O’NEIL CANNON RANKED AMONG TOP FIRMS IN 2027 BEST LAW FIRMS®

O’Neil Cannon has earned regional recognition in the 2027 edition of Best Law Firms®, ranked by Best Lawyers, across 19 practice areas, including the firm’s newly ranked category, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law. The firm received rankings in the following practice areas:

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Banking and Finance Law
- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Litigation – Health Care
- Litigation – Insurance
- Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Litigation – Real Estate
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Real Estate Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Trusts and Estates Law

Firms included in the 2027 Best Law Firms® list are recognized for professional excellence based on ratings from clients and peers.

JESSICA HASKELL WINS 2026 JUDGE TERENCE T. EVANS HUMOR AND CREATIVITY IN LAW COMPETITION

O’Neil Cannon attorney Jessica Haskell was named the winner of the 2026 Judge Terence T. Evans Humor and Creativity in Law Competition, sponsored by the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association.

The annual competition recognizes an attorney whose original, creative law-related writing is selected by the review committee. The competition honors the memory of the Honorable Terence T. Evans, former judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, who was known for his wit and creativity throughout his life and work.

In her winning piece, Haskell brings the structure and reasoning of a federal court order to the everyday chaos of parenting. From bundling three children in winter gear for just a few minutes of outdoor play, to buying Costco-sized quantities of snacks that are promptly declared "gross," to navigating the chaos of the Culver's drive-through, Haskell makes a compelling case for judicial intervention.

Read her winning piece here.

O'NEIL CANNON WELCOMES ATTORNEY GERON EATHERLY

O'Neil Cannon is pleased to announce that Geron Eatherly, a *cum laude* graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, has joined the firm's Litigation Practice Group. Eatherly assists clients with business and commercial litigation, appellate matters, dispute resolution, and government and regulatory issues. Before joining O'Neil Cannon, he externed with the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Criminal Appeals Unit, and gained additional experience in public policy, constituent services, and legal research and writing.

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19 O’NEIL CANNON LAWYERS SELECTED AS 2027 BEST LAWYERS; ANOTHER 3 NAMED BEST LAWYERS: ONES TO WATCH

We are pleased to announce that 19 of our lawyers have been included in the 2027 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, and an additional three have been selected as 2027 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

The following are the O’Neil Cannon lawyers named to the 2027 lists:

Best Lawyers in America

- Doug Dehler – Litigation – Insurance
- Jim DeJong – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Seth Dizard – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Pete Faust – Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- John Gehringer – Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Corporate Law, and Real Estate Law
- Joseph Gumina – Employment Law – Management and Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Dennis Hollman – Corporate Law and Trusts and Estates
- Grant Killoran – Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Health Care
- JB Koenings – Corporate Law
- Dean Laing – Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Greg Lyons – Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Insurance
- Patrick McBride – Commercial Litigation
- Joe Newbold – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Real Estate, and Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- Chad Richter – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) and Corporate Law
- John Schreiber – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Jason Scoby – Banking and Finance Law, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), and Corporate Law
- Steve Slawinski – Construction Law
- Karen Tidwall – Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Christa Wittenberg – Commercial Litigation

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

- Maura Falk – Trusts and Estates and Litigation – Trusts and Estates

- Jessica Haskell – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- John “Jack” McNally – Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Real Estate, and Trusts and Estates

About Best Lawyers

Best Lawyers has published its 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.

O’NEIL CANNON SOFTBALL TEAM WRAPS UP ANOTHER GREAT SEASON

The O’Neil Cannon softball team closed out its 2026 season after another summer of competition, camaraderie, and plenty of memorable moments.

This year’s roster brought together attorneys and staff from across the firm, including several first-time players who quickly became part of the team. From big hits and standout defensive plays to close games and comeback efforts, every player contributed throughout the season.

Just as important as what happened on the field was what happened off it. The softball season provided an opportunity for colleagues to connect outside the office, build new relationships, and enjoy time together throughout the summer. Family members, friends, and coworkers also showed up week after week to cheer on the team, creating a fun and supportive atmosphere at every game.

A special thank you to everyone who played, coached, volunteered, and supported the team this season. We also appreciate the firm’s leadership for helping make another successful season possible.

We’re already looking forward to next year.



O’NEIL CANNON WELCOMES ATTORNEYS SYDNEY KOJIS AND RACHEL SWEET

O’Neil Cannon is pleased to welcome attorneys Sydney Kojis and Rachel Sweet to the firm.

