

# ATTORNEY JOSEPH GUMINA RECENTLY QUOTED IN THE MILWAUKEE BUSINESS JOURNAL

Attorney [Joseph Gumina](#) was recently quoted in the Milwaukee Business Journal published on January 14, 2022, in an article titled “Employers relieved that SCOTUS ruling nixes potential for costly employee COVID-19 tests: Attorneys.” The article outlines the Supreme Court’s recent ruling against OSHA’s vaccination-or-test rule that would have required large employers, starting February 9, to mandate employee vaccinations or require weekly COVID-19 testing of unvaccinated workers.

In the article, Gumina discusses what employers should expect and what he has experienced in his management-side employment practice. “The surge in Omicron variant cases might cause some employers to take temporary measures including shutdowns to keep their workforces healthy,” Gumina said. “They’ve had to adjust and change to address COVID-19 in the workplace on a moment’s notice,” noting the ongoing adjustments employers have made throughout the pandemic on how they operate. Being mindful that OSHA still retains several enforcement tools in its arsenal to address COVID-19 in the workplace, Gumina stated: “I think employers should remain vigilant in making sure they create a safe work environment for all employees.”

For more information on the ruling, read our previous [article](#) detailing the decision.

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## 24 OCHDL ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

Each year, *Super Lawyers* surveys the State of Wisconsin’s 15,000 attorneys and judges, seeking the State’s top attorneys. In November 2021, *Super Lawyers* published its lists for 2021, which include the Top 10 Attorneys in Wisconsin, Top 50 Attorneys in Wisconsin, Top 25 Attorneys in Milwaukee, Super Lawyers (consisting of the top 5% of attorneys in Wisconsin), and Rising Stars (consisting of attorneys who are 40 years old or younger or who have been in practice for 10 years or less).

Twenty-four of our attorneys were recognized by *Super Lawyers*, which has referred to the firm as “the Milwaukee mid-sized powerhouse.” Those attorneys are the following:

- Nicholas G. Chmurski:
  - Rising Stars

- Douglas P. Dehler:
  - Super Lawyer
- James G. DeJong:
  - Super Lawyer
- Seth E. Dizard:
  - Top 50 Attorneys in Wisconsin
  - Top 25 Attorneys in Milwaukee
  - Super Lawyer
- Peter J. Faust:
  - Super Lawyer
- John G. Gehringer:
  - Super Lawyer
- Joseph E. Gumina:
  - Super Lawyer
- Grant C. Killoran:
  - Super Lawyer
- Dean P. Laing:
  - Top 10 Attorneys in Wisconsin
  - Top 50 Attorneys in Wisconsin
  - Top 25 Attorneys in Milwaukee
  - Super Lawyer
- Gregory W. Lyons:
  - Super Lawyer
- Patrick G. McBride:
  - Super Lawyer
- Britany E. Morrison:
  - Rising Stars
- Joseph D. Newbold:
  - Super Lawyer
- Chad J. Richter:
  - Super Lawyer
- John R. Schreiber:
  - Super Lawyer
- Jason R. Scoby:
  - Super Lawyer
- Steven J. Slawinski:
  - Super Lawyer

- JB Koenings:
  - Rising Stars
- Trevor C. Lippman:
  - Rising Stars
- Erica N. Reib:
  - Rising Stars
- Christa D. Wittenberg:
  - Rising Stars

*Super Lawyers* is a national rating service that rates attorneys in all 50 states. The selection process utilized by *Super Lawyers* is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations, and peer evaluations. One court recently had this to say about *Super Lawyers*:

“[T]he selection procedures employed by [*Super Lawyers*] are very sophisticated, comprehensive and complex.

It is abundantly clear . . . that [*Super Lawyers* does] not permit a lawyer to buy one’s way onto the list, nor is there any requirement for the purchase of any product for inclusion in the lists or any quid pro quo of any kind or nature associated with the evaluation and listing of an attorney or in the subsequent advertising of one’s inclusion in the lists.”

We are proud to be one of the few firms in Wisconsin that had over 50% of its attorneys receive recognition by *Super Lawyers*.

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## O’NEIL CANNON RANKED IN 2022 “BEST LAW FIRMS”

O’Neil Cannon has been ranked in the 2022 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*® “Best Law Firms” list in 16 practice areas:

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Litigation – Insurance
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Real Estate Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Tax Law
- Trusts and Estates Law

Firms included in the 2022 “Best Law Firms” list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise.

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## THE WILAW QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### Newsletter Article Highlights:

- Want to Challenge a Will? Here’s What You Should Know
- Can I Really Be Sued There?
- What Should You Do If You Are Named Trustee?
- Wisconsin to Allow Municipalities to Waive Property Tax Penalties and Extend Construction and Building Permits
- Established U.S. Public Health Precedent On Mandatory Vaccination Requirements Upheld (At Least For Now)

### Firm News:

- The Firm Welcomes Two New Attorneys
- Four Attorneys Named 2022 “Lawyer of the Year” in the Milwaukee Area by Best Lawyers®
  - 19 OCHDL Lawyers Selected as 2022 Best Lawyers®; Another 5 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
- Grant Killoran Elected to the ABA Board of Governors

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## OCHDL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TWO NEW ATTORNEYS HAVE JOINED THE FIRM

We are pleased to announce Attorney Michael M. Kennedy and Attorney Jason R. Meehan have joined O'Neil Cannon

Attorney Michael M. Kennedy, a graduate of Marquette University Law School, will join the firm's Business Law Practice Group, where he will assist clients in a wide variety of business law matters. Drawing upon his experience as in-house counsel for a large construction company, Michael provides a high-level understanding of contract management and regulation.

