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PRACTICE GROUP

- Business
- Mergers & Acquisitions

Jim's practice focuses on representing privately held businesses and their owners on a wide variety of legal matters. In particular, he has extensive experience guiding clients through significant corporate transactions, including the purchase and sale of businesses, complex contractual matters, and planning for business succession. Jim works with clients across a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, distribution, fintech, and professional services. Jim has a unique perspective on the challenges of running a successful business having served as O'Neil Cannon's President and Managing Shareholder for more than 25 years.

A cornerstone of Jim's practice is building strong relationships with his clients. Jim believes that effective legal counsel begins with a deep understanding of his clients' businesses, which better positions him to provide tailored solutions that align with the clients' goals and objectives. Jim, and his colleagues at O'Neil Cannon prioritize providing excellent legal work and exceptional client service delivered with efficiency, clarity, and common sense.

Jim Assists Clients With

- mergers, business acquisitions and sales, and other significant business transactions;
- shareholder agreements and operating agreements;
- securities law matters, including private offerings of debt and equity securities; and
- day to day legal and business issues, governance, compliance, and operational matters.

Jim's Approach

By applying his decades of experience with common sense, Jim helps clients navigate legal challenges with confidence. Whether a client is planning a sale of a business, acquisition of another business, or seeking guidance on general legal matters, Jim is dedicated to delivering results-driven solutions that support long-term success.

Awards/Distinctions

- State Bar of Wisconsin
- American Bar Association
- Wisconsin Chapter of Association for Corporate Growth (ACG)

Awards/Distinctions

- Recognized in the 2026 Wisconsin Legal 250, published by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*
- Peer review rated as AV Preeminent®, the highest rating in the Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™ System
- Selected by his peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America© (2010 - present) in the fields of corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, and securities/capital markets law
- Selected for inclusion in the Wisconsin Super Lawyers list (2007- present)
- Recipient of Carroll University's MacAllister Distinguished Alumni Award (2019)

Community Involvement

- Served for nine years on the Board of Trustees of Carroll University, including three years as Board Chair.
- Past Board Member of the Milwaukee United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF), the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, and the Friends of Art of the Milwaukee Art Museum
- Board Member, Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts, Inc., Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
- Ordained Elder, The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Education

- Marquette University Law School (J.D.)
- Carroll University (B.S.)

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