



Welcome new lawyers.
In January, 19 new lawyers took the oath of admission in the Wisconsin Supreme Court Hearing Room.
Photo: Shannon Green



New milestone. Former State Bar Executive Director Larry Martin (right) celebrates with Wisconsin Law Foundation President Francis Deisinger (center) and State Bar Executive Director Jill Rothstein (left) as Martin's donation helps take the Foundation corpus over the \$4 million mark. Martin, who retired last year, was instrumental in the fundraising efforts leading to the milestone. Photo: Shannon Green



MBA Judges Night. Last month, the Milwaukee Bar Association (MBA) held its annual Judges Night at The Grain Exchange in Milwaukee. In this photo, Emil Ovbiagele, immediate past president of the MBA, engages with Ryan Billings (left), immediate past president of the State Bar, and Jonathan Gruhl (right) of Gruhl Law Firm. Ovbiagele is also a member of the State Bar's Board of Governors. Photo courtesy of the MBA.



Leading the way. The 2026-27 Class of the State Bar's G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy had its second session Jan. 16-17, at the State Bar Center in Madison. Photo: Kara Olson



Save the date. The State Bar's 2026 Annual Meeting & Conference (AMC) will take place June 10-12 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse. Last year, Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul (photo, above) was one of the AMC's featured speakers, and Bucky and the University of Wisconsin Marching Band made an appearance.