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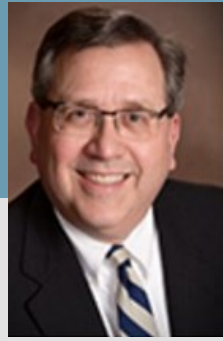
READING THIS REPORT

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From the desk of ...

Larry J. Martin, Executive Director



The State Bar of Wisconsin Annual Meeting and Conference is the culmination of our year, reflecting the good work of our sections, divisions, committees, and board members, as well as our talented staff.

As this year's State Bar President, Dean Dietrich has been the steady hand at the helm. He has calmly guided us through significant challenges, while leading us in countless achievements, many reflected throughout this report. Dean has led with purpose and integrity, and always with humility and great heart. No one has cared more about the future of this profession, the rule of law, and this organization than Dean.

We also give thanks to outgoing Past President Margaret Wrenn Hickey, who has served in so many leadership capacities these many years, and always with great passion and wisdom. We continue to be served and led by great leaders.

We now prepare for the transition to our new president, Ryan Billings, an accomplished and capable leader. I look forward to collaborating with him in the coming year.

This summer, we honor two trailblazing female lawyers, Lavinia Goodell and Vel Phillips. This year marks the 150th anniversary of Lavinia becoming the state's first female lawyer.

She faced many challenges and left a lasting impact on our legal system, advocating for women's rights, and the role of women as legal peacemakers through initiatives like collaborative divorce, mediation, and restorative justice. At the Annual Meeting and Conference, I encourage you to attend the CLE session, "Five Important Wisconsin Legal Developments Affecting Women and the Women Lawyers Who Advanced Them" at AMC on Thursday, June 20 at 3:15 p.m., beginning with a welcome by Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Ann Walsh Bradley. If you happen to be in or near Janesville on June 17, stop by the Rock County Courthouse for [Wisconsin Women's Lawyer Day for a reenactment of Lavinia's admission to the State Bar.](#)

In June, we will also celebrate the unveiling of the Vel Phillips statue on the State Capitol grounds. The State Bar and the Wisconsin Law Foundation, lead sponsors for the statue, contributed \$25,000 on behalf of the 25,000 members. Notably, the statue is the first on the Capitol Square to recognize a person of color. Phillips is considered one of Wisconsin's most prominent and influential attorneys. She made significant contributions as a civil rights leader, lawyer, and judge. The statue celebrates diversity in state leadership and offers generations of Capitol visitors an opportunity to learn about her impact.

Lastly, I want to thank our outgoing board members for their dedication to improving Wisconsin's legal system better. I hope you will continue to be involved as a volunteer, either with the State Bar or in your own communities.

Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy the summer months, and as always, ever forward!

Larry

ICYMI: My Columns in *Wisconsin Lawyer*™

New Maps Bring New Challenges and Opportunities:

Wisconsin has new legislative maps. Now is the time to reach out to candidates running in your districts and let them know about issues that matter to you as lawyer constituents. (April 2024)

Staying True and on Course: The Diversity Clerkship Program's continued operation is a victory for Wisconsin's law students and future lawyers, employers who participate in the program, and consumers of legal services in Wisconsin. (May 2024)

2024-2025
Board of Governors' Meetings

September 19-20, 2024 (Thursday & Friday)
The Abby Resort, Lake Geneva

December 6, 2024 (Friday)
State Bar Center, Madison

February 28, 2025 (Friday)
Virtual

April 11, 2025 (Friday)
State Bar Center, Madison

June 18, 2025 (Wednesday)
Monona Terrace, Madison

A message to
Outgoing Board Members

On behalf of the entire State Bar of Wisconsin, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable time, expertise, and dedication toward Wisconsin's legal

Gregory J. Banchy
Jane Bucher
Kathryn M. Bullon
Joseph M. Cardamone, III
Jose Castro
Margaret Wrenn Hickey
Latrice M. Knighton
Mitch
Anna Muñoz

Kene O. Okocha
Felicia L. Owen
Christine Procknow
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Shanna Marie Sanders
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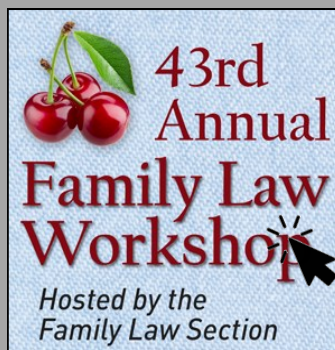
Your legacy will continue to inspire us.

