

Municipal LAW

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Admitted to bar, State of Wisconsin 2001
State of Missouri, 2002
Eastern District of Wisconsin
Western District of Wisconsin
Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
United States Supreme Court

EDUCATION

Washington University School of Law (J.D.) 2001
Lawrence University (B.A.) 1997

MEMBERSHIPS

Remzy is currently a Board member on the Waukesha County Bar Association; he has previously served with the Milwaukee Bar Association and the Wisconsin Defense Counsel. Remzy has co-chaired the Milwaukee Bar Association's Civil Litigation Section and served as President of the Milwaukee Insurance Adjuster's Association. Remzy also recently completed his tenure in the American Inns of Court, an organization of trial lawyers devoted to improving the skills, professionalism, civility and ethics of the bench and bar in our community. A frequent lecturer on topics including municipal, civil rights and constitutional law along with litigation related matters, Remzy has been honored on several occasions to appear in the Wisconsin Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star" and "Super Lawyer" and in the Milwaukee Magazine as a "Best Lawyer," as well as earning honors through Wisconsin Law Journal's "Leaders in the Law" and through his contributions in achieving a Tier 1 rating from US News and World Report – Best Lawyers in the area of Municipal Litigation.

Remzy is a frequent speaker before various municipal and local government organizations, their insurers and other educational programs including the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' Municipal Attorneys Institute and Annual Conference, Wisconsin Bar Association, Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association, Wisconsin Badger State Sheriffs Association, Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association, Municipal Treasurers Association of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Lorman Education Services. A sampling of his presentations include the following:

Annual Training to Boards, Committees and Commissions on Open Government Laws and Constitutional Obligations of Elected Officials and Staff.

"Making Waves and Harnessing the Wind: Regulations of Wind Energy Systems and Wake Boats"

"Maintaining Decorum and Professionalism of County Board Members and the Public"

"Liability Trends: Civil Rights, Qualified Immunity and Police Work"

"Lawsuits by Citizen Groups Challenging Local Government Action"

"Qualified Immunity in Civil Rights Cases: The National Debate Calling for its Demise"

"Municipal Liability and Immunity"

"What Issue Will Your Town Be Sued Over Next? A Review Of Topics Spurring Recent Litigation And Some Best Practices For Avoiding Lawsuits"

"A Guide for Issues Involving the Public Records Law and Critical Events or Situations"

"Improving Transparency and Accountability In Government: A Discussion About Optimal Transparency Versus Shady Scenarios Involving Open Records, Open Meetings, Ethics and Digital Data"

"*Murr v. St. Croix County*: Litigation Before the United States Supreme Court" – Wisconsin Association of County Corporation Counsel – September 2018.

"Mutual Aid and Mutual Aid Agreements"

"A Trip to the Supreme Court: Litigation in *Murr v. St. Croix County*"

"Police Shootings: Recent Events, Issues and Other Considerations"

"Encountering Mentally Ill People & Potential Liability Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Fourth Amendment"

"Dispatch Disasters: Liability of Emergency Service Providers"

"Keep Calm and Carry On: Risks and Liabilities Arising During Public Comment or Input at Meetings of Local Government Bodies"

"Wisconsin's Public Records Law and Open Meetings Law"

"Jail Liability Update"

"Suicides in the Jail"

"The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: A Review of The Laws, Litigation and Other Developments Involving Firearm Rights and Regulations"

"Handling the Police Liability Claim"

"Hot Land Use Issues: An Update on Current Land Use Issues and Considerations for Avoiding Related Litigation"

"Defending and Resolving Fee Shifting Cases, Especially When Compensatory Damages Are Nil, and the Attorney's Fees Drive the Case"

"Open Records Law" – Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association – February 2013 and 2014.

"Municipal and Public Official Liability"

"1983 Civil Rights Litigation"

"Jail Strip Search Policies and Procedures"

"Parks and Recreation: Liability Issues for Municipalities" – Municipal Attorneys Institute – June 2011.

