

SUPER LAWYERS RECOGNIZES OCHD ATTORNEYS AMONG WISCONSIN'S TOP 5%

Milwaukee, WI (November) – Several attorneys from the law firm of O’Neil Cannon have been selected for inclusion in the 2008 Wisconsin *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* lists. Attorneys recognized by *Law and Politics* include Jim DeJong, Dean Laing, Peter Faust, Patrick McBride and Randy Nash. Rising Star honors go to Seth Dizard, Chad Richter, John Schreiber and Bob Tess.

Only 5 percent of the licensed active attorneys in each state are named to the *Super Lawyers* list. In states where Rising Stars is published, no more than 2.5 percent are named. As part of the rigorous multi-step selection process, each candidate is evaluated based on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. The objective of the Super Lawyers selection process is to create a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of outstanding attorneys that can be used as a resource to assist attorneys and sophisticated consumers in the search for legal counsel.

OCHD LAWYERS HONORED WITH THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA® RECOGNITION

Milwaukee, WI (September) – Dean Laing, Tom Merkle and John Gehringer from the law firm of O’Neil Cannon have been selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America® 2009* (Copyright 2008 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.).

Since its inception in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Because Best Lawyers is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which more than 25,000 leading attorneys cast almost two million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their specialties, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, 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.”

Dean Laing leads the litigation practice and has been with the firm for 24 years. He’s one of the very few attorneys who have successfully practiced both business litigation and personal injury litigation. Attorney Laing has been selected by members of the Wisconsin Bar and judiciary as one of the top trial attorneys in Wisconsin. Law and Politics recognized him as one of the Top 50 Super Lawyers and as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Wisconsin.

Tom Merkle has been honored for a second year in a row and is one of the founding members of OCHD. He counsels his clients with general corporate and business law matters, including transactions such as acquisitions, sales, contracts, and financing. He also litigates cases involving shareholder disputes as well as family law cases involving closely-held businesses, partnerships, and professional associations.

John Gehringer received recognition in the 2008 Wisconsin Law Journal's Construction Law edition. He counsels his clients in all areas of real estate development, construction law, commercial and construction financing. Attorney Gehringer provides both preventive and remedial legal counsel to financial institutions, real estate developers, REITS, architects, engineers, hotel owners, construction companies, design builders, commercial lessors and tenants, and title insurance companies.

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OCHD WELCOMES ATTORNEY ESTABROOK

T.J. Estabrook, an attorney and certified public accountant, recently joined the Milwaukee law firm of O'Neil Cannon T.J. works with clients on the tax and corporate law aspects of mergers and acquisitions. His experience includes representation of clients in connection with tax-free reorganizations, taxable stock and asset sales and divestiture transactions. Prior to joining OCHD, T.J. was with the mergers and acquisitions practice group of Ernst and Young, LLP where he worked extensively with private equity and Fortune 500 companies.

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ATTORNEY DIZARD PRESENTS "DIPPING INTO BANKRUPTCY" AT WISCONSIN CREDIT

ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP

Have you ever been confronted with the opportunity to do business with a company that is in bankruptcy, and not known how to make an informed credit decision? At this session, our presenter will discuss the risks and benefits of extending credit to entities that are operating in bankruptcy as Debtors-In-Possession. Attendees will also learn practical ways to identify risks associated with such transactions, and methods to minimize potential credit exposure. Come join us for this informative session.

[See Seminar Details](#)

ATTORNEY JOSEPH E. GUMINA JOINS OCHD

Milwaukee, WI (August, 2008) – Joseph E. Gumina joined the Milwaukee law firm O’Neil Cannon to lead their labor and employment practice. He brings with him extensive experience representing management in a vast array of employment and labor matters. Attorney Gumina is licensed to practice law in the states of Illinois and Wisconsin and has represented clients in litigation matters in both state and federal courts, including the federal district courts in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

Attorney Gumina has significant experience as a seasoned litigator having tried cases to juries in both federal and state courts achieving resounding success for his clients. He has also represented the interests of his clients in other parts of the country, including Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, New York, and Utah.