Upcoming Events

In-person CLE Seminars/Events



July 11-12
*Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center
Sturgeon Bay*



August 1-3
*Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center
Sturgeon Bay*

Webcast Replays



Mental Health Literacy for Lawyers
Runs various dates



Election Law in Wisconsin 2024
*Runs various dates
August 7-November 7*

Educate: We're Developing Skilled Legal Professionals

Check Out These Four Codebooks and Our Virtual Libraries

2024

4 Codebooks

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Wisconsin Children's Code and Juvenile Justice Code

2



Employment Law

3



Traffic Law

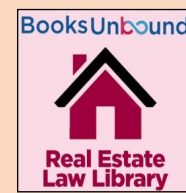
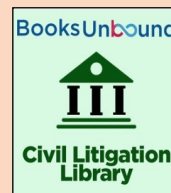
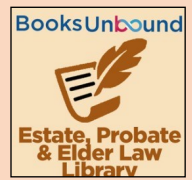
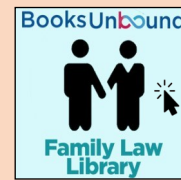
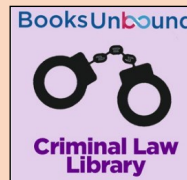
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Civil Litigation

MARKETPLACE

Our 2024 codebooks have all been released into print! With these codebooks, you will gain access to important statutes and regulations specific to the State of Wisconsin. Click on **each box** to learn more.



Click on any icon to learn more

You also have the option of our [full library](#) to maximize your research needs! Remember, your subscription automatically includes regular updates to our books!

Look for newly updated Family Law in Wisconsin, Desk Reference, 7th Circuit, Employment Law, and Public Records and Open Meetings Handbook available soon on Marketplace.

Your feedback is important. Whether it is an idea for a new book, feedback on an existing book, or your interest in becoming an author, please contact [Keri Dunlap](#), product and publications manager.

Two **Hot** PINNACLE Seminar Recommendations

1

Wisconsin Trust Code Trailer Bill - What's New? 2024

Don't miss this important update on substantial changes to the administration of trusts, the power to decant, powers of appointment, and disclosure and classification of digital property. Presented by co-chairs of the Trailer Bill Study Group, Victor Schultz and Mark Shiller, you will receive insights on the most important updates contained in the new law.

Webcast runs June 11 to September 23.

2

Remote Witnessing and Notarization of Estate Planning Documents 2024

Join top-notch estate planning lawyers Philip J. Miller and Catherine M. Priebe for a primer on the new rules allowing for remote authentication. Topics include definitions for "estate planning documents" and "remotely located individuals," options for transmitting and completing signed documents, distinctions between remote online notarization and remote ink notarization, and when an in-person meeting is still the best option. Webcast runs June 26 to November 9.

1



*Register
here!*



2

Do you have an idea for a CLE program that you think we should get on the calendar? Are you thinking you would like to be a speaker for PINNACLE programs? Reach out to Tim Clark, seminars manager, tclark@wisbar.org, for more information



Groups: We're Working Together for the Common Good

Section Reports

Appellate Practice

In partnership with PINNACLE®, held a CLE titled “Appellate Practice in District II 2024” on April 15 at The Ingleside Hotel. About 50 people attended, including Appellate Judges from District IV and District II. After the CLE, the section hosted a networking event.

Intellectual Property & Technology Law


The section is hosting its annual Intellectual Property Academy on July 11-12 in Stone Harbor. Speakers include Trademark Trial and Appeal Judge Thomas Casagrande, Laura Kaiser of the U.S. Copyright Office, Matthew Sked from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and Dr. James Zhu from JunHe Law Offices. Topics include artificial intelligence, intellectual property enforcement in China, and current events at the USPTO and in copyright.

Indian Law

The Indian Law Section will hold their 12th Annual CLE, Aug.15-16, at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Hotel and Convention Center in Baraboo. Topics will include Territory Sovereignty, Right of Ways, Internet Gaming in Wisconsin, and Artificial Intelligence.

Real Property, Probate and Trust Law

In partnership with PINNACLE, the RPPT is offering section discounts to three upcoming CLE's.

- “Wisconsin Trust Code Trailer Bill - What's New? 2024.” (See page 9 for more information.)
- “Remote Witnessing & Notarization of Estate Planning Documents 2024.” See page 9 for more information.
- What does the NAR Sitzler/Burnett Proposed Settlement mean for Wisconsin? Webcast seminar available until July 15. 