"Common Police Mistakes Involving Arrests, Investigatory Stops and Searches"

"Zoning and Adult Entertainment Businesses"

"Constitutional Issues Arising From Guns, Sex and Religion: Constitutional Litigation Involving the First, Second and Fourth Amendment"

"Flooding and Water Damage Claims"

"Considerations for Litigators Handling Civil Actions That Have Concurrent Criminal Proceedings"

"Working with and Using Municipal Attorneys"

"Issues That Arise With Public Meetings: From Current Issues With Covid-19 To Constitutional Claims And Other Common Pitfalls"

"COVID and Litigation Against Public Health Agencies"

MUNICIPAL RESUME

Our law firm, MUNICIPAL LAW & LITIGATION GROUP, S.C., has fifteen attorneys and 1 law clerk, and is engaged in the general practice of law, with a heavy emphasis on municipal law, throughout Wisconsin. Our firm presently represents the following municipal entities.

REPRESENTATION

MUNICIPAL:

City of Berlin
City of Cudahy
City of Oconomowoc
City of Pewaukee
City of St. Francis
Village of Butler
Village of Dousman
Village of Fox Point
Village of Greendale
Village of Jackson
Village of Nashotah
Village of North Bay
Village of North Prairie
Village of Oconomowoc Lake
Village of Palmyra
Village of Pleasant Prairie
Village of Random Lake
Village of Reeseville
Village of Richfield
Village of Rochester
Village of Sherwood
Village of Slinger
Village of Summit
Village of Sussex
Village of Vernon
Village of Waukesha
Village of West Milwaukee
Village of Wind Point
Town of Addison
Town of Ashippun
Town of Aztalan
Town of Christiana
Town of Cold Spring

Town of Erin
Town of Genesee
Town of Hartford
Town of Herman
Town of Ixonia
Town of Jackson
Town of Jacksonport
Town of Jefferson
Town of LaGrange
Town of Lake Mills
Town of Lisbon
Town of Lowell
Town of Mukwonago
Town of Ottawa
Town of Raymond
Town of Troy
Town of Wayne
Town of Westfield
Jefferson County
Allenton Sanitary District No. 1
Blackhawk Sanitary District
Dane County Towns Association
Delavan Lake Sanitary District
Dousman Fire District
Eagle Spring Lake Management District
Genesee Lake Utility District (Summit)
Hilldale Sanitary District
Ixonia Sanitary District No. 1
Ixonia Sanitary District No. 2
Pike Lake Utility District
Silver Lake Sanitary District
Silver Lake Utility District (Summit)
Summit Fire District

Town of Delafield
Town of Eagle

Summit Utility District No. 2
Summit Utility District No. 3

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE DEFENSE:

League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance Co. (LWMMI)
Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Co. (WMMIC)
Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Co. (CVMIC)
Rural Mutual Insurance

CONSULTANT TO:

City of Adams
City of Altoona
City of Black River
City of Brookfield
City of Fond du Lac
City of Franklin
City of Kenosha
City of La Crosse
City of Madison
City of Manitowoc
City of Manitowoc Police and Fire Comm.
City of Mequon
City of Mequon Zoning Board of Appeals
City of Milwaukee Zoning Board of Appeals
City of Muskego
City of Oconomowoc Zoning Board of Appeals
City of Oshkosh
City of Sheboygan
City of Watertown
City of Waukesha
City of Wausau
City of West Bend
Village of Adell
Village of Brown Deer
Village of Campbellsport
Village of Elm Grove
Village of Fontana
Village of Hales Corners
Village of Hortonville
Village of Kewaskum
Village of Kingston
Village of Lake Delton
Village of Menomonee Falls
Village of Mukwonago
Village of Newburg
Village of North Fond du Lac
Village of Pewaukee
Village of Sister Bay
Village of Sturtevant
Town of Ashland
Town of Barton
Town of Bass Lake
Town of Beloit

Town of Farmington
Town of Fountain Prairie
Town of Gingles
Town of Hayward
Town of Harmony
Town of Harrison
Town of Holland
Town of Kewaskum
Town of Lamont
Town of McMillan
Town of Mercer
Town of Merton
Town of Pierce
Town of Pleasant Springs
Town of Port Washington
Town of Randall
Town of Sanborn
Town of Sheboygan
Town of Spring Prairie
Town of Sugar Creek
Town of Theresa
Town of Wautoma
Town of Westford
Town of Westport
Town of White River
Town of Woodboro
County of Chippewa
County of Dane
County of Jefferson
County of Kenosha
County of La Crosse
County of Manitowoc
County of Marathon
County of Outagamie
County of Rock
County of St. Croix
County of Walworth
County of Washington
Waukesha County Technical College
Arrowhead District Area Schools
Dane Town Board of Zoning Appeals and Adjustment
Delafield-Hartland Water Pollution Control Commission
Kimberly Area School District

