

OCHDL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ATTORNEY KELLY M. SPOTT HAS JOINED THE FIRM

Attorney Kelly M. Spott, a graduate of Marquette University Law School, has recently joined the Milwaukee law firm O'Neil Cannon. Previously Kelly was an Advanced Planning Attorney at Northwestern Mutual. Kelly is a member of the Business Law and Tax and Succession Planning Groups. She assists clients with estate planning, probate, trust administration and inheritance litigation.

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. We also assist business owners with their personal legal needs including tax and estate planning, family law and litigation—including personal injury litigation.

SETH DIZARD NAMED AS A 2017 WISCONSIN LEGAL INNOVATOR BY STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN

In a recent article previewed in the *InsideTrack*, a bi-weekly newsletter by the State Bar of Wisconsin, Seth E. Dizard was featured as a 2017 Wisconsin Legal Innovator. The article will be featured as the cover story of the November Edition of the *Wisconsin Lawyer*. Read the full article [here](#) to learn more about this prestigious recognition.

Attorney Dizard is the head of the firm's Banking and Creditors' Rights Practice Group. He has extensive experience serving as a court-appointed receiver throughout the State of Wisconsin for businesses, construction projects, real estate developments, marital and family estates, rental income properties, and high net worth individuals.

OCHDL PROUDLY SPONSORS 10TH ANNUAL CHARITABLE EVENT FOR CRS

For the second consecutive year, OCHDL proudly sponsored the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) reception at the Wisconsin Club. This was a very special year, as the humanitarian group celebrated its 10th year here in Milwaukee. As always, a very well received event and powerful message was presented.

The Milwaukee chapter of CRS, which includes OCHDL Shareholder Carl Holborn, brought about a great deal of awareness this year-reaching out to radio stations, publications, and even appeared on TMJ4's *The Morning Blend* to help spread the word about CRS and their charitable mission. The Milwaukee committee is grateful for all the support the Milwaukee community has shown to them over the years and are very proud to be celebrating this ten-year milestone.

CRS is one of the largest international aid organizations in the world. They are also one of the most efficient and effective: Ninety-seven percent of their expenditures go directly to programs that benefit individuals overseas. As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, they work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, and other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality. They alleviate suffering and provide assistance to more than 100 million people in need who live in some of the most impoverished places in over 100 countries.

O'Neil Cannon is honored to have been a part of such a meaningful event.

[Read more about CRS >>](#)

OCHDL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ATTORNEY NICHOLAS G. CHMURSKI HAS JOINED THE FIRM

Attorney Nicholas G. Chmurski, a graduate of Marquette University, has recently joined the Milwaukee law firm O'Neil Cannon Nick is a member of the Business Law and Real Estate and Construction Groups. His business background and clerkship experience make Nick a valuable resource, as he is able to contribute across practice groups to help solve a wide range of legal issues.

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BEST LAWYERS® HONORS 18 ATTORNEYS IN 2018

O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. is pleased to announce that 18 lawyers have been named to the 2018 Edition of *Best Lawyers*, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession.

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. Its first international list was published in 2006 and since then has grown to provide lists in over 75 countries.

“For more than a third of the century,” says CEO Steven Naifeh, “Best Lawyers has been the gold standard of excellence in the legal profession.” President Phil Greer adds, “We are extremely proud of that record and equally proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of these exceptional legal professionals.”

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

O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. would like to congratulate the following attorneys named to the 2018 *Best Lawyers in America* list:

- Douglas P. Dehler – Litigation-Insurance
- James G. DeJong – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Seth E. Dizard – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy
- Peter J. Faust – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Robert R. Gagan – Municipal Law
- John G. Gehringer – Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Corporate Law, Real

Estate Law

- Joseph E. Gumina – Litigation-Labor and Employment
- Dennis W. Hollman – Corporate Law, Trusts and Estates
- Grant C. Killoran – Litigation-Health Care
- Dean P. Laing – Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs, Product Liability Litigation-Defendants
- Gregory W. Lyons – Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Insurance
- Gregory S. Mager – Family Law
- Patrick G. McBride – Commercial Litigation
- Thomas A. Merkle – Family Law
- Steven J. Slawinski – Construction Law

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey. Over 54,000 leading attorneys cast more than 7.3 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore 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.”

CHAMBERS USA DIRECTORY INCLUDES RECOGNITION OF O’NEIL, CANNON, HOLLMAN, DEJONG AND LAING S.C.

The prestigious Chambers USA Directory has included O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. as one of the notable firms in the category of Corporate/M&A. Additionally, Chambers has included Jim DeJong and Pete Faust among their Recognised Practitioners.

The Chambers directories, published by London-based Chambers and Partners, rank attorneys and law firms based on a year-long objective research process. The process includes interviews with outside attorneys and feedback from clients. Learn more at www.chambersandpartners.com.

THE RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY MOVES

FORWARD

Attorney Seth Dizard was mentioned in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel for his involvement with the [Ruffed Grouse Society](#) and its recent developments to continue moving the organization forward. The society signed a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Forest Service, and the Society hired its first habitat biologist, a Hales Corners native named Dan Dessecker.

Seth was elected earlier this year to serve on the organization's national board of directors.

[Click here to read the full story.](#)

OCHD&L'S CLAUDE KRAWCZYK JOINS THE PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION SOCIETY

Attorney Claude Krawczyk has been named to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Herbert J. Mueller Society.

The recognition society acknowledges the efforts of professional advisers who are committed to their clients, philanthropy and the community. Krawczyk is one of 12 new members this year to the society, which now includes more than 300 professional advisers.

The society is named in memory of Herbert Mueller, a local estate planning attorney who, through his quiet efforts, helped shape the Foundation into the strong, stable and successful organization it is today. By the time of his death in 2001 at age 91, Mueller had worked with his clients to start more than a dozen Foundation funds with gifts totaling nearly \$50 million.

For more than a century, the [Greater Milwaukee Foundation](#) has helped individuals, families and organizations realize their philanthropic goals and make a difference in the community, during their lifetimes and for future generations. The Foundation consists of more than 1,200 individual charitable funds, each created by donors to serve the charitable causes of their choice. The Foundation deploys both human and financial resources to address the most critical needs of the community and ensure the vitality of the region. Established in 1915, the Foundation was one of the first community foundations in the world and is now among the largest.

TWO OF ATTORNEY STEVE SLAWINSKI'S CASES RANKED AMONG "TOP 9" BY WISCONSIN LAWYER

Two of Steve Slawinski's recent victories before the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit were featured in an article published in the December, 2016 issue of the *Wisconsin Lawyer* titled "Top 9 Recent Wisconsin Federal Court Decisions." The article discussed the importance of these court decisions in the areas of Wisconsin contract law and Wisconsin insurance law; encompassing Steve's overall focus of construction law.

For 30 years Steve has represented his clients in complex construction, business, and real estate litigation. His practice emphasizes construction litigation and construction law—representing general contractors, subcontractors, owners, design professionals, lenders and title insurers in construction disputes, both in court and in arbitration.

Wonderful job Steve, on your hard work and dedication!

OCHDL HOLIDAY DONATION TO THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

In the spirit of the holiday season the attorneys and staff at O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing decided to do something special this year. We brought gifts to our firm Christmas Party to be donated to the local Ronald McDonald House, and quite a pile of gifts was indeed donated.



We had the opportunity, earlier this week, to tour the house and witness how the donations and support from the community are directly contributing to helping and touching so many lives. We are honored to have been a part of such an amazing organization.

From all of us at the firm:

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