

# CLASS NOTES



James G. DeJong



Daniel D. Daubert



Maxine A. White



R. L. McNeely



Brent D. Nistler



Kimberley Cy Motley

**60 Franklyn M. Gimbel** was awarded the Big Pi Award, the lifetime achievement award of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity.

**70 Thomas P. Krukowski** moved his practice to Thomas P. Krukowski s.c. In addition to practicing employment and labor law, he continues to offer programs, seminars, and webinars.

**72 Michael F. Hupy** received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the Marquis Who's Who Publications Board.

**78 James G. DeJong** of O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing, based in Milwaukee, received the 2019 Carroll University Distinguished Alumnus Award.

**80 Daniel D. Daubert** has joined Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren's new consumer finance team. Daubert is a shareholder in Reinhart's corporate law practice.

**85 Maxine A. White**, chief judge of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court, received the Ida B. Platt Award at the Cook County Bar Association's 2019–2020 Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet.

**93 Mary J. Koshollek** was awarded the 2019 Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin Distinguished Service Award. She is director of information and records service for Godfrey & Kahn in Milwaukee.

**94 R. L. McNeely** is chair of the Felmers O. Chaney Advocacy Board. Together with other charter members of the Community Coalition for Quality Policing in Milwaukee, the board was presented the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Wisconsin "Partner in Change" Award at LULAC's national convention in Milwaukee this past June.

**97 Stacy L. Alvarez** joined Westbury Bank as vice-president, commercial relationship manager.

**99 Steven M. Cain** is a newly elected judge of the Ozaukee County Circuit Court. He and his wife, **Heather (Mager) Cain, L'00**, live in Cedarburg, Wis.

**Jessica Fredrickson** is senior office manager for the Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel.

**Brent D. Nistler** joined the Milwaukee office of Hansen Reynolds as a partner. He focuses his practice on business, real estate, and probate litigation as well as complex criminal defense.

**00 Robert R. Gagan** joined Conway Olejniczak & Jerry, in Green Bay. His practice centers on corporate and municipal law as well as commercial litigation. He was a co-founder of the Brown County Free Legal Clinic and served as president of the State Bar of Wisconsin in 2014–2015.

**01 Brad L. F. Hoeschen** was promoted to vice president, North Central Division Agency Manager and Underwriting Counsel, for Old Republic National Title Insurance Co. He is in charge of Old Republic's agency and underwriting operations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

**03 Kimberley Cy Motley**, who has done legal work in Afghanistan and elsewhere, has written a book, *Lawless: A Lawyer's Unrelenting Fight for Justice in One of the World's Most Dangerous Places*, published by Allen & Unwin Book Publishers.

**Tara R. Devine** was elected secretary of the Lake County (Ill.) Bar Association. She also was named to the Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers guide for 2019. She is a partner at the personal injury law firm Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard.

**05 Annie L. Owens** has joined Georgetown University Law Center's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection as senior counsel.

**Laura M. Lyons** joined Dean Health Plan as a staff attorney. She also is president of the Wisconsin Association of Worker's Compensation Attorneys.

Three Marquette lawyers have been promoted to shareholder in von Briesen & Roper's Milwaukee office:

**Andrew J. Christman, L'12**, with a practice focusing on toxic tort, product liability, and commercial litigation

**Kevin M. Fetherston, L'11**, practicing in general tort, business and commercial, and professional liability litigation

**J. Ryan Maloney, L'07**, focusing on business and commercial, professional liability, and product liability and insurance litigation.

Also, **Daniel J. Balk III, L'17**, was named an associate in the health law section in the firm's Milwaukee office.

Employment data for recent classes are available at [law.marquette.edu/career-planning/welcome](http://law.marquette.edu/career-planning/welcome).



Claire E. Hartley



Emily M. Chilson



Kate M. Marlin



Lauren E. Raupp



Karla M. Nettleton



Danielle E. Marocchi

**08** **Yatin K. Patel** led a successful effort to secure approval to develop a four-story hotel that will feature a corner plaza and a coffee shop in Palo Alto, Calif.

**Melissa J. Papaleo** joined the Milwaukee firm of Halling & Cayo. Her practice focuses on civil disputes, business litigation, insurance defense, and securities litigation.