Town of Burnett
Town of Caledonia
Town of Cedarburg
Town of Columbus
Town of Cross Plains
Town of Dupont
Town of Eldorado

Merton School Joint District No. 9
Milwaukee County Ethics Commission
North Lake Management District
Oconomowoc School District
Racine Water Utility
Sauk Prairie Police Commission
Winneconne Sanitary District #3

As a general rule, we do not represent citizen groups in matters involving municipal matters. As an absolute rule, we never represent developers.

Our firm is currently rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell. Our firm has been named as a national First Tier "Best Law Firm" by *U.S. News & World Report*, Land Use and Zoning for multiple years in a row and a First Tier "Best Law Firm Milwaukee Metropolitan Region" for Administrative/Regulatory Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, and Municipal Law for multiple years in a row. Our lawyers have been recognized as "Super Lawyers" each year for more than a decade, and as "Best Lawyer in America," and as "Leaders in the Law" among other peer reviewed awards.

In addition to our fifteen attorneys, we have paralegal and support staff, plus research capability from para-professionals that work for us from time to time. We strongly believe in working as a team with the local municipal administrators, clerks, treasurers, planners, building inspectors, assessors, engineers and financial consultants, etc.

The background on each attorney is as follows:

JOHN P. MACY

Born in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, June 26, 1955; admitted to Bar, State of Wisconsin 1980, U.S. District Courts, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and United States Supreme Court.

EDUCATION

Carroll College (B.A., cum laude, 1977); Marquette University (J.D., 1980).

American Bar Association

THE FELLOWS of the American Bar Foundation

State Bar of Wisconsin

THE FELLOWS of the Wisconsin Law Foundation

Waukesha County Bar Association: Member 1980 to present.

Uniform Law Commission: Wisconsin Commissioner: 2012 to present.

Court Commissioner: Waukesha County.

H. STANLEY RIFFLE

Admitted to bar, State of Wisconsin 1980, U. S. District Courts, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin; 2001, United States Court of Appeals - D.C. Circuit.

EDUCATION

Carroll College (B.A., 1977); Marquette University (J.D., 1980).

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association: ABA General Practice Section: Budget Officer, Council Member 1993-1996; Member - Standing Committee on Gavel Awards; Member - Law Practice Management Section; Member - Litigation Section.
State Bar of Wisconsin: Member - Board of Governors (1999-2001). Member - Standing Committee on Ethics (1997-2003).
Waukesha County Bar Association: President 1995.
Waukesha D.A.R.E.: Board of Directors
Waukesha County Condemnation Commission: Commissioner, 1988 - present.
Court Commissioner: Waukesha County 1986 - present.

ERIC J. LARSON

Born in Northfield, Minnesota, November 20, 1964; admitted to Minnesota State Bar, 1990, U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 1992, Wisconsin State Bar, 1994, and U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1995.

EDUCATION

Earlham College (B.A., All College Honors, 1987); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1990).

MEMBERSHIPS

Waukesha County Bar Association: Municipal Law Section.
State Bar of Wisconsin: Administrative and Local Government Law Section.
American Bar Association: Section of State and Local Government Law.
Judicial Clerk, 8th Judicial District, Minnesota (1990-1992).
Assistant County Attorney: McLeod County, Minnesota, (1992-1994).
Municipal Law & Litigation Group, S.C., (1996-present)
Adjunct Faculty, Carroll College, "Land Use Law and Policy" course (2003).
Chair, Waukesha County Bar Association, Municipal Section (2005 - present).

