“SUPERVISOR TRAINING: SUCCESSFULLY MANAGING A 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE” SEMINAR – MAY 15, MAY 22, 2009

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce and the law firm of O’Neil Cannon have developed an all-day seminar to educate and prepare your supervisors for challenges from complying with confusing laws to effectively managing a diverse workforce. Many supervisors have been promoted to their roles with no formal training or experience in supervising. we can educate business leaders on how to manage individuals of wide-ranging abilities, skill sets, personalities and cultures. We can help supervisors develop the skills and tools they need to handle all HR challenges of the job so they can achieve the desired performance from their employees.

This program would be equally valuable for new supervisors and owners or managers who must ensure their supervisors are properly trained.

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OCHD WELCOMES GRANT KILLORAN AS SHAREHOLDER

The Milwaukee law firm of O’Neil Cannon recently expanded its litigation practice group to include Grant C. Killoran. Grant, formerly with Michael Best and Friedrich LLP, brings with him significant litigation experience representing clients in Wisconsin and nationwide.

Grant concentrates his practice on complex business and health care disputes and devotes a portion of his practice to arts and entertainment law. He serves as one of the State Bar of Wisconsin’s five Delegates to the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates and as Co-Chair of the ABA Section of Litigation Health Law Litigation Committee. He also is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, membership of which is limited to one-third of a percent of the lawyers in America.

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O’NEIL CANNON PROMOTES DIZARD TO SHAREHOLDER

Seth E. Dizard has been named a shareholder with the Milwaukee law office of O’Neil Cannon He will continue to represent financial institutions, corporate or individual creditors and financially troubled corporations in both state and federal courts. As a Marquette University graduate, Seth has extensive experience guiding business owners with structuring financial transactions, acquisitions and dispositions in insolvency proceedings and complex post-judgment collection matters.

O’Neil Cannon, founded in Milwaukee in 1973, is a full-service legal practice 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. OCHD also assists business owners with their personal legal needs including tax and estate planning, family law and litigation – including personal injury litigation.

WALSH JOINS O’NEIL CANNON

Milwaukee, WI (December) – Peter J. Walsh joins the Tax, Estate and Succession Planning practice group of OCHD. He will assist clients with estate and business planning, trust and probate administration, taxation and elder law issues. With a masters of law degree in taxation, he has litigated tax and non-tax issues for clients in Federal and State courts.

Peter is licensed to practice law in Wisconsin, Illinois and Florida and has prepared and implemented estate plans for over 500 distinct clients. In addition, he has represented taxpayers in multi-million dollar Income, Estate and Gift Tax Audits at the Federal and the State level, involving various legal issues and valuation disputes.

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SUPER LAWYERS RECOGNIZES OCHD ATTORNEYS AMONG WISCONSIN'S TOP 5%

Milwaukee, WI (November) – Several attorneys from the law firm of O'Neil Cannon have been selected for inclusion in the 2008 Wisconsin *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* lists. Attorneys recognized by *Law and Politics* include Jim DeJong, Dean Laing, Peter Faust, Patrick McBride and Randy Nash. Rising Star honors go to Seth Dizard, Chad Richter, John Schreiber and Bob Tess.

Only 5 percent of the licensed active attorneys in each state are named to the *Super Lawyers* list. In states where Rising Stars is published, no more than 2.5 percent are named. As part of the rigorous multi-step selection process, each candidate is evaluated based on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. The objective of the Super Lawyers selection process is to create a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of outstanding attorneys that can be used as a resource to assist attorneys and sophisticated consumers in the search for legal counsel.

OCHD LAWYERS HONORED WITH THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA® RECOGNITION

Milwaukee, WI (September) – Dean Laing, Tom Merkle and John Gehringer from the law firm of O'Neil Cannon have been selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America® 2009* (Copyright 2008 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.).

Since its inception in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Because Best Lawyers is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which more than 25,000 leading attorneys cast almost two million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their specialties, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in Best Lawyers is considered a singular honor. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called Best Lawyers "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

Dean Laing leads the litigation practice and has been with the firm for 24 years. He's one of the very few attorneys who have successfully practiced both business litigation and personal injury litigation. Attorney Laing has been selected by members of the Wisconsin Bar and judiciary as one of the top trial attorneys in Wisconsin. Law and Politics recognized him as one of the Top 50 Super Lawyers and as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Wisconsin.

Tom Merkle has been honored for a second year in a row and is one of the founding members of OCHD. He counsels his clients with general corporate and business law matters, including transactions such as acquisitions, sales, contracts, and financing. He also litigates cases involving shareholder disputes as well as family law cases involving closely-held businesses, partnerships, and professional associations.

John Gehringer received recognition in the 2008 Wisconsin Law Journal's Construction Law edition. He counsels his clients in all areas of real estate development, construction law, commercial and construction financing. Attorney Gehringer provides both preventive and remedial legal counsel to financial institutions, real estate developers, REITS, architects, engineers, hotel owners, construction companies, design builders, commercial lessors and tenants, and title insurance companies.

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OCHD WELCOMES ATTORNEY ESTABROOK

T.J. Estabrook, an attorney and certified public accountant, recently joined the Milwaukee law firm of O'Neil Cannon T.J. works with clients on the tax and corporate law aspects of mergers and acquisitions. His experience includes representation of clients in connection with tax-free reorganizations, taxable stock and asset sales and divestiture transactions. Prior to joining OCHD, T.J. was with the mergers and acquisitions practice group of Ernst and Young, LLP where he worked extensively with private equity and Fortune 500 companies.

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ATTORNEY DIZARD PRESENTS "DIPPING INTO BANKRUPTCY" AT WISCONSIN CREDIT

ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP

Have you ever been confronted with the opportunity to do business with a company that is in bankruptcy, and not known how to make an informed credit decision? At this session, our presenter will discuss the risks and benefits of extending credit to entities that are operating in bankruptcy as Debtors-In-Possession. Attendees will also learn practical ways to identify risks associated with such transactions, and methods to minimize potential credit exposure. Come join us for this informative session.

See Seminar Details

ATTORNEY JOSEPH E. GUMINA JOINS OCHD

Milwaukee, WI (August, 2008) – Joseph E. Gumina joined the Milwaukee law firm O'Neil Cannon to lead their labor and employment practice. He brings with him extensive experience representing management in a vast array of employment and labor matters. Attorney Gumina is licensed to practice law in the states of Illinois and Wisconsin and has represented clients in litigation matters in both state and federal courts, including the federal district courts in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

Attorney Gumina has significant experience as a seasoned litigator having tried cases to juries in both federal and state courts achieving resounding success for his clients. He has also represented the interests of his clients in other parts of the country, including Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, New York, and Utah.

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ELECTION DAY REMINDERS FOR EMPLOYERS

While for some it may not come fast enough, election days will soon arrive—September 9 for primary contests, November 4 for the general election. As a reminder, Wisconsin law gives time off to employees to vote or work as an election official.

Employees must be allowed up to three (3) successive hours off to vote on election day. However, the employee must request the time off before the election day. The employer may decide what time of day the employee may leave and is not required to pay the employee for missed time.

If an employee wishes to act as an election official, he or she must be allowed to take off for all or any part of the work day, if the employee has given advance notice of at least seven (7) days. This is an uncompensated leave.
There are penalties for violating these rules. Failure to give time off for voting may result in six months' imprisonment or a fine of up to $1,000. Any person who attempts to influence a voter by threatening discharge, reduced wages or promising increased wages may be fined $100.