**09** **Claire E. Hartley** has become a shareholder at Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet, based in Waukesha, Wis. Her practice focuses on representing school districts, municipalities, and private employers in labor and employment law matters.

**10** **Ryann H. Beck** was named a partner of Andrus Intellectual Property Law in Milwaukee.

**11** **Emily M. Chilson** was named a partner of Andrus Intellectual Property Law in Milwaukee.

**12** **Kate M. Marlin** joined Old Republic Title as assistant vice president, Wisconsin Underwriting Counsel. She also serves on the board of directors and as Education Committee co-chair for the Wisconsin Land Title Association.

**Jaclyn C. Kallie** has become an associate with Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin, & Brown in Milwaukee.

**Rachel T. Bernstein** is a compliance manager in the hospital services group of DaVita in Denver, Colo.

**13** **Lauren E. Raupp** joined MacGillis Wiemer, in Wauwatosa, Wis., as an associate focusing on personal injury work.

**15** **John M. Calewarts** has joined Conway Olejniczak & Jerry, based in Green Bay. His practice focuses on general corporate law, franchisees, and tax/succession. He is also a CPA.

**17** **Karla M. Nettleton** joined the tax practice of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren in Milwaukee.

**Lauren L. Otte** joined Becker, Hickey & Poster in Milwaukee. Her practice includes divorce, custody, and related family law matters, Title 19, elder law, guardianship, estate planning, and special needs planning.

**18** **Danielle E. Marocchi** joined the litigation practice at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren in Milwaukee.

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### Von Briesen & Roper CEO Crocker Dies Unexpectedly

**Randall Crocker, L'79**, president and CEO of von Briesen & Roper, died unexpectedly this fall as this issue was going to press. Crocker was a leader in legal and civic life in Milwaukee and beyond, including extensive involvement as an alum of Marquette Law School. Crocker, who was 64, led von Briesen & Roper from 2004 until his death. Under his leadership, the Milwaukee-based firm grew from 162 employees to more than 350 in nine offices in Wisconsin. "I admired Randy Crocker, both for his leadership of von Briesen & Roper and much more generally," said Dean Joseph D. Kearney. "His energy and enthusiasm, his innovation, his engagement went well beyond even his firm or this school. We at Marquette Law School extend our condolences to his family and colleagues." In addition to his involvement with the Law School, Crocker was a leader in civic efforts in Milwaukee, including the Discovery World Museum and several arts organizations.



KATHERINE MALONEY PERHACH, L'00

## Reaching a Defining Moment

Family, schools, and colleagues lead Katie Perhach to the federal bench.

**F**ifty years ago, John Maloney became the first member of his family to graduate from Marquette University. Three years later, he graduated from Marquette Law School. And in the half century since 1969, members of the Maloney family and their spouses have received 34 Marquette degrees, including 8 from the Law School.

A special, but bittersweet, chapter in the rich history of the Maloney family and its accomplishments in the legal world began this year with the appointment of Katherine “Katie” Maloney Perhach, L’00, as a bankruptcy judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

The bittersweet aspect is that, at age 70 and after a distinguished legal career, John Maloney died on June 30, 2018. Katie Perhach interviewed for the bankruptcy court three days before her father’s death. His wife, Perhach’s mother, Jerrilyn Maloney, died in 2010.

That added poignancy to the joy at the August 2019 investiture ceremony, which was attended by a large number of judges, lawyers, friends—and, you may be sure, family members.

Perhach was a lawyer at Quarles & Brady before joining the federal bench. One of the speakers at the investiture was Kevin Long, co-managing partner of the firm’s Milwaukee office. In his remarks, Long called Perhach “one of those people who are very good at almost everything.” He praised her legal abilities but added, “Even outside strictly legal analysis, if you have a very difficult financial problem, an engineering issue, or technical issue, after a very short period of time, Judge Perhach will understand it, frame it appropriately, and explain it to others in a way that helps solve the problem.”

Long said, “As high as her IQ is, her EQ—her emotional quotient—is even higher. She is great at reading the room. She is able to build rapport with just about anyone. . . . Judge Perhach is unafraid of hard issues. She challenged the firm to be better, whether it be on topics of diversity and inclusion, training, building a team-first culture, or simply improving our performance.”