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| Section Leaders Council | Conducted an orientation for incoming leaders at the State Bar Center on May 10. Twenty-five individuals attended, representing 15 sections. This orientation prepared incoming chairs for their term beginning July 1. |
| Multiple Sections | <p>The Civil Rights and Liberties Section, Environmental Law Section, International Practice Section, and the Public Interest Law Section all provided scholarships to the Annual Meeting and Conference.</p> <p>Twelve sections attended the second Diversity Luncheon, held March 27 at the State Bar Center. These luncheons allow DEIA committee members to connect and discuss diversity initiatives and ideas.</p> |

Division Reports

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| Government Lawyers | Worked with PINNACLE to co-produce a half-day CLE program “Mapmaker, Make Me a Map: Redistricting and the Clarke Case 2024.” Attendees benefited from hearing a range of perspectives from the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC), the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL), municipal and county clerks, and legal scholars as they learned about implementation of new maps, ramifications of the Clarke decision, and experienced a live demonstration in mapmaking. |
| Nonresident Lawyers | Nonresident Lawyers Division members potentially impacted by disasters in Maine, Rhode Island, Maryland, Nevada, and Ohio received emails from the State Bar with offers of assistance through the Practice 411 and WisLAP programs. |




Committee Reports

Leadership Academy

Leadership Academy Subcommittee

The G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy completed another successful year in April. About half of the participants expressed interest in greater engagement in the State Bar by returning a volunteer interest form.

Recruiting for next year's class will begin on August 1 and run to mid-September. Program information can be found on Wisbar.org\la.

The 2024-25 Leadership Academy Sessions for next year are as follows (Friday/Saturday): Session 1: November 22 & 23, 2024; Session 2: January 17 & 18, 2025; Session 3: April 4 & 5, 2025

This year's G. Lane Ware Keynote Address was delivered by Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Jill K. Karofsky. Her message focused on four points: be kind, be curious, be vigilant, be resilient.

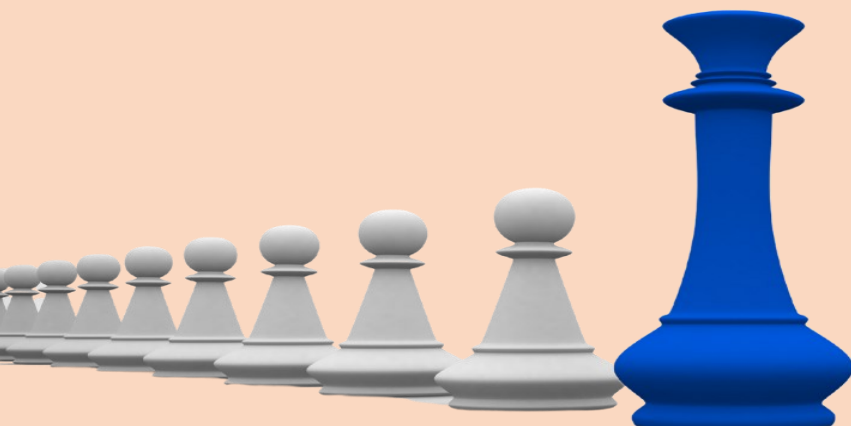


Leadership Development Committee

Leadership Summit Subcommittee

The Leadership Summit event was held on Saturday, April 20 at the State Bar Center. All 24 attendees completed a volunteer interest form and are eagerly waiting for volunteer service assignment.

We will be circulating a call for nominations in November giving you an opportunity to identify new lawyers you would recommend attending the 2025 Leadership Summit and further involvement in the State Bar.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Reports

Diversity, Inclusion & Oversight Committee (DIOC)

The DIOC continues to support Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the legal profession. Staff attended an event hosted by the Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers efforts to continue to collaborate with the Affinity Bar Groups.

Diversity Clerkship Program (DCP)

The DCP hosted a soft skills workshop for the Fiscal Year 23-24 clerks at the State Bar Center. The facilitators are members of the Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association and the Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers.

Law Student Outreach

The State Bar is committed to exposing law students to the benefits, services, and experiences the State Bar offers to members so they will choose to practice law in Wisconsin and become active in the State Bar when they graduate.

- Staff attended the Graduate Fair at Marquette University Law School on May 15.
- The law student newsletter, "Just the Facts," was released in April 2024.



On the Road Again

May 1, 2024



The State Bar hit the road and headed to Wausau for its first Law Day Road Show! Over 80 members and judges joined legislators and State Bar leadership for a day of learning, networking, and catching up!

