

ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEY ERIC PETERSON JOINS O'NEIL CANNON

Attorney Eric Peterson, a 2016 graduate of Marquette University Law School, has joined O'Neil Cannon. He is a member of the firm's Estate and Succession Planning Practice Group, where he will assist clients in all matters relating to estate planning, succession planning, and trust administration. Eric's experience provides him a deep understanding of the intricacies in preserving and distributing assets for individuals and families. With a personalized approach, Eric is dedicated to helping clients navigate the complexities of estate planning and crafting comprehensive strategies that align with their goals and wishes. We are very pleased to welcome Eric to O'Neil Cannon.

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O'NEIL CANNON SERVES AS LEGAL ADVISOR TO DIAMOND VOGEL, INC. IN ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARY OF THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

O'Neil Cannon advised Diamond Vogel, Inc. in its recent acquisition of N92 Menomonee Falls, LLC, a subsidiary of The Sherwin-Williams Company. The acquired business, founded in 1951 as Raabe Paint Company, is based in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. It employs approximately 100 employees and manufactures color-match touch up paint, custom aerosol, and other specialty coatings.

According to Jeff Powell, Diamond Vogel's President and CEO, the acquisition allows Diamond Vogel to accelerate its aerosol growth strategy. In addition, the Menomonee Falls team's expertise in aerosol manufacturing adds depth and breadth to Diamond Vogel's already existing aerosol manufacturing capabilities. Diamond Vogel, Inc., based in Orange City, Iowa, is a manufacturer of high-quality paint and coatings. Diamond Vogel also has manufacturing

operations in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin because of its previous acquisition of Faase Paint Company's aerosol manufacturing business.

The O'Neil Cannon deal team was led by Attorney Jim DeJong with assistance provided by O'Neil Cannon attorneys Britany Morrison, JB Koenings, Joseph Gumina, Nick Chmurski, and Sam Nelson.

CHRISTA WITTENBERG ELECTED TO THE FIRM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

O'Neil Cannon is pleased to announce that Attorney Christa Wittenberg was recently elected to serve on the firm's Board of Directors, beginning on July 1. Christa has been with the firm since 2014 as a member of the Litigation Practice Group, where she assists businesses and individuals with pursuing and defending a variety of complex civil litigation matters. Christa is the Chairperson for the Communications Committee at the State Bar of Wisconsin and is a member of the Boards of Directors of LOTUS Legal Clinic, the Association for Women Lawyers, and the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association. She looks forward to applying her leadership skills and her passion for service to ensure that O'Neil Cannon maintains its status as a premier law firm and continues to serve its clients effectively and efficiently.

Christa will be filling the seat of Attorney Dean Laing, who will be stepping down from the firm's Board of Directors after 33 years in that position. Dean is also the immediate past President and Managing Shareholder of the firm, having served in those roles from 2015-2020. He will continue with the firm as a shareholder. The firm is extremely grateful for Dean's strong leadership over the years.

GRANT KILLORAN JOINS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MILWAUKEE FILM, INC.

Grant Killoran of O'Neil Cannon was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors of Milwaukee Film, Inc.

Milwaukee Film is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to entertaining, educating, and engaging the community through cinematic experiences, with a vision to make Milwaukee a

center for film culture. It operates the Oriental Theatre, a historic cinema palace committed to high-quality and accessible film and education programming. Since 2009, its annual Milwaukee Film Festival has brought together film fans and filmmakers to celebrate the power of cinema. Its education programs and cultures and communities platform provide avenues toward making the Greater Milwaukee community a more empathic and equitable place for everyone to live.

Grant is a shareholder with O'Neil Cannon and past chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. He has diverse business dispute resolution and trial experience, focusing on complex business and health care disputes.

ATTORNEY SETH DIZARD RECENTLY FEATURED IN SUPER LAWYERS

Attorney Seth Dizard, chair of O'Neil Cannon's banking, receivership, and creditors' rights practice group, was recently featured in the Super Lawyers article "Debt Collection Options for Businesses". In the article, Dizard shares advice and insights for business owners in the area of creditors' rights. Read the full article [here](#).

As the head of the firm's Banking, Receivership, and Creditors' Rights Practice Group, Dizard regularly serves 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. He also represents financial institutions, secured and unsecured corporate or individual creditors, companies seeking to acquire distressed businesses, and financially troubled corporations in both state and federal courts. In addition, he assists business owners by guiding them through the process of informal financial work-outs and refinancing. Dizard has extensive experience serving as court-appointed receiver, and representing court-appointed receivers, throughout the state in assignments for the benefit of creditors (Chapter 128 Receiverships), as well as real estate foreclosures, the winding-up of closely held corporations, and complex post-judgment collection matters.

