# DIZARD MENTIONED IN JOURNAL SENTINEL: OWNERS OF MILWAUKEE BUILDING DECLARED NUISANCE FACE COURT ORDER

In a recent article published by *The Journal Sentinel*, Dizard was mentioned for his court-appointed receivership of a local Milwaukee apartment building that has been declared a public nuisance.

Attorney Seth E. 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.

Read full article here.

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# GRANT KILLORAN AND PATRICK MCBRIDE SELECTED TO THE 2015 IRISH LEGAL 100

Grant Killoran and Patrick McBride, shareholders in the Litigation Practice Group at O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C., recently were selected by the *Irish Voice Newspaper* to the 2015 Irish Legal 100.

First introduced in 2009, the Irish Legal 100 is a listing of leading legal figures across the United States and honors accomplished and distinguished lawyers of Irish descent from law schools, law firms, the judiciary and industry around the country. Past honorees have included United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts and United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, and honorees have been invited to meet with Ireland's Ambassador to the United States.

For information about the Irish Legal 100, visit www.irishlegal100.com.

For more information about O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C., including Attorneys Killoran and McBride, visit www.wilaw.com.

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# O'NEIL, CANNON, HOLLMAN, DEJONG AND LAING S.C. HOSTS CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR SMALL FIRMS AND SOLO PRACTITIONERS

On October 7, 2015, O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. hosted a Continuing Legal Education seminar entitled "Hot Legal Topics for Small Firms and Solo Practitioners" focusing on legal issues of interest to Wisconsin small firm and solo practice attorneys. Over 50 attorneys attended the event.

The firm's Managing Shareholder, Dean Laing, presided over the event.

Chad Baruch of Dallas, Texas was the keynote speaker for the seminar. Attorney Baruch spoke on effective legal writing. He also spoke on constitutional law issues.

A number of O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. attorneys also spoke at the event:

- Patrick McBride, Joe Newbold, Melissa Blair, and Christa Wittenberg participated in a panel discussion on the role of judicial clerks and court staff in state and federal court proceedings.
- Tim Van de Kamp presented on commercial lease issues.
- Greg Mager presented on asset protection in divorce and family transfers.
- Seth Dizard presented on recent developments in receivership law.
- Grant Killoran and Greg Lyons presented on legal and practical issues related to commercial arbitration in the United States and abroad.

O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. will hold this seminar again in the Fall of 2016.

If you would like any additional information regarding the seminar, including copies of the seminar materials, or if you would like to attend the 2016 seminar, please contact Grant Killoran at grant.killoran@wilaw.com or at 414.276.5000.

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# GRANT KILLORAN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD

# OF DIRECTORS OF NORTH POINT LIGHTHOUSE FRIENDS, INC

Grant Killoran, Chair of the Litigation Practice Group at O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C., recently was appointed to the Board of Directors of North Point Lighthouse Friends, Inc.

North Point Lighthouse Friends is a non-profit organization committed to increasing public awareness of the history of North Point Lighthouse Station in Lake Park in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

North Point Lighthouse Station is located at 2650 North Wahl Avenue in Milwaukee. The North Point Lighthouse began operating in 1885 and presently is comprised of 74-foot tower made of cast iron structural steel. North Point Lighthouse Station includes the North Point Lighthouse and a two-story Queen Anne-style wood frame dwelling known as the Keeper's Quarters, which was occupied from 1888 through 1994 by lighthouse keepers and their families and U.S. Coast Guard employees. North Point Lighthouse Station was decommissioned in 1994.

North Point Lighthouse Friends manages North Point Lighthouse Station for Milwaukee County following its transfer to the County from the U.S. Coast Guard. North Point Lighthouse Friends provides opportunities to adults and children to tour North Point Lighthouse Station and participate in special programming related to it and maritime issues.

North Point Lighthouse Station was placed on the National Register of Historic Lighthouses in 1980 and the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. It was designated as a Milwaukee County Landmark in 2005.

North Point Lighthouse Station is open to the public for tours from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoons year round, as well as tours upon request with advance reservations.

For more information regarding North Point Lighthouse Station, please go to www.northpointlighthouse.org.

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# ATTORNEY SLAWINSKI QUOTED IN

# COMMERCIAL OBSERVER: SEVENTH CIRCUIT SETS TITLE INSURANCE PRECEDENT

Steven J. Slawinski was interviewed by *Commercial Observer* recently regarding his role in the case *BB-Syndication Services, Inc. v. First American Title Insurance Co., 780 F.3d 825 (7th Cir. 2015).* This case has set the precedent that a lender's title insurance policy does not cover construction liens that arise due to insufficient construction funding.

Read full article here.

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# OCHD&L IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ATTORNEY SAMANTHA AMORE HAS JOINED THE FIRM

Attorney Samantha M. Amore, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, has recently joined the Milwaukee law firm O'Neil Cannon She assists individuals, professionals, and business owners with estate and business planning as well as with probate and guardianship. Her prior experience preparing tax returns enables her to advise clients on gift, estate, and income tax matters.

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.

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# 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.

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## 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 B*est 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."

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## 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.

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# 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.