Judge Thomas M. Hruz, Wisconsin Court of Appeals—District III, delivered special Law Day remarks, and Office of Lawyer Regulation Director Timothy Samuelson served as a panel speaker on the topic of succession planning. Joining him were Brent Hoeft, State Bar practice management advisor, Amber Ault, WisLAP manager, and Sarah Watson, pro bono and consumer protection manager. Steve Krueger, Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) Committee Chair, and Katie Wilcox, customer and consumer services manager, shared the benefits of joining the Lawyer Referral & Information Service. Brent Hoeft shared time-saving tips for attorneys to become more efficient in delivering their services.

Special thanks go to the event sponsors including:

- Habush, Habush & Rottier, SC
- Ruder Ware, LLSC
- Weld Riley, SC
- Bultman Financial
- Anderson O'Brien LLP
- Hupy and Abraham SC
- Professional Insurance Programs
- WILMIC
- Crooks Law Firm
- Kramer Shull Reeths, LLP
- Krautkramer & Block, LLC
- O'Melia, Schiek & McEldowney, SC



Advocate: We're Advocating for Justice, Clients, the Legal System and Profession

▶ The State Bar achieves significant advocacy wins this legislative session, including victories on criminal justice funding and judicial security.

The significant victories mentioned above also included successful lobbying by 13 practice sections. See [Rotunda Report](#) for a brief summary of section positions and accomplishments.

As we transition to the campaign season, the Advocacy Team will focus on member outreach and preparation for the next legislative session in January 2025. The Advocacy Team participated in the May 1 Roadshow event in Wausau. We're available for similar events at your local bar or law firm. Contact [Devin Martin](#), grassroots coordinator, 608-712-5509.

Lastly, the State Bar's Legislative Oversight Committee will present the Scales of Justice Award to Rep. Evan Goyke for his dedication to the legal profession and access to justice.



Rep. Evan Goyke

Wausau Roadshow



Attendees at the May 1 Wausau Roadshow include (L-R): Sen. Cory Tomczyk (R–Mosinee), OLR Director Timothy Samuelson, Executive Director Larry Martin, State Bar Governor Stephen Sawyer, Rep. Donna Rozar (R–Marshfield), Rep. Patrick Snyder (R–Schofield), Sen. Mary Felzkowski (R–Tomahawk), President Dean Deitrich, Incoming State Bar Gov. William Harris, Rep. John Spiros (R–Marshfield), Judicare Director Beth Ann Richlen. *Photo: Joe Forward*

CONVENTION CORRIDOR

A luncheon panel discussion on the upcoming party conventions in Chicago and Milwaukee

June 26
Milwaukee



WISPOLITICS



Julian Bradley

State Sen.
(R-Franklin)



Kalan Haywood

State Rep.
(D-Milwaukee)



Chuck Chvala

Former Dem. State
Senate Majority
Leader & co-star of
WisPolitics
“The Insiders”

Joe Handrick

Former GOP State
Rep. and author of a
2024 redistricting
handbook

Moderator

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Spectrum 1 Anchor
Jason Fechner



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Spectrum



EVENT DETAILS

June 26 , 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Spectrum, 1320 North Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Drive, Milwaukee. Advance tickets, \$5 each, are required. Box lunch is \$20. Order by June 21.

Facilitate: We're Helping the Public Access the Legal System

Consumer Protection Program Updates

FEE ARBITRATION



March 15–
May 3

Fiscal
Year to Date

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

3*



42

ARBITRATIONS HELD

5



15

CASES CLOSED

10



58

The State Bar's Fee Arbitration Program offers an affordable and efficient dispute resolution service for lawyers and clients in Wisconsin. Trained volunteer arbitrators assist in resolving disputes over attorney fees.

*Scheduled before June 30, 2024

WISCONSIN LAWYERS

FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION

Learn more about the committee's work
Fiscal Year 23-24

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection is designed to provide reimbursement to clients who have incurred financial losses due to the dishonest conduct of their attorneys under Supreme Court Rule 12.04-12.12. State Bar of Wisconsin members are assessed annual fees to finance the Fund.



72
Claims
Received

Active Cases

18

63

Cases
Closed



19

Approved Claims

\$290,028

TO CLIENTS WHO HAVE INCURRED
FINANCIAL LOSSES DUE TO THE
DISHONEST CONDUCT OF THEIR LAWYER

New Claims Received



11

MARCH 15–
MAY 3



Learn more about the
Wisconsin Lawyers
Fund for Client
Protection

Pro Bono Opportunities

powered by the State Bar of Wisconsin and Paladin

36

Listings
(As of May 20, 2024)

By the Numbers



Listings/Time Commitment

- 7 Under 5 Hours
- 5 5-10 Hours
- 5 11-20 Hours
- 2 21-50 Hours
- 2 51-100+ Hours



Preferred Experience

- 9 Law Students
- 9 Legal Professionals
- 21 Retired Lawyers



Remote Opportunities

26



Requires WI Law License

10

View



Here

app.joinpaladin.com/probonowi/



LAWYER REFERRAL & INFORMATION SERVICE

FYTD 23-24



Join the Panel and Expand Your Reach!