***SUPER LAWYERS* RECOGNIZES 25 O'NEIL CANNON ATTORNEYS**

Each year, *Super Lawyers* surveys the State of Wisconsin's 15,000 attorneys and judges, seeking the State's top attorneys. Recently, *Super Lawyers* published its lists for 2022, which include the Top 10 Attorneys in Wisconsin, Top 50 Attorneys in Wisconsin, Top 25 Attorneys in Milwaukee, Super Lawyers (consisting of the top 5% of attorneys in Wisconsin), and Rising Stars (consisting of attorneys who are 40 years old or younger or who have been in practice for 10 years or less).

Twenty-five of our attorneys were recognized by *Super Lawyers*, which has referred to the firm as "the Milwaukee mid-sized powerhouse." Those attorneys are the following:

- Nicholas G. Chmurski:
 - Rising Stars
- Douglas P. Dehler:
 - Super Lawyer
- James G. DeJong:
 - Super Lawyer
- Seth E. Dizard:
 - Top 50 Attorneys in Wisconsin
 - Top 25 Attorneys in Milwaukee
 - Super Lawyer
- Peter J. Faust:
 - Super Lawyer
- John G. Gehringer:
 - Super Lawyer
- Joseph E. Gumina:
 - Super Lawyer
- Jessica K. Haskell:
 - Rising Stars
- Grant C. Killoran:
 - Super Lawyer
- Dean P. Laing:
 - Top 10 Attorneys in Wisconsin
 - Top 50 Attorneys in Wisconsin
 - Top 25 Attorneys in Milwaukee
 - Super Lawyer

- Trevor C. Lippman:
 - Rising Stars
- Gregory W. Lyons:
 - Super Lawyer
- Patrick G. McBride:
 - Super Lawyer
- Britany E. Morrison:
 - Rising Stars
- Joseph D. Newbold:
 - Super Lawyer
- Erica N. Reib:
 - Rising Stars
- Chad J. Richter:
 - Super Lawyer
- John R. Schreiber:
 - Super Lawyer
- Jason R. Scoby:
 - Super Lawyer
- Steven J. Slawinski:
 - Super Lawyer
- Kelly M. Spott:
 - Rising Stars
- Christa D. Wittenberg:
 - Rising Stars

Super Lawyers is a national rating service that rates attorneys in all 50 states. The selection process utilized by *Super Lawyers* is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations, and peer evaluations. One court recently had this to say about *Super Lawyers*:

“[T]he selection procedures employed by [*Super Lawyers*] are very sophisticated, comprehensive and complex. It is abundantly clear . . . that [*Super Lawyers* does] not permit a lawyer to buy one’s way onto the list, nor is there any requirement for the purchase of any product for inclusion in the lists or any quid pro quo of any kind or nature associated with the evaluation and listing of an attorney or in the subsequent advertising of one’s inclusion in the lists.”

We are proud to be one of the few firms in Wisconsin that had more than 50% of its attorneys receive recognition by *Super Lawyers*.

O'NEIL CANNON RANKED IN 2023 "BEST LAW FIRMS"

O'Neil Cannon has been ranked in the 2023 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*® "Best Law Firms" list in 16 practice areas:

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Employment Law - Management
- Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Insurance
- Litigation - Labor and Employment
- 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 2023 "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.

ATTORNEY JESSICA HASKELL NEW CHAIR OF THE MBA BANKRUPTCY SECTION

Attorney **Jessica K. Haskell** was recently selected as the new chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Milwaukee Bar Association. The Bankruptcy Section of the Milwaukee Bar Association is focused on providing continuing legal education seminars and engaging section members. Jessica is a member of O'Neil Cannon's Banking, Receivership, and Creditors' Rights Practice Group. She represents court-appointed receivers, secured and unsecured creditors, financial institutions, and corporations in state and federal court. Jessica is pleased to be selected as the new chair and looks forward to being involved with the Bankruptcy

Section in her new role.

OCHDL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT NANCY WILSON HAS JOINED THE FIRM

Attorney Nancy L. Wilson, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, has joined O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing. She will join the firm's Estate and Succession Planning Practice Group, where she will assist clients in all matters relating to estate planning, succession planning, and trust administration. In addition to her legal experience, Nancy has also served as Chief Operating Officer for a large consumer electronics distributor and Vice President of Operations for a manufacturing company. She has also owned and operated an accounting and consulting business, credit reporting agency, and various retail stores. Nancy's experience and familiarity with running a business provides her with in-depth knowledge of her business client's needs. We are very pleased to have Nancy join OCHDL.

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OCHDL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT SAM NELSON HAS JOINED THE FIRM

Attorney Samuel D. Nelson, a *magna cum laude* graduate of Marquette University Law School, has joined O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing. Sam will join the firm's Business Law Practice Group, where he will be assisting clients in a wide variety of business law matters. While in law school, Sam was a research assistant to Dean and Professor Joseph Kearney at Marquette University Law School and a board member for the Marquette University Law Review. He also volunteered for both the Milwaukee Justice Center and the ABA Legal Answers Clinic. We are very pleased to have Sam join OCHDL.

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