

DEAN P. LAING NAMED 2016 BEST LAWYERS "LAWYER OF THE YEAR®"

O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. is pleased to announce that Attorney Dean Laing was recently selected as the 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for Product Liability Litigation-Defendants in the Milwaukee area. This is the second year that *Best Lawyers* has recognized Attorney Laing as the "Lawyer of the Year." In 2012, he was honored as Milwaukee's Personal Injury Litigation "Lawyer of the Year."

Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year," making this accolade particularly significant. These lawyers are selected based on particularly impressive voting averages received during the peer-review assessments.

Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism, and their integrity.

In addition to the Lawyer of the Year award, Attorney Laing was also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016 in Commercial Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs.

Since the list was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence.

BEST LAWYERS® HONORS 15 ATTORNEYS IN 2016

O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. is pleased to announce that 15 lawyers have been named to the 2016 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 65 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 2016 *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 52,000 leading attorneys cast more than 5.5 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.”

LYONS RECOGNIZED BY THE NADC AS ONE OF THE FINEST LAWYERS IN THE COUNTRY

Gregory Lyons, of O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C., has been selected to the 2015 list as a member of the Nation's Top One Percent by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. NADC is an organization dedicated to promoting the highest standards of legal excellence. Its mission is to objectively recognize the attorneys who elevate the standards of the Bar and provide a benchmark for other lawyers to emulate.

Members are thoroughly vetted by a research team, selected by a blue ribbon panel of attorneys with podium status from independently neutral organizations, and approved by a judicial review board as exhibiting virtue in the practice of law. Due to the incredible selectivity of the appointment process, only the top 1% of attorneys in the United States are awarded membership in NADC. This elite class of advocates consists of the finest leaders of

the legal profession from across the nation.

ELEVEN ATTORNEYS FROM O’NEIL, CANNON, HOLLMAN, DEJONG AND LAING NAMED LEADING LAWYERS

Eleven attorneys from O’Neil Cannon have been named “Leading Lawyers” in Milwaukee by *M Magazine* (July 2015), Milwaukee’s Lifestyle Magazine. Those attorneys are the following:

- Melissa Blair (Banking)
- Jim DeJong (Business)
- Pete Faust (Securities Offerings)
- Grant Killoran (Litigation)
- Dean Laing (Litigation)
- Greg Lyons (Litigation)
- Greg Mager (Family)
- Patrick McBride (Litigation)
- Randy Nash (Litigation)
- Steve Slawinski (Construction/Development)

The “Leading Lawyers” were selected by Avvo, a Seattle-based company that rates attorneys. Avvo’s proprietary algorithm rates all attorneys on a 10-point scale, factoring in peer endorsements as well as experience, education, training, speaking, publishing, and awards. In order to make the list of “Leading Lawyers” as published by *M Magazine*, an attorney must be ranked in the top 5–10% of his or her area of specialty.

KILLORAN SPEAKS AT TEXAS BILL OF RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Grant Killoran, the Chair of O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing’s Litigation Practice Group, recently presented an article and speech entitled “Ebola Panic—When Public Health Concerns Confront the Constitution” at the 9th Annual State Bar of Texas “Bill of Rights Course: Cutting-Edge Controversies in Constitutional Law” in Austin, Texas.

Attorney Killoran authored the article with Attorney Christa Wittenberg of O’Neil, Cannon,

Hollman, DeJong and Laing and presented at the seminar an analysis of state and federal constitutional law governing public health emergencies, focusing on the recent Ebola virus outbreak in the U.S., along with presentations by law professors and attorneys from around the country on other constitutional issues.

KILLORAN RE-APPOINTED TO THE MERITAS U.S./CANADIAN LITIGATION GROUP STEERING COMMITTEE

Grant Killoran, the Chair of the O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing's Litigation Practice Group, recently was re-appointed to serve on the Meritas U.S./Canadian Litigation Group Steering Committee.

O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing is a member of Meritas, a global alliance of over 7,000 lawyers from 170 full-service law firms across more than 70 countries. For more information about Meritas, please visit the Meritas website at www.meritas.org or contact us at 414.276.5000.

ATTORNEYS MAIER AND NASH PRESENT TO THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP

On June 8, 2015, Joe Maier, a shareholder in the Estate Planning Group, and Randy Nash, a shareholder in the Litigation Group, collaborated to present to the Appleton office of the Principal Financial Network a series of real life estate planning facts situations that have led to inheritance litigation.

The Principal Financial Group-Wisconsin Business Center is a client-focused financial services organization working with employers and individuals to help them establish priorities and develop strategies to achieve financial success.

ATTORNEY MAGER PRESENTS DURING THE "FAMILY LAW 101" PORTION OF THE WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT'S FAMILY LAW SEMINAR

On June 4, 2015, Gregory S. Mager spoke during the Family Law 101 portion of the Wisconsin Supreme's Family Law Seminar, a continuing education program for Judges and Court Commissioners throughout the state of Wisconsin.

If you have any family law related questions, please contact Attorney Gregory Mager at O'Neil Cannon at 414-276-5000.

ATTORNEY SLAWINSKI SELECTED AS VICE CHAIR OF STATE BAR'S CONSTRUCTION AND PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW BOARD

Steven J. Slawinski, of O'Neil Cannon, has been selected to become Vice Chair of the State Bar's Construction and Public Contract Law Board, effective July, 1, 2015. This section is made up of attorneys who specialize in construction law and government contracts. He has been a member of this section for many years and has been a section board member since July of 2014.

Mr. Slawinski has been representing clients in complex construction, business, and real estate litigation for nearly 30 years and was named one of the "Wisconsin's Top Construction Attorneys" by the *Wisconsin Law Journal/Daily Reporter*.

Learn more about Attorney Slawinski by visiting his [full profile](#).

ATTORNEY SLAWINSKI PRESENTED AT THE

WLTA SPRING CONFERENCE

Steven Slawinski presented at the Wisconsin Land Title Association's Spring Conference in Madison on May 13, 2015. He discussed the recent opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in *BB-Syndication Services, Inc. v. First American Title Insurance Co.* Mr. Slawinski had represented the prevailing party, First American, in that litigation. Attorney Slawinski is a member of the Litigation and Real Estate Practice Groups at O'Neil Cannon, and may be contacted by telephone at 414-276-5000, or via e-mail at steve.slawinski@wilaw.com.