Lecturer on municipal law topics sponsored by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities (1997, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023) (President in 2024), the Wisconsin Town's Association (1997, 1998, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2024), the Waukesha County Bar Association, Municipal Law Section (2004), Waukesha County Technical College (2007, 2008); Wisconsin City/City Manager Association Regions 7 and 9 (2012) and State convention (2019); New Clerk's School, Wisconsin Clerk's and Treasurer's Institute, University of Wisconsin Extension (2014), Wisconsin Clerks Association (2017, 2021), Wisconsin Association for Public Procurement and Value in Government (2017), National Business Institute (2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023), Strafford Webinar (2017, 2018, 2019), Wisconsin Association of County Corporation Counsels (2018), American Public Works Association (2019), Wisconsin Municipal Judge's Association (2019) and State Bar of Wisconsin (2022, 2025). Sample programs include:

New Era of Zoning and Land Use
Small Cellular Technology Roll Out
Constitutional Issues in Municipal Regulation
Liquor Licensing
Conditional Use Authority
Municipal Regulation of Telecommunications
Shared Municipal Services
Terminating Intermunicipal Agreements
Urban Agriculture Legal Issues
Officers and Employees
Municipal Ethics
Trees, Weeds and Stormwater Regulation
Solutions to Stalled Development

Public/Private Partnerships
Single-Family Residential Zoning Issues
Public Records Laws
Open Meetings Laws
Municipal Best Practices
Financial Guarantees
Regulation of Signs
Permit Hearings
Service Animals and Public Facilities
Municipal Contracting
Municipal Risk Management
Zoning, Annexation, Land Use

Eric received the prestigious "Leader in the Law" Award from the Wisconsin Law Journal in 2015 and "Super Lawyer" Award annually for many years. More information about our firm and our attorneys is available on our website: www.municipallawsc.com

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PAUL E. ALEX

Admitted to bar, State of Wisconsin 1987; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1987; U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 1987; and United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (B.B.A., 1981, M.B.A., 1983) Marquette University Law School (J.D., 1987).

MEMBERSHIPS

Waukesha County Bar Association: Municipal Law Section.

State Bar of Wisconsin: Administrative and Local Government Law Section.

Judicial Intern, Honorable Dale E. Ihlenfeldt, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Associate Attorney, de la Mora & de la Mora, 1987 - 2005; Assistant Village Attorney, Elm Grove, Butler, Lac La Belle, Hartland. Municipal Law & Litigation Group (2006 – present). Adjunct Faculty, Waukesha County Technical College, Constitutional Law and Criminal Law (2009 -2010). Board Secretary, Board of Directors, Heritage Christian Schools, Inc. (2009 - present). Lecturer on municipal law topics sponsored by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the Wisconsin Bar Association, the Waukesha County Bar Association, Municipal Law Section, and Waukesha County Technical College.

Paul has represented municipalities as both general counsel and a litigator throughout his career. Since graduating from law school in 1987, he has represented municipalities in issues ranging from annexations to zoning. Paul's business education and past experience representing businesses and real estate developers have allowed him to be particularly effective in representing municipalities when drafting or negotiating contracts and when assisting in land use and development and zoning matters. He enjoys working with elected officials, department heads, and other professional consultants, and his ability to grasp technical matters involved in his representation of clients. Paul's experiences as a reserve police officer while in law school, and later experience as a criminal and constitutional law instructor in a criminal justice program, have given him valuable insight— both as a prosecutor and as an advocate or advisor to municipalities or commissions in the areas of hiring or discipline of officers. In addition to a wealth of experience as a municipal prosecutor, Paul has successfully represented municipal clients in a variety of litigation area in trial and appellate courts in matters such as, for example, property tax assessments and exemptions, public records law, and zoning matters.

LUKE A. MARTELL

Admitted to bar, State of Wisconsin 2016, Eastern and Western District of Wisconsin, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, State of Colorado

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Whitewater (BBA) – 2009

Northern Illinois University College of Law (JD) – 2013

Luke began his legal career as in intern with the City of Brookfield while in law school. When he graduated he moved to Denver, CO where he worked in the healthcare industry practicing contract law.

Luke has since joined MLLG and moved back to his home state of Wisconsin. His practice now focuses on Municipal and Civil Rights Litigation Defense in both state and federal court. He also represents several municipalities as a prosecutor. Luke enjoys working with local governments and getting to know

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municipalities all across the state. His experience includes ordinance, land use, zoning and condemnation issues, along with municipal liability, Fourth Amendment claims and civil rights.

