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- John Schreiber – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Jason Scoby – Banking and Finance Law, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), and Corporate Law
- Steve Slawinski – Construction Law
- Karen Tidwall – Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Christa Wittenberg – Commercial Litigation

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

- Maura Falk – Trusts and Estates and Litigation – Trusts and Estates

- Jessica Haskell – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- John “Jack” McNally – Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Real Estate, and Trusts and Estates

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O’NEIL CANNON ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED AS BENCHMARK LITIGATION STARS

O’Neil Cannon is proud to announce that attorneys Doug Dehler, Grant Killoran, Dean Laing, Greg Lyons, Patrick McBride, Joe Newbold, Steve Slawinski, and Christa Wittenberg have been selected as Benchmark Litigation Stars in the 19th edition of Benchmark Litigation.

Based on extensive research and feedback from peers and clients, Benchmark Litigation Stars are recognized as the nation’s most respected and accomplished litigation practitioners. Inclusion as a Benchmark Litigation Star reflects each attorney’s outstanding reputation, deep litigation experience, and consistent success on behalf of clients.

Benchmark Litigation is a leading guide to the world’s foremost litigation firms and lawyers, widely relied upon by in-house counsel and legal professionals nationwide.

ATTORNEY GREG LYONS RECOGNIZED AS A

2025 NOTABLE LITIGATOR AND TRIAL ATTORNEY BY BIZTIMES MILWAUKEE

O'Neil Cannon is pleased to announce that Greg Lyons has been selected for the 2025 *Notable Litigators and Trial Attorneys* list by *BizTimes Milwaukee*. Chosen from nominations across the region, Lyons was recognized for his leadership, litigation experience, and commitment to serving the Milwaukee community.

The special section will appear in the print edition of *BizTimes Milwaukee* and online at BizTimes.com. We congratulate Lyons on this well-earned honor and appreciate the impact he continues to make for our clients and our community.

SUPER LAWYERS RECOGNIZES 28 O'NEIL CANNON ATTORNEYS

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Super Lawyers, who previously referred to the firm as "the Milwaukee mid-sized powerhouse," recognized twenty-eight of our attorneys.

Those attorneys are the following:

- Dino Antonopoulos:
    - Super Lawyer
- Nick Chmurski:
    - Rising Star
- Doug Dehler:
    - Super Lawyer
- Jim DeJong:
    - Super Lawyer
- Seth Dizard:
    - Top 50 Attorneys in Wisconsin

    - Top 25 Attorneys in Milwaukee
    - Super Lawyer
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    - Rising Star
- Pete Faust:
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- Steve Slawinski – Construction Law

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

- Maura Falk – Trusts and Estates
- Trevor Lippman – Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Kelly Spott – Trusts and Estate
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O’NEIL CANNON WINS WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT CASE

Wisconsin Supreme Court Case

O’Neil Cannon recently secured a victory before the Wisconsin Supreme Court. On January 22, 2025, the court ruled in favor of O’Neil Cannon’s client in *Morway v. Morway*. This case underscores the importance of understanding the finality of court orders and the associated timelines for filing appeals.

Case Background

David and Karen Morway finalized their divorce on March 25, 2019, in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin. As part of the divorce decree, David was obligated to pay monthly spousal maintenance to Karen. In May 2022, anticipating the expiration of his employment contract with the Utah Jazz, David filed a motion to modify or terminate his spousal maintenance obligations, citing a substantial change in his financial circumstances. The family court commissioner initially reduced David’s maintenance payments, but Karen appealed this decision. Following a three-day trial, the circuit court issued an oral decision on April 19, 2023, denying David’s motion. This decision was formalized in a written order on May 24, 2023.

Procedural Posture

On September 1, 2023, David sought to appeal the circuit court’s May 24 order, along with two other subsequent orders dated June 27 and August 28. However, the court of appeals dismissed his appeal as untimely, determining that the May 24 order was final for purposes of appeal under Wisconsin Statute § 808.03(1), despite the entry of the subsequent orders. According to this statute, a party has 90 days to file a notice of appeal from a final order. David’s notice of appeal as to the May 24 order was filed beyond this 90-day window, leading to the dismissal.

Supreme Court’s Analysis

The central issue before the Wisconsin Supreme Court was whether the May 24 order constituted a “final order” under § 808.03(1). David contended that the order was not final because it lacked explicit finality language and did not dispose of all matters in litigation. He also argued that the order’s finality was ambiguous, suggesting that it should be liberally construed to preserve his right to appeal.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court disagreed with David’s arguments. The court emphasized that

an order is considered final if it disposes of the entire matter in litigation as to one or more of the parties. In this case, the May 24 order explicitly denied David's motion to modify or terminate maintenance, thereby resolving the substantive issue before the court. The absence of explicit finality language did not render the order ambiguous, nor did it affect its finality. Consequently, the Wisconsin Supreme Court held that the order was final and that David's appeal was untimely.

Implications

The *Morway v. Morway* decision serves as a crucial reminder for litigants and attorneys regarding the importance of understanding when a court order is deemed final. Even in the absence of explicit finality language, or incorrect language, an order that resolves all substantive issues is considered final for purposes of appeal. Failing to recognize this can result in missed deadlines and the forfeiture of the right to appeal.

In conclusion, *Morway v. Morway* reinforces the principle that the finality of a court order hinges on whether it disposes of all substantive matters in litigation. Litigants must remain vigilant in recognizing such finality to protect their appellate rights.

Greg Lyons argued the case before the Wisconsin Supreme Court. In addition to Lyons, the briefs were submitted by Jean Ansay and Ryan Riebe.

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GREG LYONS HONORED FOR SAVING LIFE

Attorney Greg Lyons was recently honored, along with others, for his heroic actions in saving the life of West Bend Alderman Mark Allen who suffered a cardiac arrest. Without hesitation, Lyons stepped in and performed CPR, stabilizing the situation until paramedics arrived. As the leader of the firm's safety response team, Lyons actively promotes CPR training within the organization, resulting in many employees taking part in the life-saving training. Reflecting on the incident, Lyons humbly remarked, "I was just in the right place at the right time. Adrenaline kicked in, and that took over." His quick thinking and preparedness highlights the importance of CPR training in emergency situations.

Read the full story here.

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