

# **SUPER LAWYERS RECOGNIZES OCHD&L AMONG THE TOP WISCONSIN LAW FIRMS**

O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing is pleased to be selected for inclusion in the Super Lawyers Business Edition. Top firms were chosen based on the number of attorneys within the firm who were selected to a 2013 or 2014 Super Lawyers list in business practice areas, as well as a combination of metrics indicating the quality of those attorneys. Quality factors that were considered included the number of years selected to the list, inclusion on a top list, and their average blue ribbon panel scores.

The following attorneys recognized as outstanding in the business and transactions practice group and featured in the Super Lawyers Business Edition include:

- James G. DeJong - Mergers and Acquisitions
- Seth E. Dizard - Creditor Debtor Rights
- Peter J. Faust - Mergers and Acquisitions
- Chad J. Richter - Business/Corporate
- John R. Schreiber - Creditor Debtor Rights
- Jason R. Scoby - Mergers and Acquisitions

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## **O'NEIL, CANNON, HOLLMAN, DEJONG AND LAING S.C. RANKED IN 2015 "BEST LAW FIRMS"**

O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. has been ranked in the 2015 "Best Law Firms" list by *U.S. News and World Report* and *Best Lawyers®* in the following areas:

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Product Liability Litigation-Defendants
- Family Law
- Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs
- Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Trusts and Estates Law
- Litigation-Bankruptcy
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Real Estate Law

- Tax Law

Firms included in the 2015 “Best Law Firms” list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise.

The 2015 Edition of “Best Law Firms” includes rankings in 74 national practice areas and 120 metropolitan-based practice areas.

The *U.S. News—Best Lawyers* “Best Law Firms” rankings, for the fifth consecutive year, are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. Clients and peers were asked to evaluate firms based on the following criteria: responsiveness, understanding of a business and its needs, cost-effectiveness, integrity and civility, as well as whether they would refer a matter to the firm and/or consider the firm a worthy competitor.

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## **O’NEIL, CANNON, HOLLMAN, DEJONG AND LAING S.C. HOSTS CLE SEMINAR FOR SMALL FIRM AND SOLO PRACTITIONERS**

On October 8, 2014, O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. hosted a Continuing Legal Education seminar focusing on legal issues of interest to Wisconsin small firm and solo practice attorneys. Approximately 70 attorneys attended the event. The firm’s Managing Shareholder, Jim DeJong, 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 and moderated a panel discussion on corporate drafting issues. Bob Gagan, President of the State Bar of Wisconsin, also participated in the seminar. Attorney Gagan discussed the resources available from the State Bar of Wisconsin to assist small firm and solo practice attorneys.

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

- Randy Nash and Greg Mager discussed State Bar of Wisconsin projects with State Bar President, Bob Gagan.
- Dean Laing presented on several litigation issues, including the impact of social media

research in litigation and emerging deposition and expert witness practice issues.

- Pete Faust, Doug Dehler, Joe Maier, and Joe Newbold participated in a panel discussion with Chad Baruch on corporate document drafting issues.
- Joseph Gumina presented on recent developments in labor and employment law.
- Grant Killoran presented on legal and practical issues related to the handling of electronically stored information.
- Seth Dizard, Melissa Blair, and Tim Van de Kamp participated in a panel discussion on recent developments in creditors' rights, bankruptcy and receivership law.

If you would like any additional information regarding the seminar, including copies of the seminar materials, please contact Grant Killoran via e-mail at [grant.killoran@wilaw.com](mailto:grant.killoran@wilaw.com) or by telephone at 414.276.5000.

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## **ATTORNEY MAGER PRESENTS AT THE COLLABORATIVE FAMILY LAW COUNCIL OF WISCONSIN SEMINAR**

Attorney Gregory S. Mager presented at the Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin's Second Saturday on October 11, 2014. The Council's Second Saturday program is designed to inform the general public regarding collaborative divorce.

