



DEAN DIETRICH:

State Bar President-Elect Candidate

ETHICS *Lawyer*

Shareholder and member of the Labor and Employment section at Weld Riley S.C.
Writer of a monthly publication in the Wisconsin Lawyer Magazine.

STATE BAR:

- State Bar Treasurer
- State Bar Finance Committee – Chair
- Board of Governors (1990-1991, 1994-1998, and 2018-2019)
- Committee on Professional Ethics – Chair
- Professionalism Committee – Member
- Senior Lawyers Division – Board Member, Past President
- Young Lawyers Division – Past President

PROFESSIONAL:

- Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers – Member
- ABA Center for Professional Responsibility – Member
- League of Wisconsin Municipalities – Municipal Attorneys Section Member and Past President
- National Public Employer Labor Relations Association – Member
- Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce – Member, Past President, Past Board of Directors Member
- Wisconsin Law Foundation – Fellow, Treasurer, Past President
- Wisconsin Public Employer Labor Relations Association – Member
- Wisconsin School Attorneys Association – Past Board Member, Past President
- Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation – Past Board Member

EDUCATION:

- Marquette University Law School (1977)
- Marquette University (1974)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION:

- Goldberg Award, State Bar of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Law Foundation (2018)
- George Tipple Award, Wisconsin School Attorney Association (2017)
- Advocacy Award, United Way of Marathon County (2015)
- Athena Award, Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce (2015)
- John L. Cook Memorial Award, Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce (2010)
- Award of Appreciation, Volunteer Lawyers Project, Legal Action of Wisconsin
- President Award, State Bar of Wisconsin (2002, 2004, 2006, 2019)
- Leaders in the Law, Wisconsin Law Journal (2006)

SERVICE:

- Aspirus Wausau Hospital, Inc. Board Member and Chair
- Aspirus, Inc. Board Member and Chair
- Camp Manito-wish Board Member
- Marathon County Early Years Coalition Chairperson
- Marathon County Youth Hockey Association President
- Northcentral Technical College Interim President (1993-1994)
- Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Legal Counsel
- Wausau Early Bird Rotary Club – Member and Past President
- Wisconsin Public Radio Association – Board Member and Past Board Chair



Platform *Focus:*

BEING AN AMBASSADOR
GIVING BACK
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
AVAILABILITY OF LEGAL SERVICES
LAWYER WELLNESS

PLATFORM STATEMENT

The State Bar President should be an **ambassador** for the State Bar and for the legal profession. I have spent many years of my career teaching lawyers about professional responsibility. This is a natural step for me to become an ambassador for the State Bar and an ambassador for the legal profession and lawyers throughout Wisconsin.

The practice of law is both a profession and a business. All lawyers need to appreciate those two aspects of the legal profession and find a proper balance between business pressures and being a professional. As an ambassador for the legal profession, I want to help lawyers find that balance and understand the impacts of both of those responsibilities as a lawyer in the State of Wisconsin.

Lawyers also need to give back to their community as part of their role as a professional. This can be done in many ways, and I want to work with the State Bar and lawyers to help lawyers understand the importance of giving back and the ways that lawyers can successfully do so.

The legal profession is facing a number of challenges as we work through the Pandemic and face a New Normal. The State Bar needs to be a leader in addressing many of the changes that we will face. The State Bar must focus on lawyer wellness in order to help our members continue to be successful in representing clients while taking care of themselves. The State Bar also needs to be a leader in improving the diversity and inclusion of others in the State Bar and in the profession. Our goal should be that the State Bar reflects the many diverse professionals that make up its membership.

The State Bar also needs to foster a higher level of professionalism amongst lawyers. Many have come to think that being nasty to others and focusing on the negative is the way to effectively represent a client, but all this has done is discourage others from hiring a lawyer or using a lawyer. The State Bar must be diligent in reflecting the professionalism of the practice of law. I will continue to work to improve the efforts in these areas.

As a professional, lawyers must strive to foster the availability of legal services for all. This is not an easy task, but we must continue to work hard to promote available legal services for everyone. We must continue to find ways to expand the availability of lawyers and legal services throughout the state. We must work hard to do more.

I acknowledge that these are important but also very challenging considerations. The State Bar President must be the advocate for these things but also be the ambassador for the Bar and for the profession of lawyering. I have had the opportunity to work with many stellar leaders over the years that understood the importance of these matters and served as an excellent example for how to be an ambassador for the profession. I will rely upon those experiences to make sure all lawyers understand and appreciate the importance of being a professional in everything they do.

- Dean R. Dietrich