ATTORNEY GREG LYONS NAMED FELLOW WITH THE AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION

Attorney Greg Lyons was recently named a Fellow with the American Bar Foundation, a membership that is limited to one-third of one percent of the lawyers in America.

The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation is a global honorary society of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession and the welfare of their communities. Established in 1955, the Fellows support the research of the American Bar Foundation and currently has a membership totaling over 14,000 individuals across the globe. Membership in the Fellows is limited to one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction.

The American Bar Foundation is among the world's leading research institutes for the empirical and interdisciplinary study of law. An independent, nonprofit organization for more than 65 years, it seeks to advance the understanding and improvement of law through research projects on the most pressing issues facing the legal system in the United States and around the world today. It seeks to expand knowledge and advance justice through innovative, interdisciplinary, and rigorous empirical research on law, legal processes, and legal institutions. Its research findings are published in a wide range of forums, including leading academic journals, law reviews, and academic and commercial presses.

For more information on the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation, click here.

ATTORNEYS CHRISTA WITTENBERG AND DEAN LAING PUBLISHED IN THE WISCONSIN LAWYER

Attorneys Christa Wittenberg and Dean Laing authored an article in the *Wisconsin Lawyer* magazine, entitled "A Litigation's Reprise: Strategies for Requesting Attorney Fees." Their article discusses strategy considerations for litigants requesting attorneys' fees (or objecting to requests for attorneys' fees) after the merits of the case have been resolved. As noted in the article, sometimes disputes over attorneys' fees can be just as contentious as the underlying dispute, and strong lawyering can have a significant impact.

Read the full article **here**.

ATTORNEY GUMINA'S ARTICLE ON EMPLOYER COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICIES WAS FEATURED BY ABC OF WISCONSIN

Recently, Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin (ABC of Wisconsin) featured Attorney Joseph Gumina's article entitled "Encouraging Rather Than Mandating COVID-19 Vaccinations May Be An Employer's Best Option". In this article, Attorney Gumina discusses some of the challenges employers may face with a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy and suggests alternative options for employers to consider. Attorney Gumina plans to provide updates to this ongoing issue in the upcoming workforce focused magazine—*Wisconsin Merit Shop Contractor*.

Attorney Gumina's article is a must read for any employer contemplating whether to require its employees to become vaccinated. Read the full article here.

ATTORNEYS MARGUERITE HAMMES AND GRANT KILLORAN PUBLISHED IN THE WISCONSIN LAWYER

Attorneys Marguerite Hammes and Grant Killoran authored an article in the February, 2021 edition of the *Wisconsin Lawyer* magazine, entitled "COVID-19 Vaccination: Legal Landscape and Challenges." Their article analyzes the authority of Wisconsin public health officials regarding mass vaccination for COVID-19 and the circumstances under which individuals can object to vaccination requirements.

Read the full article here.

THE WILAW QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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O’NEIL CANNON ELECTS KELLY M. SPOTT AND TREVOR LIPPMAN AS SHAREHOLDERS

O’Neil Cannon is pleased to announce that Attorney Kelly M. Spott and Attorney Trevor Lippman were recently elected as shareholders of the firm.

Kelly has been with the firm since 2017. Prior to joining OCHDL, she was an Advanced Planning Attorney at Northwestern Mutual. Kelly assists her clients with estate planning, succession planning, probate administration, trust administration, and inheritance litigation. She is licensed to practice law in both Wisconsin and Florida. Kelly maintains an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell® and has been selected for inclusion on The Best Lawyers in

America: Ones to Watch List.

Learn more about Kelly M. Spott by visiting her full profile.

Trevor has been with the firm since 2013 and is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. Trevor assists clients in a wide array of personal and business matters with a strong emphasis in litigation relating to wills, trusts, fiduciary disputes, and inheritance disputes. Trevor has recently been selected for inclusion on the Wisconsin Super Lawyers Rising Stars List and The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch List.

Learn more about Trevor by visiting his full profile.

Both Kelly and Trevor are tremendous additions to the shareholder group, and we are proud to have them on our team.

PETE FAUST ELECTED MANAGING SHAREHOLDER AND PRESIDENT OF OCHDL

Pete Faust has been elected as the Managing Shareholder and President of O'Neil Cannon

Faust replaces Dean Laing, who was the firm's Managing Shareholder and President for six years. Laing will remain a member of the firm's Board of Directors, along with Faust. Laing, one of the top litigators in the state, will continue his litigation practice.

"Dean has been an exceptional leader of the firm and set an extremely high standard for all who follow him," Faust said. "His commitment to the firm and his work ethic are unparalleled. We are very grateful that he has agreed to remain on the Board of Directors."

Faust is a corporate attorney who works primarily in mergers and acquisitions and has been the head of the firm's transactional practice.

BRITANY MORRISON PUBLISHED IN STATE BAR'S INSIDETRACK

Attorney Britany Morrison authored an article entitled "Telecommuting: Tax Implications for

Employers and Employees," which appeared in the State Bar of Wisconsin's newsletter, *InsideTrack*.

In the article, Morrison addresses a few important tax considerations for employers and employees working remotely. You can read the full article here.

For more information on this topic, contact Britany Morrison at 414-276-5000 or Britany.Morrison@wilaw.com.

SEASON OF GIVING

The spirit of the holiday season is upon us once again and the attorneys and staff at O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing wanted to do something special for our community. For our annual holiday donation drive, we collected items and monetary donations to be given to the **Milwaukee Rescue Mission**. Milwaukee Rescue Mission is a nonprofit organization that operates homeless shelters in Milwaukee providing food, shelter, clothing, and a range of community services to many needy people in our area.



From all of us at O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing:

"Best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year!"

IN MEMORIAM: THOMAS A. MERKLE 1944–2020



It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of our colleague Attorney Tom Merkle, who served as a lawyer for more than forty-five years at O'Neil Cannon Tom was one of the founders of the firm and was instrumental to its growth and success.

He served as an Officer and a Director of the firm for many years. Tom was a friend, advisor, and confidant to his clients. He was a friend, mentor, and tremendous partner to all the lawyers and staff at the firm.

Tom was not only a talented attorney, he was highly respected by his peers. In 2007 he was appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court to serve on the Office of Lawyer Regulation's District Two Committee, and was selected as one of the Best Lawyers in America® for many years.

Tom will be fondly remembered and missed by all of us at OCHDL. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.