SAMANTHA R. SCHMID

Admitted to Bar, State of Wisconsin 2014
Admitted to Western District of Wisconsin
Admitted to Eastern District of Wisconsin
Northern District of Illinois
Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, J.D., cum laude
University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A.

Since graduating from law school, Samantha began her career at a litigation defense firm practicing in various areas of litigation before focusing solely on defending local governments in litigation. Her experience ranges from handling mass actions against local government, to handling employment litigation defense, to the ongoing defense of law enforcement, jails, land use planners and other officials and employees in a variety of complex constitutional and statutory issues. She has successfully litigated in state courts, federal courts and the appellate courts. She has also written and lectured on several legal topics relating to municipalities, including municipal liability; law enforcement use of force, search and seizure practice, the Fourteenth Amendment and substantive due process, the First Amendment, and employment law.

Samantha has written and lectured on several legal topics relating to municipalities, including: municipal liability; law enforcement use of force, search and seizure practice, the Fourteenth Amendment and substantive due process, the First Amendment, and employment law. Samantha has been recognized by Super Lawyers as a Wisconsin Rising Star in the area of civil litigation.

CHRISTOPHER R. SCHULTZ

Admitted to bar, State of Wisconsin 2009, Eastern and Western District of Wisconsin, Eastern and Western District Bankruptcy, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATION

Marquette University School of Law (JD) – 2009
University of Wisconsin, Madison (BA) - 2003

Christopher began his legal career as an associate attorney at Michael F. Dubis, S.C., Waterford, WI where he was a municipal prosecutor and assistant town attorney for the Town of Waterford. He was responsible for all representation of Town of Waterford Sanitary District and Town of Lyons Sanitary District. He managed representation and litigation on behalf of bankruptcy trustee clients, represented debtors in Chapter 7 & 13 cases including preparation of schedules. He was responsible for managing litigation / legal affairs for Citizens Bank, a medium-sized community bank, including preparing and filing all bankruptcy and foreclosure pleadings / documents for Citizens as well as frequent appearances in Bankruptcy and Circuit Court.

Christopher joined Municipal Law & Litigation Group, S.C. as Lead Municipal Prosecutor in February 2019. Christopher handles municipal prosecutions for 19 of the firm's municipal clients; including initial appearances, pre-trials and trials in multiple municipal court venues, and appeals. Christopher works with court and municipal staff to manage files, gather evidence as needed and prosecute traffic and municipal ordinance violations.

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STEVEN J. CENTINARIO, JR.

Admitted to bar: State of Wisconsin

Steven served as a Deputy District Attorney in the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office for more than 20 years. He joined MLLG part-time in 2017 to assist with municipal prosecution matters.

Steve began his career as an Assistant District Attorney at the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office in 1979. He was promoted in 1990 to a Managing Deputy District Attorney position and remained in the District Attorney's Office until his retirement in 2014. He tried hundreds of cases ranging from OWI to First Degree Intentional Homicide. After retirement, he joined MLLG in a part-time capacity as a special prosecutor. Steve is a former Trial Adjunct Professor at the Marquette Law School teaching law students how to try a case to a jury. He taught at Carroll College, Waukesha Technical College and helped train prosecutors at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. He has also taught and presented several times at prosecutor conferences in Wisconsin. He has also presented at dozens of police in-service programs held in Waukesha County.

LUCAS C. LOGIC

Admitted to Bar, State of Wisconsin 2021

Admitted to Western District of Wisconsin

Admitted to Eastern District of Wisconsin

EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, J.D.

University of Wisconsin, B.A. 2018

Lucas joined the firm in May 2021. In law school Lucas worked for the City Attorney for the City of Muskego, Wisconsin which sparked his interest in Municipal Law. This interest was furthered during his time as an intern for an electric utility company and he experienced municipal law from a different perspective. During his time in law school he served as the Comment Editor for the Marquette Intellectual Property Law Review and was also published in the 24th Edition of the Marquette Intellectual Property Law Review.

GREGORY M. PROCOPIO

Admitted to Bar, State of Wisconsin 2022

Admitted to Western District of Wisconsin

Admitted to Eastern District of Wisconsin

Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, J.D.,

Lawrence University, B.A. 2019, *cum laude*

Gregory started as a full-time attorney in June 2022. While in Law School, Gregory received the highest grade and CALI award for Federal Criminal Procedure; he participated in the Jenkins Honors Moot Court Competition; he will participate in the William B. Spong National Moot Court Competition in spring 2022; and he served as a member of the Marquette University Law School Moot Court Executive Board. Gregory joined our team as a litigation associate and focuses his practice on legal topics relating to municipalities.