26,272
PHONE CALLS



6,725
REFERRALS



25.6%
CONVERSION
RATE

As a public service, LRIS helps legal consumers to connect with resources matched to their needs and resources. As a business, the LRIS legal assistants screen callers for legal need and ability to pay attorney's fees, and when appropriate, direct them to our member attorneys.

We are in need of a school law attorney to participate in the LRIS panel. We actively recruit panel members throughout Wisconsin. Learn more at wisbar.org.

MOCK TRIAL



Madison West competed in the National High School Mock Trial Championship, held May 2-4 in Wilmington, Delaware. This was their first time competing in the national championship. In addition to the mock trial and the awards ceremony, the students enjoyed a baseball game, pin exchange, and meeting teams from other states.

Looking ahead, the writing committee for the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Tournament has already started working on a criminal case for the 2025 competition.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Mock Trial program, please visit wisbar.org/mock-trial for more information.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

By the Numbers
Fiscal YTD



17,335

Member & Public Calls

Service Includes:

- Assisting with new member processes
- Updating member records
- Processing event registrations
- Facilitating book sales
- Addressing LRIS inquiries
- Membership renewals

Helping the Public Understand Legal Issues

Know Your Legal Rights is a bimonthly legal newspaper column written by State Bar members and distributed by the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

Educating the public about legal issues is one of the purposes of the State Bar as an organization. Media placements also allow the State Bar to showcase members as leaders, emphasizing the value of hiring lawyers and their contributions to the communities they serve.

Know Your Legal Rights

By the Numbers (July 1, 2023-May 31, 2024)

225

Stories published
in Wisconsin
newspapers

19

Authors



Did You Know?

45

Know Your Legal Rights stories were published in Feb. 2024, the most of any month in the fiscal year



FEBRUARY



Subject Areas

10

- Employment Law
- Consumer Protection
- Landlord-Tenant
- Divorce
- Worker's Comp.
- Advance Care Planning
- Criminal Law
- Employment Law
- Medicaid Planning
- Estate Planning



If you or a colleague would like to contribute to a *Know Your Legal Rights* column, please email [Mike Wiltse](#), public relations manager, or call (608) 250-6025.

Know Your Legal Rights Stories

April-June 2024

01



Advance Care Planning

02



Editorial: Civility in Times of Change

03



Dividing Digital Assets in Divorce

04



Legal Strategies After a Car Accident



Click on this infographic to read these stories



Media Mentions and the Top News Story in FY23-24

MEDIA MENTIONS

"STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN"
FYTD 23-24

1,575

TOTAL MENTIONS

389

1ST QUARTER

604

2ND QUARTER

335

3RD QUARTER

247

4TH QUARTER
EXCLUDES JUNE

Potential
Estimated Reach

354M

1ST QUARTER

878M

SECOND QUARTER

239M

THIRD QUARTER

933M

4TH QUARTER
EXCLUDES JUNE

Note, the potential estimated reach comes from Meltwater, a news gathering service. The numbers likely reflect the Diversity Clerkship Program stories that were published in Associated Press, Forbes, Reuters, Yahoo News, and msn.com. The numbers are a rough estimate.

The Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty's complaint against the State Bar's Diversity Clerkship Program, beginning in December, and its amended complaint challenging the Leadership Program, the Leadership Development Summit, and the Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program, topped the list of State Bar of Wisconsin media stories in FY 23-24.

The DCP challenge netted 285 stories in local, regional, and national news, garnering 18 percent of the State Bar's total news coverage.

State Bar Media Mentions by Month Top Publications

The most mentions of the State Bar came from the *Wisconsin Law Journal*, followed by Targeted News Service, *Wausau Pilot & Review*, and WisPolitics. These mentions do not count the "Know Your Legal Rights" stories.

| 2023 | Number | 2024 | Number |
|-----------|--------|----------|--------|
| July | 263 | January | 31 |
| August | 93 | February | 29 |
| September | 33 | March | 275 |
| October | 335 | April | 177 |
| November | 31 | May | 70 |
| December | 248 | June | TBD |

The number of "State Bar of Wisconsin" media mentions by month.