Sydney Kojis joins O’Neil Cannon after earning her J.D., *cum laude*, from Marquette University Law School. While at Marquette, Kojis served as Comment Editor of the *Marquette Law Review*, participated in the Marquette Moot Court Association, earned Dean’s List honors, and was inducted into the Marquette Law School Pro Bono Society. Prior to joining the firm, Kojis gained valuable investigative experience in the public sector with the Wisconsin Department of Justice in Madison.

Rachel Sweet earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from Marquette University Law School. During law school, she served as an editor of the *Marquette Law Review*, was a semifinalist in the Jenkins Honors Moot Court Competition, and worked as a research assistant. Sweet also worked as a paralegal for five years, giving her unique, behind-the-scenes insight into how the legal system works. In addition to her academic and professional achievements, Sweet is actively involved in the legal community through mentoring, pro bono service, and volunteer initiatives that support aspiring legal professionals and individuals in need of legal assistance.

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O'NEIL CANNON ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED IN WISCONSIN LEGAL 250

O'Neil Cannon is proud to announce that attorneys Jim DeJong**,** Jason Scoby**,** Steve Slawinski, and John Gehringer have been recognized in the **Wisconsin Legal 250**, a premier honor presented by the Wisconsin Law Journal. The Wisconsin Legal 250 recognizes many of the state's most influential and accomplished attorneys.

Selected by the Wisconsin Law Journal editorial team, honorees are recognized for sustained professional success, their ability to adapt to evolving client needs and legal developments, strong leadership within the legal profession, and meaningful community engagement.

For more information, view the Wisconsin Legal 250 honorees and visit O'Neil Cannon.

O'NEIL CANNON WELCOMES ATTORNEY JACK MCNALLY

O'Neil Cannon is pleased to announce that John "Jack" McNally has joined the firm as a member of its Litigation and Trust, Estates and Succession Planning Practice Groups. McNally concentrates his practice on probate and trust litigation, representing individuals, families, and businesses in disputes involving estates, fiduciary obligations, and commercial matters. Prior to joining the firm, McNally served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Milwaukee, where he handled business licensing litigation and defended claims against the city. His background in public service brings practical courtroom experience and a well-developed understanding of regulatory and municipal issues.

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FORMER O'NEIL CANNON ATTORNEYS DEVOTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE

A number of former O'Neil Cannon attorneys have devoted a substantial portion of their professional careers to public service after leaving the firm. Those attorneys include the following:

Honorable Thomas Barrett. The Honorable Thomas Barrett served in the Wisconsin State Assembly from 1984 to 1989, the Wisconsin Senate from 1989 to 1993, and the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993 to 2003. In 2004, Barrett became mayor of the City of Milwaukee and remained in that position until 2021, following which he was appointed by the President of the United States to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg from 2022 to 2025. Barrett joined O'Neil Cannon after clerking for a federal judge following graduation from law school and practiced on the Litigation Team.

Justice Annette Ziegler. Justice Annette Ziegler served as a judge of the Washington County Circuit Court from 1997 to 2007 and has served as a justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court from 2007 to the present. She served as the Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court from 2021 to 2025. Justice Ziegler joined O'Neil Cannon following graduation from law school and practiced on the Litigation Team.

Honorable David Borowski. The Honorable David Borowski has served as a judge of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court since 2003. Judge Borowski joined O'Neil Cannon following graduation from law school and practiced on the Litigation Team.

Honorable Laura Lavey. The Honorable Laura Lavey has served as a judge of the Fond du Lac County Circuit Court since 2022. Judge Lavey joined O'Neil Cannon following graduation from law school and practiced on the Litigation Team.

O'Neil Cannon congratulates these four esteemed former colleagues and thanks them for all of their years of public service. O'Neil Cannon is proud to call them alumni of the firm.

O’NEIL CANNON ADDS FOUR SHAREHOLDERS

O’Neil Cannon is pleased to announce that Christina Ruud, Cate Heerey, Nancy Wilson, and Max Stephenson were elected as shareholders of the firm.

Each attorney has built a strong practice within their respective areas. Ruud advises clients on commercial real estate transactions and development matters. Heerey counsels businesses and owners on a range of corporate and transactional issues. Wilson focuses on tax and estate planning for individuals, families, and business owners. Stephenson represents clients in family law matters, advising individuals and families on a range of domestic relations issues.

Please join us in congratulating them on this well-deserved achievement.