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THOMAS G. CANNON SELECTED AS A LEADING WISCONSIN ATTORNEY

O’Neil Cannon is proud to announce that Thomas G. Cannon has been selected as a Leading Wisconsin Attorney. The American Research Corporation recently completed an extensive

survey in Wisconsin to identify the attorneys most highly regarded by their peers in the Wisconsin Bar Association. Attorneys that have received numerous independent nominations are reviewed by the Advisory Board and further verified to be in good standing with the Wisconsin Bar Association. Fewer than 6% of the attorneys licensed to practice in Wisconsin are selected as Leading Wisconsin Attorneys.

Attorney Cannon currently serves as the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Legal Aid Society. He is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer with an extensive background in complex litigation. He has also served as an expert witness and consultant to other lawyers in the fields of legal ethics and constitutional law.

LAKE SHORE NAMES ATTORNEY ELDON L. BOHROFEN CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Lake Shore Wisconsin Corp., the proposed holding company for Lake Shore Bank, recently announced the formation of its board of directors. Attorney Bohrofen was among the nine individuals selected to serve as external directors. “We asked Eldon to serve for a variety of reasons – his banking experience, business expertise, prominence in the community and knowledge of our market,” states Jeanene Meisser, COO and controller.

Eldon is an attorney of the Sheboygan office of O’Neil Cannon He assists individuals and business owners with their estate planning needs, helping them minimize estate tax costs to effectively transfer their wealth from one generation to the next. He also focuses on the establishment of family foundations and represents corporate and individual fiduciaries.

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CHAD RICHTER TO PRESENT “HOW TO BEGIN THE BUSINESS ACQUISITION/SALE PROCESS”

On Wednesday, April 9, 2008, Chad J. Richter will be presenting “How to Begin the Business Acquisition/Sale Process.” Mr. Richter will also discuss the effective use of Term Sheets and

Letters of Intent in business transactions; including key legal components, misconceptions and pitfalls of these documents. The presentation is taking place at Cornerstone's M&A Alliance Event from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha.

Mr. Richter is an attorney with the law firm of O'Neil Cannon He assists clients with a variety of corporate and business law matters such as the formation and organization of various types of business entities under operating, shareholder, and subscription agreements, including the preparation of financial and disclosure documentation. Chad concentrates his practice on the structuring of business relationships under franchise, licensing, and distribution arrangements, and has worked with numerous franchise and dealership models, representing both franchisors/grantors and franchisees/dealers.

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SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTS MUELLER AS V.P. AND PRESIDENT ELECT

J. Phil Mueller has been elected vice president of the Sheboygan County Bar Association. He will serve as vice president of the Association for 1 year, followed by a 1 year term as president starting January 1, 2009.

Mueller is an attorney with the Sheboygan law office of O'Neil Cannon He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1985 and received his law degree in 1988 from Creighton University. His practice focuses on business law and estate planning for small to medium sized companies. "I am honored to be elected by the local Bar Association," states Mueller. "I look forward to carrying on the Association's mission to encourage participation in public service, enhance the public perception of lawyers and foster professionalism and camaraderie."

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OCHD ELECTS GREGORY S. MAGER AS SHAREHOLDER

Gregory S. Mager has been elected shareholder in the law firm of O'Neil Cannon, and will continue his practice in the areas of civil litigation and family law, including mediation services. Mr. Mager graduated from Marquette University with an undergraduate degree in political science and philosophy, and a graduate degree in political science. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Marquette University Law School.

Mr. Mager is the Editor-in-Chief of the Wisconsin Journal of Family Law, a publication of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin. He was selected as a 2007 Wisconsin Super Lawyer Rising Star, *Law and Politics* and *Milwaukee Magazine*. In addition, Mr. Mager has received a Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV, reflecting an attorney who has reached the height of professional excellence and is recognized for the highest levels of skill and integrity. His memberships include the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Wisconsin as well as the Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Washington, and Waukesha County Bar Associations. Mr. Mager is also a member of the Society of Family Lawyers, the Lender J. Foley Matrimonial Inns of Court, the Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin, Inc., and the Divorce Cooperation Institute, Inc.

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.