➔ Bolstering the G. Lane Ware Endowment Fund

**ORIGINAL
GOAL**



\$16,818

RECEIVED

\$44,669

RESULT

**↑ SUPPORT OF
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**

Thanks to numerous individual donations, and two generous matching challenge grants, the fundraising campaign to bolster the Law Foundation's G. Lane Ware Leadership Development Fund raised \$44,669 on an original goal of \$16,818. As of the end of May, the campaign raised \$44,669 to add to the Ware endowment. This means the Foundation will be able to increase its support of leadership development programming by nearly 50% this next year.

Donations were spurred by Atty. Kevin Lyons, a Wisconsin Law Foundation board member, who pledged to match every donation, up to \$20,000. In addition, Ruder Ware, in honor of its longtime former president Lane Ware (also a State Bar past president) provided a matching grant to all donations made by individual firm members. With the match, over \$6,000 was contributed by members of the firm. The firm has a long history of leadership and support of both the Wisconsin Law Foundation and State Bar of Wisconsin.

The State Bar of Wisconsin program focuses on identifying up and coming leaders in the legal profession, and providing the skills, resources, and connections needed to step into leadership roles in their communities and local bars, as well as the State Bar.

We extend our gratitude to all donors and encourage those who haven't yet contributed to consider donating to our permanent endowment. Any amount you give will be greatly and deeply appreciated. To donate, visit wisbar.org/wlfdonate, or use the QR code.



It's Not Too Late To Participate in Every Member, Every Year Campaign

The Wisconsin Law Foundation is once again highlighting the “Every Member, Every Year” campaign to support and expand our mission and work. The slogan is simple. We are asking every member of the State Bar of Wisconsin to contribute any amount to your Law Foundation at least once every year, no matter the amount. Past donors have made a significant impact, and with the annual support of all 25,000 State Bar members, we can continue to meet growing demand. Our efforts are ambitious. Your ongoing support is crucial in extending our reach and bolstering these essential programs statewide.

Please join us by committing to make an annual contribution – in any amount. With the support of Every Member, Every Year, we can strengthen our impact for years to come.

Every Member, Every Year

Giving Made Simple



**WISCONSIN
LAW FOUNDATION**
Charitable Arm of the State Bar of Wisconsin

1

Include your donation on your membership dues renewal

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Donate online at wisbar.org/wlfdonate

3

Mail a check to the Wisconsin Law Foundation, 5302 Eastpark Blvd., Madison, WI 53718

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Check the box on your State Bar Milage Reimbursement Form

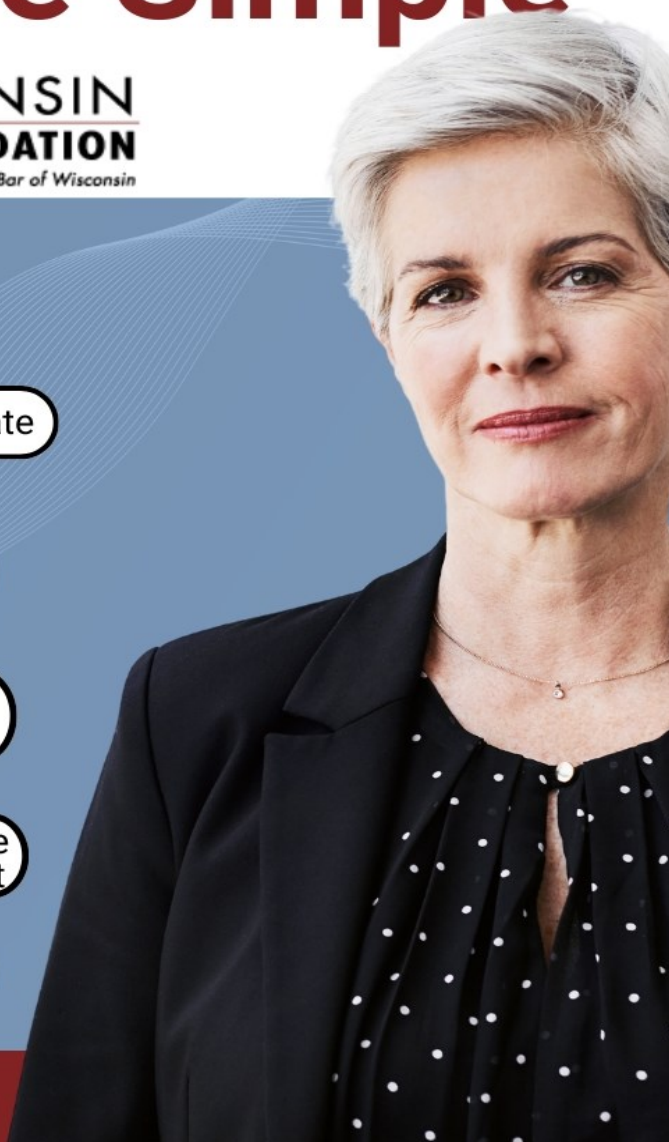
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Designate a donation via your State Bar author/speaker reimbursement