In her remarks, Perhach recalled her start as a student at Marquette Law School. She said, “It is my understanding that long before my time, the dean of the Law School used to tell incoming students at orientation, ‘Look to your left; look to your right. One of those people won’t be here at the end of the semester.’ The Law School had become a kinder, gentler place by the time I enrolled, so Dean Howard Eisenberg modified that by saying, ‘Look to your left; look to your right. You just might wind up married to the person you are sitting next to.’ I am so glad that I chose the seat that I did.” She married Brian Perhach, who now is an attorney in Milwaukee. The couple have three children.

Perhach said she recently served on a panel for the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County. One of the questions panelists were asked was what defining moments in their lives put them on the path to where they are now. “I have continued to reflect on that question ever since I sat on that panel,” she said. She described some of those moments.

Her list began with attending Pius XI High School on Milwaukee’s west side. “The values that are part of a Pius education instilled in me a strong desire to want to help people who are less fortunate than I am, and to make a difference in the greater Milwaukee community.”

Her undergraduate education at Marquette was next: “Marquette has instilled in each one of us a thirst for knowledge, the desire to help those less fortunate, and the ability to make a difference in the lives of others.”

Her law school experience (and meeting Brian) and the couple’s three children followed on the list.

Next was her experience doing pro bono work. Perhach said, “Dean Eisenberg once said, ‘I believe with all my heart that as members of the bar, and as graduates of a Jesuit law school, you have a moral and professional responsibility to provide direct legal assistance to those who cannot pay you.’ It has been such an honor and privilege to do legal work for people in our community who do not have the means to hire a lawyer, whether that has meant providing free legal advice at the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic at the United Community Center, obtaining guardianships for families with special-needs children about to turn 18, obtaining restraining orders for victims of domestic violence, obtaining guardianship for a woman who was told she was ‘too poor’ to raise her deceased sister’s daughter, building a reading room at a Milwaukee public school with [former Green Bay Packer] Ha-Ha Clinton Dix, or advocating for people with developmental disabilities on the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities.”

Working at Quarles & Brady was the next defining moment, and she generously praised people who work at the firm, both lawyers and support staff.

Last on the list was her investiture as a judge.

In thanking a long list of people who have supported her and boosted her in many ways, Perhach ended with thanks to her late parents. “Quite simply, I wouldn’t be the person I am today without them and their love for me. That’s one of the amazing things about love—it transcends even death,” she said. But up in Heaven? “They are, however, most definitely telling anyone who will listen up in Heaven about what is going on down here today. I have no doubt that even the angels are tired of listening.” ■



Dwyane Wade, second from left, walks on the Marquette campus with Tamara Johnson, third from left, when he visited her during her time as an undergraduate.

**TAMARA JOHNSON, L'17**

## **A Super “Thank You” to a Superstar** **Tamara Johnson expresses her gratitude to** **Dwyane Wade, benefactor**

**A** decade ago, Tamara Johnson was a high school senior in the small community of Pojoaque, New Mexico, near Santa Fe. She was active in the local Boys & Girls Club and applied through the club for a college scholarship. That led to an offer for a full scholarship at an institution she had never heard of: Marquette University. The offer was a result of a partnership between the Boys & Girls Club, Marquette, and NBA superstar Dwyane Wade, a former Marquette basketball star.

Johnson said “Yes” immediately. “This was the opportunity of a lifetime,” she said. How did it work out? “It was the best thing I have ever done. It is one of my greatest blessings.” Wade took a strong personal interest in her and other Marquette students who have received scholarships he funded. He visited her each of her undergraduate years.

Johnson got her undergraduate degree in 2014 and enrolled at Marquette Law School, where she benefited from some other scholarships. She graduated in 2017 and is back in Santa Fe, practicing family law.

And she got a chance several months ago to thank Wade in a special way. As he approached the end of his NBA career, Wade was honored at arenas across the country. Budweiser did something different: It brought Wade to the nearly empty and dark arena of his home team, the Miami Heat, and surprised him with visits from five people who have benefited from Wade’s personal kindnesses.

“It was always my dream that I would get the chance to go to college, but we just didn’t have the money,” Johnson told Wade as one of the speakers at the ceremony. “Without you and your full-tuition scholarship, none of this would have been possible. . . . You’ve completely changed the course of my life.”

She presented Wade with a cap and gown and the tassels from both her undergraduate and law school graduations.

The moving tribute is available through an online search using “Dwyane Wade tribute.” ■