

CLASS NOTES



Lisa Stafl



Jesse B. Blocher



Ray H. Littleton



Julie E. Piper-Kitchin



Anthony J. Flint



Stacie L. Lamb

74 William C. Gleisner III was reelected to the Wisconsin Judicial Council, on which he has served since 2008.

83 Paul T. Dacier, partner in Boston at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, was inducted into the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's* "Hall of Fame."

88 David J. O'Leary retired as district attorney of Rock County, Wis. He served since 1997.

90 Lisa Stafl was named as the first in-house general counsel for the Association of Equipment Manufacturers, based in Milwaukee.

03 Elizabeth F. McCright joined Marquette University as deputy general counsel. She previously was senior vice president, deputy general counsel, at Kohl's.

Ryan E. Ruzziconi was appointed president of Aspiro, a disability service provider based in Green Bay, Wis.

04 Nathaniel St. Clair was nominated for the Litigator of the Year – Texas award by Managing IP, a global resource for intellectual property news and analysis.

05 Theodore "TJ" Perlick Molinari was named vice president of channel strategy and general counsel at Perlick Corporation in Milwaukee.

06 Jesse B. Blocher received the Charles Dunn Award from the State Bar of Wisconsin for his *Wisconsin Lawyer* article "The Pugilist's Guide to Brief Writing."

David B. Carr and **Douglas M. Raines** were elevated to partner at Husch Blackwell.

Ray H. Littleton was elected to the Detroit Bar Association Board.

Michael D. Rust was elected a judge of the Winnebago County Circuit Court.

07 Anson T. Kuriakose was named director and assistant general counsel of legal investigations and analytics at Allstate Insurance Co.

Laurie A. Kuriakose (Best) assumed the role of adjudications officer at the Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations Headquarters within the Department of Homeland Security.

Jennifer L. Williams was named partner at Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani in Milwaukee.

08 Julie E. Piper-Kitchin joined the Madison office of von Briesen & Roper. She focuses on managing trial preparation and defense strategies across various legal areas.

09 Nicolas J. Heitman was named the 2024 Assistant District Attorney of the Year by the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association. He practices with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office.

11 Anthony J. Flint was appointed Vice President of Legal at AriensCo.

Stacie L. Lamb was promoted to counsel at Faegre Drinker in Chicago.

Katie Mertz, director of pro bono and public service at Marquette Law School, was appointed to the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission.

Dotun O. Obadina was promoted to partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York, N.Y.

James Robert D. Rael was selected as faculty for the National Criminal Defense College.



Byron B. Conway, L'02, comes from a family of distinguished lawyers. His grandfather and an uncle were judges in Wisconsin, his father (the late Gregory B. Conway, L'70) established a prominent law firm in Green Bay, and a cousin (David D. Conway, L'09) is currently a judge in Dane County. With his swearing in as a federal district judge on November 8, 2024, Byron Conway has made his own contribution to the family's record. Conway is serving in the Green Bay Division of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. He succeeds Judge William C. Griesbach, L'79, who moved to senior status in 2019.

Conway practiced at Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown in Milwaukee before joining the Green Bay office of Habush, Habush & Rottier in 2006 as a personal injury attorney. His nomination by President Joe Biden to the federal bench was supported by Senator Tammy Baldwin, a Democrat, and Senator Ron Johnson, a Republican. His roots in the legal profession should not, at least in these pages, detract attention from the Marquette University connections: for example, his mother, Diane Browning Conway, received her journalism degree from the university in 1966.



Joseph J. Schuster



Sarah M. Wong



Alexandra N. Appenzeller



Eric M. Gustafson



Taylor D. Brisco



Andrew E. Martzahl

12 Nicholas S. Cerwin received the State Bar of Wisconsin Young Lawyers Division's Outstanding Mentor Award.

Joseph J. Schuster returned to Ballard Spahr's Denver office as partner in the business and transactions department and consumer financial services group.

Sarah M. Wong co-founded the new intellectual property law boutique Wong Meyer Smith & McConnell in Milwaukee.

13 Aaron Hernandez was named of counsel for the sports law practice group at Church Church Hittle + Antrim. He continues as assistant dean and executive director of the Allan "Bud" Selig Sports Law and Business Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.

Brad L. Meyer co-founded the new intellectual property law boutique Wong Meyer Smith & McConnell in Milwaukee.

Anne R. Rowley joined Grossman Young & Hammond as counsel in the firm's business immigration practice in San Diego, Calif.

14 Christian L. Bray was named senior associate athletic director at Harvard University.

15 Chris Kradle opened his own firm, Kradle Law, in Edina, Minn., focusing on estate planning, estate administration, elder law, and business organization.

Isioma O. Nwabuzor was elected as the 41st president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s Epsilon Kappa Omega Chapter, the largest Black Greek-letter chapter organization in Wisconsin.

16 Alexandra N. Appenzeller (Don) joined von Briesen & Roper in Milwaukee as a shareholder in the real estate section.

17 Erik M. Gustafson joined the litigation and risk management practice group at von Briesen & Roper in Milwaukee, focusing on first- and third-party coverage analysis, counseling on bad faith claims, and appellate advocacy.

Jill K. Ingels, vice president of legal and business operations for the Milwaukee Bucks and Fiserv Forum and adjunct professor at the Law School, was named to the *Milwaukee Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 for 2025.

Sara C. McNamara was elected a shareholder at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, Milwaukee, specializing in banking and finance, litigation, and business reorganization and bankruptcy.

18 Michael R. Anspach joined the Miami Dolphins/Hard Rock Stadium as associate counsel.

Timothy J. Greenwood was elected the city attorney for Kaukauna, Wis.

19 Taylor D. Brisco joined Hallett & Perrin as a litigation attorney, focusing on commercial business litigation and labor and employment with the Dallas-based firm.

April K. Splittgerber joined Axley Bryn Nelson as a family law associate in the firm's office in Janesville, Wis.

20 Andrew E. Martzahl joined Lin Law in Green Bay, Wis., focusing on estate and business succession planning, corporate law, and real estate.

Kieran M. O'Day joined Stafford Rosenbaum in Madison, Wis.

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