

O'NEIL, CANNON, HOLLMAN, DEJONG AND LAING S.C. RANKED IN 2017 "BEST LAW FIRMS"

U.S. News and World Report and Best Lawyers, for the seventh consecutive year, announced the "Best Law Firms" rankings. O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. has been ranked in the 2017 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*® "Best Law Firms" list in 13 practice areas:

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Family Law
- Litigation - Bankruptcy
- 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 2017 "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.

NINETEEN ATTORNEYS NAMED SUPER LAWYERS

Each year, *Super Lawyers* surveys the State's attorneys and judges, seeking the State's top attorneys. The lists for 2016 were just published and, once again, a large number of our attorneys are included thereon.

Dean Laing was named one of the Top 10 attorneys in Wisconsin for the second time. He was also named one of the Top 50 attorneys in Wisconsin for the eleventh straight year. In doing so, he is one of only seven attorneys out of over 15,000 attorneys in Wisconsin — and the only commercial litigator in Wisconsin — to make the list all eleven years. Dean was also named one of the Top 25 attorneys in Milwaukee.

Seth Dizard and Patrick McBride were also named one of the Top 50 attorneys in Wisconsin. This is the fourth time that Seth has made the list. Seth and Patrick were also named one of

the Top 25 attorneys in Milwaukee.

Doug Dehler, Jim DeJong, Pete Faust, Bob Gagan, John Gehringer, Joe Gumina, Greg Lyons, Greg Mager, Joe Newbold, Chad Richter, John Schreiber, Jason Scoby and Steve Slawinski were also named Super Lawyers, a recognition given to the top 5% of attorneys in Wisconsin. Jim DeJong, Pete Faust, John Gehringer and Greg Lyons have made the list for the past 10 or more years.

Megan Harried and Erica Reib were also named Rising Stars, which is limited to 2.5% of the young attorneys in Wisconsin.

In total, we had 19 of our attorneys named to the lists by *Super Lawyers*, representing more than 50% of our practicing attorneys, which is more than 10 times in excess of the 5% statewide standard.

We are extremely proud of these recognitions, but even more proud of the quality of service we provide to our clients.

NINTH ANNUAL MILWAUKEE ARCHBISHOP'S CRS RECEPTION

Earlier this month, OCHDL proudly sponsored a charitable event at the Wisconsin Club, downtown Milwaukee, in honor of Catholic Relief Services; the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The event had many influential guests in attendance, including Archbishop ListECKI, Dr. Carolyn Woo, CEO and President of CRS, and Coach Wojciechowski of Marquette University. The event generated a great deal of awareness, as well as the much needed funds to support this overall amazing cause.



Catholic Relief Services 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 are honored to have been a part of such a meaningful event and encourage everyone in the community to look into this selfless agency.

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ATTORNEY TREVOR C. LIPPMAN SELECTED AS PARTICIPANT IN THE G. LANE WARE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

We are pleased to announce that Trevor C. Lippman was selected to participate in the inaugural class of the G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy. Trevor was 1 of 23 attorneys chosen to participate in this program.

The Wisconsin State Bar's Development Committee recently developed the G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy as an inclusive leadership development training program. The committee's objectives in creating this program are to empower participants with the skills, strategies, and resources to become effective leaders in all walks of life.

The G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy is a multi-session training program designed to help lawyers enhance their leadership skills, to build professional networks, to inspire involvement, and to foster professional development. The inaugural class will begin the program this November and end in the spring of 2017.

This is a great opportunity for Trevor to enhance his practice and enrich his career, and he is excited to be a participant.

FIRST PLACE IN THE 2016 STUDENT INTERN COMPETITION

In September, Jessica Schultz was awarded first place in the 2016 Turnaround Management Association (TMA) Chicago/Midwest Chapter Student Intern Competition. Jessica is currently a third-year law student at UW-Madison Law School, and she spent the summer of 2016 as a Law Clerk with O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing, S.C.



TMA is a global non-profit organization comprised of turnaround and corporate renewal professionals with more than 9,000 members in 55 chapters worldwide. The competition involved both a written and oral component. Jessica's application focused on work she performed with distressed and insolvent businesses under the supervision of Seth Dizard, a Shareholder of the firm who frequently serves as a court-appointed receiver for distressed companies.

CHRISTA WITTENBERG PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE IN WISCONSIN LAWYER MAGAZINE

Christa Wittenberg authored an article entitled "Testamentary Capacity: A Sliding-Scale Approach," which appeared in the September issue of *Wisconsin Lawyer* magazine. The article discusses the complex estate planning issues and disputes that can arise in families with loved ones affected by dementia or diminished mental capacity. Given increasing life expectancies and the relative frequency with which these issues can arise, this is a situation that many people either have faced or will face in their lifetimes. When these issues arise, it is important to seek good legal advice promptly.

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BEST LAWYERS® HONORS 15 ATTORNEYS IN 2017

O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. is pleased to announce that 15 lawyers have been named to the 2017 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 almost 70 countries.

“*Best Lawyers* is the most effective tool in identifying critical legal expertise,” said CEO Steven Naifeh. “Inclusion on this list shows that an attorney is respected by his or her peers for professional success.”

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 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list:

- 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
- John G. Gehringer – Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Corporate Law, Real Estate Law
- 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.”

ATTORNEY STEVEN SLAWINSKI FEATURED IN BLOG, PUBLISHED BY THE STATE BAR

Attorney Steven J. Slawinski talks about a recent Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals decision in

the latest [Construction Blog](#) article, published by the State Bar of Wisconsin Construction and Public Contract Law Section.

In this decision, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals weighed in on the application of promissory estoppel in the context of construction bidding.

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In this decision, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals faced the issue of whether a lender's title insurance policy covers construction liens that arise from the lender's decision to cease funding its construction loan due to a loan imbalance.

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ATTORNEY CLAUDE J. KRAWCZYK MENTIONED IN THE BIZTIMES REGARDING THE GEORGE WASHINGTON STATUE ON WISCONSIN AVE

Claude J. Krawczyk, president of the Westown Association Board of Directors, was quoted in the BizTimes discussing the refurbishing of the George Washington statue on West Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee.

As a life-long resident of Milwaukee, Claude has volunteered for over 30 years, serving as an active volunteer, officer and board member for a number of non-profit organizations including: Westown, the Downtown Neighbors Association, In Tandem Theatre, Milwaukee Christian Center, Walker's Point Development Corporation, Jackson Park Neighborhood Association, St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation and others. Check out the full article [here](#) for more details on the project and its significance.