Mr. Mager is a member of the Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin, and a shareholder with O'Neil Cannon

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## **ATTORNEY MAGER PRESENTS AT WISCONSIN STATE BAR'S WORKSHOP**

Attorney Gregory S. Mager presented "Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Pretrial Discovery" and "Temporary Hearings—A Panel Discussion" in August, 2014 at the State Bar of Wisconsin's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Law Workshop in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Mr. Mager is the Director of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin, and a shareholder with O'Neil Cannon

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# BEST LAWYERS® HONORS 14 ATTORNEYS IN 2015

O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. is pleased to announce that 14 lawyers have been named to the 2015 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. 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 2015 *Best Lawyers in America®* list:

- James G. DeJong – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Seth E. Dizard – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and Litigation-Bankruptcy
- Peter J. Faust – Corporate Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- John G. Gehringer – Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Corporate Law, and Real Estate Law
- Dennis W. Hollman – Corporate Law, and Trusts and Estates
- Grant C. Killoran – Litigation-Health Care
- Dean P. Laing – Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs, and Product Liability Litigation-Defendants
- Gregory W. Lyons – Commercial Litigation and Litigation-Insurance
- 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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## **ATTORNEY GRANT C. KILLORAN ELECTED TO THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

The law firm of O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C. is pleased to announce that Grant C. Killoran recently was elected by the State Bar of Wisconsin to serve a two-year term as one of its five Delegates to the American Bar Association House of Delegates.

The House of Delegates is the policy-making body of the ABA. Control and administration of the ABA is vested in the House of Delegates. Established in 1936, the House of Delegates has over 500 members and its actions become the official policy of the ABA, the nation's largest lawyer association.

Mr. Killoran previously served as a Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates from 1997-1999 and 2003-2009.

Mr. Killoran is a shareholder with and the Chair of O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing's Litigation Practice Group. He has diverse trial experience, focusing on complex business and health care disputes.

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## **OCHDL ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED AS LEADING LAWYERS IN M MAGAZINE**

*M Magazine* (July 2014) just listed its "Leading Lawyers" in the Milwaukee area, and the list includes the following nine attorneys from O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C.:

- Jim DeJong (Business)
- Pete Faust (Corporate/Incorporation)
- Grant Killoran (Health Care)
- Dean Laing (Litigation)
- Greg Mager (Family)
- Patrick McBride (Insurance)
- Randy Nash (Litigation)
- Peter Walsh (Estate Planning)

In selecting the “Leading Lawyers” in the Milwaukee area, *M Magazine* utilized the services of Avvo, a Seattle-based company that rates all attorneys on a 10-point scale, factoring in peer endorsements, experience, education, training, speaking, publishing, and awards.

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## **MILWAUKEE JUSTICE CENTER VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED ON THE STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN PRO BONO HONOR ROLL**

The Milwaukee Justice Center, organized by Milwaukee County, the Milwaukee Bar Association and the Marquette University School of Law, provides civil legal assistance to people who cannot afford an attorney. In 2012, the volunteers of the Center provided nearly 9,000 hours of *pro bono* service to 10,659 unrepresented litigants.

Fifteen attorneys from the law firm of O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing contributed the success of the Milwaukee Justice Center in 2012 to include:

- Doug Dehler
- Megan Eisch
- Miles Goodwin
- Grant Killoran
- Justinian Koenings
- Claude Krawczyk
- Gregory Lyons
- Sarah Matt
- Joseph Newbold
- Laura Now
- Jason Scoby
- Steven Slawinski
- Steven Strye
- Timothy Van de Kamp
- Peter Walsh

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## **KILLORAN NAMED OUTSTANDING SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR BY THE AMERICAN BAR**

# ASSOCIATION

Grant Killoran, the Chair of O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C.'s Litigation Practice Group, has been selected by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation as an Outstanding Subcommittee Chair for the 2013-2014 ABA year.

Grant serves as the Co-Editor of the ABA Section of Litigation's *Health Law Litigation Newsletter* and is being honored for his work on that publication.

Grant has served as a Co-Editor of the ABA *Health Law Litigation Newsletter* for a number of years. He previously served as the Co-Chair of the ABA Section of Litigation's Health Law Litigation Committee.

Grant's practice focuses on complex business disputes, including those involving the health care industry.