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While in law school, Greg participated in the Jenkins Honors Moot Court Competition, the 51st annual William B. Spong National Moot Court Competition, and served on the Moot Court Executive Board. His coursework in local government and civil rights law, federal courts, advanced civil procedure, and two advanced brief writing courses—where he received honors—prepared him for his current role.

Before law school, Greg earned his degree in Government with a concentration in Innovation and Entrepreneurship from Lawrence University, where he played NCAA Division III ice hockey, was a member of the pre-law society, and served as chair of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity's honor board. He was also recognized as a member of the All-Academic Team by the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association for three consecutive years.

Since joining the firm, Greg has practiced in both federal and state courts, handling all aspects of litigation. He has been involved in municipal legal work, including drafting ordinances and attending meetings of various governing bodies. Greg has successfully written and litigated appellate briefs in the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, Wisconsin Supreme Court, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. His civil rights work includes defending municipalities and their employees in litigation involving law enforcement actions, jail conditions, and constitutional claims such as equal protection and First Amendment violations. His diverse experience has provided him with valuable expertise in trial advocacy, appeals, and municipal law.

ADAM J. MEYERS

Admitted to Bar, State of Wisconsin, 2020
Eastern and Western District of Wisconsin
Northern District of Illinois.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison, J.D. (Dean's List)
University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A. (highest distinction)

During law school, Adam was involved with the Wisconsin Innocence Project in which he helped litigate a case to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and helped successfully overturn a homicide conviction in the Georgia Supreme Court. He also worked for the La Crosse County District Attorney's Office in which he had the opportunity to conduct jury trials involving felony drug convictions as a law student.

After practicing for several years in general litigation in Madison, Adam joined MLLG and practices in both state and federal court, representing Municipalities on issues ranging from land use to civil rights.

SAVANNA M. GAIN

Admitted to Bar, State of Wisconsin, 2024
Eastern and Western District of Wisconsin
Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, J.D.,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A.

Savanna started as a full-time attorney in June 2024. In law school, Savanna worked for the Village Attorneys Office for the Village of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin which sparked her interest in Municipal Law. While in Law School, Savanna received the highest grade and CALI award for Water Law; she competed in the Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition; and she served as a member of the Marquette University Law School Moot Court Board. Savanna joined our team as a litigation associate and focuses her practice on legal topics relating to municipalities.

JAIME L. STAFFARONI

EDUCATION

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University of Illinois Chicago School of Law
Admitted to Bar, State of Wisconsin, 2001

Jaime has over 20 years of municipal legal experience as a former Assistant City Attorney with the City of Madison. While in law school Jaime interned with both the State's Attorney's Office and Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago where she found her passion for litigation and municipal representation. Jaime's current practice primarily focuses on complex litigation of property tax assessments, exemptions, certiorari proceedings and mediations. She has extensive tax assessment litigation experience including numerous trials and appeals in Wisconsin.

Jaime has also been a consistent speaker over the last 10 years at the Municipal League of Assessor's Institute, and Legal Update Section. Jaime has also volunteered numerous times with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School serving as a guest faculty member to the Lawyering Skills, Local Government Proceedings, Served as a Judge for the UW Law School Best Brief Contest, and presenter at the Indianhead Assessor's Association.

HAILEY R. LIPINSKI

Admitted to Bar, State of Wisconsin, 2025
Eastern and Western District of Wisconsin
Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, J.D.
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, B.A.

Hailey joined the firm as a full-time attorney in June 2025. In law school, Hailey earned a Certificate in Litigation, a distinction awarded to students who demonstrate a focused commitment to developing litigation knowledge, skills, and courtroom experience. While in law school, Hailey served as an Articles Editor for the Marquette Law Review and Secretary of the Student Bar Association. She was a member of the Marquette University Law School Moot Court Board and competed in the Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, reflecting her strong interest in litigation. She also earned the highest grade and CALI award in Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research and was inducted into the Pro Bono Society for completing over 120 hours of volunteer legal service..