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**81 Ramona A. Gonzalez**, a La Crosse County Circuit Court judge, received the State Bar of Wisconsin's 2023 Lifetime Jurist Award.

**83 Carl Ashley** has been appointed chief judge of Wisconsin's First Judicial Administrative District, encompassing Milwaukee County.

**87 Robert B. Blazewick** was appointed chief administrative judge of the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals, based in Arlington, Va.

**Kevin H. Govern** has been appointed associate dean for academic affairs at Ave Maria School of Law in Vineyards, Fla., where he also serves as professor of law.

**88 Janet C. Protasiewicz** was elected to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin and took the oath of office on August 1, 2023.

**93 Kimberly A. Kolch** is a labor relations specialist/school attorney with Madison-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in Verona, N.Y.

**95 Sherry M. Terrell** has joined Milwaukee Area Technical College as the school's general counsel.

**02 Patrick M. Miller** was named construction and real estate litigation practice group leader for Faegre Drinker, in New York, N.Y.

**Carrie Reichartz** of New Berlin, Wis., founded Mercy's Light Family, an organization that helps young mothers who have been victims of rape, sexual abuse, and trafficking.

**05 Atheneé Lucas** started a new position as senior legal counsel—compliance at Accruent, in Dallas, Tex.

**07 Adam S. Bazelon** joined Axley Attorneys as a partner in the Waukesha, Wis., office and is a member of the firm's litigation practice group.

**08 Geraldo F. Olivo**, practicing at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, in Fort Myers, Fla., was sworn in as secretary of the Lee County Bar Association's executive council.

**Raphael F. Ramos** was appointed to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court by Gov. Tony Evers.

**09 Aryeh D. Derman** joined Clark Hill as senior counsel in the firm's banking and financial services group. He is based in the firm's Chicago office.

**Tonya N. Natkins** accepted a position as legal operations manager for Farmers Insurance.

**10 Tyrone M. St. Junior II** was promoted to vice president and associate general counsel at Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee.

**Russell J. Karnes** was honored for his dedication and volunteer efforts for the Mobile Legal Clinic, a project of Marquette Law School and the Milwaukee Bar Association, during the Milwaukee Justice Center's 12th Annual Run for Justice.

**11 Vincent R. Bauer** joined the Division of Legal Services for the Wisconsin Department of Administration as legal counsel.

**Todd LaForest**, in Phoenix, Ariz., was named president of Molly's Grape & Citrus Co.

**Dotun Obadina** joined Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison, in New York City, as counsel in the corporate department and a member of the firm's mergers and acquisitions group.

**Nicholas Smith** was promoted to agency legal counsel for the Wisconsin Office of the State Public Defender.

**12 James C. Witecha** was promoted to chief legal counsel at the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

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**Jonathan J. Feldbruegge** joined von Briesen & Roper's Milwaukee office as a shareholder in the litigation and risk management practice.

**14 Kristen D. Hardy** and **Emil Ovbiagele** were featured on the cover of the May 2023 *Wisconsin Lawyer Magazine* for their work hosting the state bar's *Bottom Up* podcast, discussing the challenges in the legal practice today.

**AJ Peterman** was promoted to general counsel at Fleet Farm in Appleton, Wis.

**21 Curtis A. Edwards** joined Lin Law in Green Bay, Wis. His practice focuses on trusts and estates, business law, and real estate law.

**Bridget Smith** accepted a position as a field attorney with the National Labor Relations Board in Milwaukee.

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