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Scan the QR code (Page 19) on your phone

Information: (608) 250-6171 or (800) 444-9404 ext. 6171





Cultivate: We're Planning Together for the Future

➤ Providing Ethics Guidance



PRESENTATIONS

Ethics Counsel delivered eight presentations between March 20 and May 16, including:

- Responding to OLR Grievances
- Wispact Update (PINNACLE)
- Issues in Representing Tribes
- GAL Ethics (PINNACLE)
- Duty of Candor
- The Intersection of Wellness and Ethics (PINNACLE)
- Paralegal Ethics Q-&A

Request an Ethics Presentation



ETHICS HOTLINE



(608) 229-2017 or
(800) 254-9154

ARTICLE

Ethical Dilemma:
"Closing a Solo Practice"
(Wisconsin Lawyer)

Click here to read it.



➤ Practice411: Guiding Law Practices with an Eye on the Future

Practice411 (March 15-May 15, 2024)



Roundtables

Practice411™ continued supporting members through virtual Practice Management Roundtables. Discussions centered on privacy, privacy controls within Microsoft 365 and Windows, and a general review of technology competence.

Wisconsin Lawyer

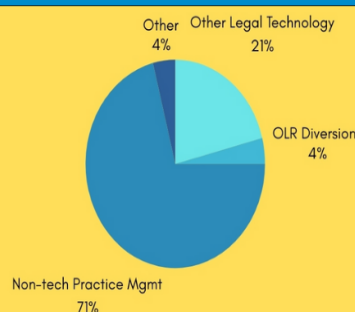
"Spring Cleaning for Lawyers: Protect Your Clients Through Planning"

InsideTrack

"AI and More AI: Takeaways from the ABA TECHSHOW"



Consultations



Additional

Worked with OLR to create a "Succession Planning Registry" page on WisBar.org



Presentations



- The Whole Lawyer: Making Wellness a Priority in Your Practice (PINNACLE)
- Creating Time by Improving Client Intake and Case Management Workflows
 - Setting Up Systems to Improve Your Wellness

About Practice 411: The State Bar’s Practice411 Practice Management Program helps lawyers improve their efficiency and effectiveness in delivering legal services and implementing systems and controls to reduce risk and enhance client relations. It provides members with resources and support in managing their law practice.

WisLAP: Advancing Mental Well-being in the Legal Profession



Wisconsin Lawyer's Assistance Program Activities

March-May 2024

 (800)-543-2625
WisLAP Line



EDUCATION

Mental Health Literacy for Lawyers
Whole Lawyer CLE

Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel
G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy

Dept. of Justice's Spring SPET Conference (CLE/LAU)

Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office

Road Show Listening Session in Wausau
Stafford Rosebaum, Madison (LAU)



ARTICLES

"When Lawyers Need Help, Where Do They Go?"
Wisconsin Lawyer

"To Change the World": Meditation and Mindfulness in Your Practice
Wisconsin Lawyer

"Mitigating the Weight Lawyers Carry"
InsideTrack



ALL-NEW BLOG


Published by the Wisconsin Lawyers Assistance Program WisLAP

"Seeing Your Emotional Health is a Vital Part of Your Practice"



ABOUT US

We continue our most vital work of responding to requests for support from judges, lawyers, and law students experiencing stress, distress, workplace challenges, alcohol and substance use difficulties, health challenges, and a wide variety of other issues. Our services are easily accessed, confidential, and funded by state bar membership.

The Lawyers Assistance Program (WisLAP) aims to develop a culture within the Wisconsin legal community that fosters work-life balance and destigmatizes mental illness and substance use disorders. Confidential WisLAP services are a benefit of your State Bar membership and available to everyone in the legal community.