Attorney Jason R. Meehan, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, will join the firm's Litigation Practice Group, where he will assist clients in a wide variety of litigation matters. Prior to joining the firm, Jason was working at the Wisconsin State Public Defender's office, where he managed and represented hundreds of clients charged with misdemeanor and felony cases in Milwaukee County.

We are very pleased to have Michael and Jason join OCHDL.

O'Neil Cannon, founded in Milwaukee in 1973, is a full-service law firm that primarily focuses on providing business law and civil litigation services to closely-held businesses and their owners. The firm represents corporations, institutions, and partnerships at all stages of the business life cycle, helping them start, grow and transition from one generation to the next.

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# OCHDL HIGHLIGHTED FOR ORAL ARGUMENTS BEFORE WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT

In a recent article authored by a professor at Marquette University, O’Neil Cannon was prominently mentioned for its activity and success before the Wisconsin Supreme Court. In the [article](#), the professor discusses what law firms were most active and successful before the Court during the Court’s past three terms (2018-2021).

The article notes that 13 law firms, including OCHDL, have had at least three oral arguments before the Court during the Court’s past three terms and, of those firms, OCHDL had the third most oral arguments. The article also notes that only two of these 13 law firms prevailed in all of their cases before the Court, with OCHDL being one of them.

Additionally, the article examined how each law firm won (or lost) the support of each individual justice in the respective cases they argued. Only one of the firms—OCHDL—was successful in obtaining at least two-thirds of the votes cast by every justice who participated in their cases.

OCHDL is honored to be recognized for its success in representing clients before the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

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# GRANT KILLORAN ELECTED TO THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Grant Killoran of O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing was elected to the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association at the ABA’s Annual Meeting in Chicago in August 2021. Grant will serve a three-year term and represent District 9, which includes the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Missouri.

The 43-member Board of Governors is comprised of 19 District representatives, 18 members-at large, and the following officers of the ABA (serving *ex-officio*): the ABA President, President-Elect, Chair of the House of Delegates, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. The Board of Governors oversees the general operation of the ABA and develops specific plans of action. Grant also has been appointed as the Board of Governors’ liaison to the ABA’s Section of Health Law, Commission on the American Jury, and Forum on Housing and Community Development Law.

With his election to the ABA Board of Governors, Grant also becomes a member of the ABA House of Delegates. The House of Delegates is the ABA's policymaking body and is responsible for control and administration of the ABA. Grant previously served in the House of Delegates for many years as a representative of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

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## **FOUR OCHDL ATTORNEYS NAMED 2022 “LAWYER OF THE YEAR” IN THE MILWAUKEE AREA BY BEST LAWYERS®**

Attorneys Seth Dizard (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization), Pete Faust (Mergers and Acquisitions), Greg Lyons (Litigation - Insurance), and Steve Slawinski (Construction) have been named by Best Lawyers® as the 2022 “Lawyer of the Year” in Milwaukee for their area of practice.

Only one lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.” Lawyers are selected based on the assessments of other leading lawyers in the same category.

This designation reflects the high level of respect lawyers have earned for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

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## **19 OCHDL LAWYERS SELECTED AS 2022 BEST LAWYERS®; ANOTHER 5 NAMED BEST LAWYERS: ONES TO WATCH**

We are pleased to announce 19 of our lawyers have been included in the 2022 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, and an additional five have been selected as 2022 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

The following are the O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing lawyers named to the 2022 lists:

*Best Lawyers in America*

- Douglas P. Dehler – Litigation – Insurance
- James G. DeJong – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Seth E. Dizard – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Peter J. Faust – Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- John G. Gehringer – Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Corporate Law, and Real Estate Law
- Joseph E. Gumina – Employment Law – Management and Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Dennis W. Hollman – Corporate Law and Trusts and Estates
- Grant C. Killoran – Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Health Care
- JB Koenings – Corporate Law
- Dean P. Laing – Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Gregory W. Lyons – Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Insurance
- Patrick G. McBride – Commercial Litigation
- Joseph D. Newbold – Commercial Litigation
- Chad J. Richter – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) and Corporate Law
- John R. Schreiber – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Jason R. Scoby – Corporate Law
- Steven J. Slawinski – Construction Law

#### *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*

- Trevor C. Lippman – Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Erica N. Reib – Labor and Employment Law – Management and Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Kelly M. Spott – Trusts and Estates
- Christa D. Wittenberg – Commercial Litigation

#### **About Best Lawyers**

Best Lawyers has published their list for over three decades, earning the respect of the profession, the media, and the public as the most reliable, unbiased source of legal referrals.

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch recognizes associates and other lawyers who are earlier in their careers for their outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.

Lawyers on *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* lists are divided by geographic region and practice areas. They are reviewed by their peers on the basis of professional expertise, and they undergo an authentication process to make sure they are in current practice and in good standing.

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- A Recent Supreme Court Decision Narrows the Scope of Trespasser Immunity
- Wisconsin Landlord Subjected to Tenancy in Jail
- Estate Planning Considerations for Second Marriages
- What Does President Biden’s Executive Order on Non-Competes Mean for Wisconsin Employers?
- Did the United States Supreme Court Just Suggest a Change to the Established Public Health Constitutional Framework?

### Firm News:

- Attorney Greg Lyons Named Fellow with the American Bar Foundation
- Attorney Grant Killoran Published in the *Wisconsin Lawyer*

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