounds who are often underrepresented, overlooked, and marginalized. I have come to value diversity and truly believe that everyone should be afforded equal treatment, opportunity, and advancement, and that we all must be conscious of the inequities in our environment and work to remove barriers that prevent people from fully participating. I believe in striving to build a culture where everyone feels welcome, where differences are supported and embraced, and every person is respected and encouraged to contribute and participate.

My extensive legal work has taught me the art of grasping new concepts and legal issues quickly, to exercise independent judgment and professional discretion and to efficiently identify, manage, and resolve complex legal concerns. I believe that my work with vulnerable populations and a diverse range of clients has shown me how to communicate effectively so I can provide the best care, assistance, and advocacy for my clients. Most importantly, these experiences have instructed me to better understand people who do not communicate in usual ways, and to bring tolerance, caring and compassion to every aspect of my work.

Thank you for your consideration.



## **Mary Schanning – Director**

*Milwaukee City Attorney's Office, Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Atty. Mary Schanning is a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Milwaukee where she focuses on real estate development and supervises a team of lawyers that handles a wide variety of legal issues including contracts, elections, school law, zoning and 1st Amendment issues. She received her J.D. from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Atty. Schanning previously served on the State Bar's Government Lawyers Division (GLD) Board from 2009 to 2019 serving as its President, Treasurer, and as a member of its CLE, Nominating, and Career Paths Committees. She previously served on the State Bar's Board of Governors (BOG) and its Executive Committee in 2017-18 as the representative of the GLD and currently serves on BOG as a District 2 representative, having been elected in 2021 and 2023. As her term on BOG ends on July 1, 2025, Atty. Schanning would like to serve on the GLD board again and focus on the needs of government lawyers in the Bar.



**Kimberly Tenerelli – Director**

*Calumet County, Chilton, Wisconsin*

I have been working in the government arena for the past 25 years. I started as a staff attorney at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for a very brief time. From the NLRB, I worked as the Domestic Violence Prosecutor in Outagamie County for about 2.5 years. I then went to the Fond du Lac District Attorney's Office and held the positions of Assistant District Attorney, Deputy District Attorney, and Juvenile Justice Prosecutor. I am currently the Corporation Counsel in Calumet County.

I have experience in civil, criminal, and administrative law. In addition, I have worked with a variety of individuals including board members, witnesses, victims, judges, probation and parole agents, law enforcement, defendants, respondents, advocates, court commissioners, court personnel, various departmental staff within a County, and ofcourse attorneys. My greatest joy is working on cases that have a positive impact on the lives of others. I also have had the priviledge of working with and collaborating with some of the finest attorneys in Wisconsin. It is a great group!



**Sarah Wynn – Director**

*Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Madison, Wisconsin*

Sarah Wynn's current position is with the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau, where she has been for the past eight years. Sarah works with statutes and numbers to help inform legislators about the state budget and topics affecting attorneys across the state. She specializes in legislation and budgeting for criminal justice programs including Department of Justice, District Attorneys, and the State Public Defender. Further work is associated with the Division of Financial Institutions. In addition, she has previously been responsible for assignments including elections and ethics, and lottery and gaming. Sarah has also run her own law firm, worked at a small law firm, and worked at DSPS. Sarah feels strongly about contributing to society through public service.