WisLAP is Here For Rainy Days



Overwork



Substance Addiction



Anxiety



Cognitive Impairment



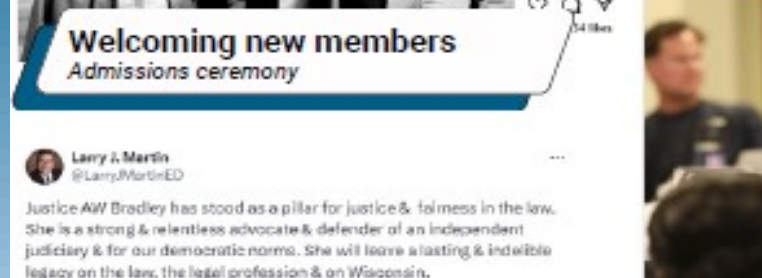
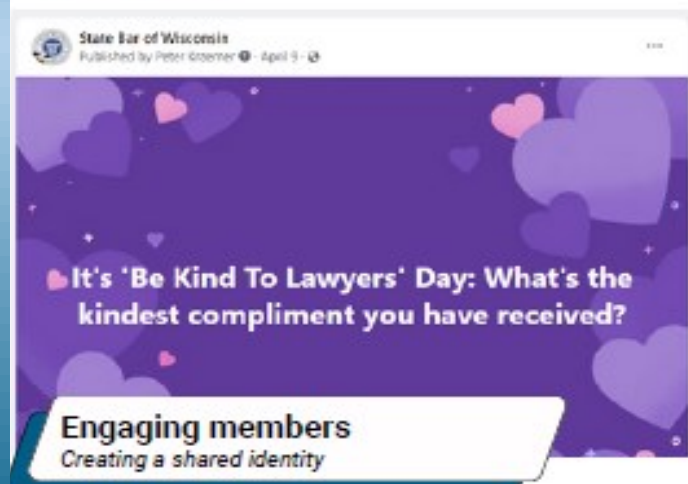
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Social Media Impact

Wisconsin attorneys engage with the State Bar through social media each and every day. Social media is a critical communications tool for the organization in its efforts to reach members and other stakeholders within the legal community. Here are some recent posts that demonstrate how social media is playing an important role in advancing our mission.





FACT

The State Bar of Wisconsin's Diversity Clerkship Program will continue **UNCHANGED**, despite what some are claiming...

Get the Facts at Wisbar.org

Highlighting our programs
Diversity Clerkship Program


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A Wisconsin law students and legal community! The State Bar of Wisconsin has successfully defended its Diversity Clerkship Program. Facts at: <https://bit.ly/bw5067>
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Sharing unique perspectives
Wisconsin Lawyer magazine

Engage with Your State Bar


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Wausau Thank you for hosting us! Local attorneys and legislators joined State Bar staff for a day of programming and fellowship. Lawyers learned time-saving tips to manage referrals, how to solidify their succession plans, and he ...see more





Engaging with members
On the Road in Wausau

➤ The 2024 State Bar of Wisconsin Annual Meeting and Conference Comes to Green Bay June 20-21

Join your colleagues from around the state to connect, learn and relax at the largest State Bar gathering of the bench and bar!

This year's AMC will help you incorporate artificial intelligence into your workplace and give you a better understanding of the benefits, risks, and ethical implications. The closing plenary will help you communicate more effectively. Thursday night's social event will be held at the Champions Club overlooking Lambeau Field, recently rated America's favorite NFL Stadium!



Judge Scott U. Schlegel



David S. Kemp



Meg Bucaro

One of the most economical ways to earn CLE and judicial credit, the event brings together the following nationally recognized speakers:

Judge Scott U. Schlegel, Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, nationally recognized for implementing technology in the courts, recipient of the William H. Rehnquist Award for Excellence given by the National Center for State Courts.

David S. Kemp, managing editor of Justia's Verdict and Oyez; Adjunct Professor, Rutgers Law School, instructs law students on how to use artificial intelligence for time-saving and cost-effectiveness.

Meg Bucaro, communications strategist, who will show you how communication behaviors dictate our future success and will include specific tips for women to show up with purpose and power.

In addition to the plenary speakers, don't miss the Friday morning plenary titled "**Family Feud: Legal Ethics Episode.**" Join State Bar ethics counsel, ethics experts, and a cast of characters competing to correctly answer questions about new ethics opinions issued by the ABA and the State Bar of Wisconsin, as well as ethical questions raised by generative artificial intelligence.

Join us—you'll be glad you did!



Register here!

Send Your Support, Tech Staff to AMC!

Practicing law is a full-time job, so we've made it easier for you to send your support staff and/or tech staff to AMC to learn about incorporating AI into your practice. Any staff you have listed on wisbar under the myStaff tab can attend AMC for the State Bar member tuition rate!

To ensure your staff members receive member tuition, login to wisbar.org, go to [myState-Bar](#), and click on the [myStaff](#) tab on the right side of your screen. Add your staff members so that when they register, the member rate shows up automatically.

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